



Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
Squadron #

COMMANDER 'S HANDBOOK

2017-2018

Sons of the American Legion Meeting Schedule

***Announce meeting is about to begin – 1 rap of gavel**

***Sgt.-at-Arms to check membership cards**

- 1. Introduce any visitors**
- 2. Rap 3 times**

***Colors of our Country being in place Hand Salute--Two**

***The Chaplin will invoke the Blessing of God - uncover**

***In memory of our departed Comrades and the Comrades of our Veterans, let us stand in silence – A moment of silence.**

***Commander – Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th National Convention of the American Legion, and Resolution NC 2-94, adopted at the 23rd National Convention of the Sons of the American Legion, calls for the designation of a POW/MIA empty chair at all official meetings of the S.A.L. as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIA's still unaccounted for as a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoner from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing. "Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor."**

Sgt.-at-Arms: Please place the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair

Resolution NC 2-03, adopted at the 32nd National Convention of the Sons of the American Legion calls for displaying of a Blue Star service banner at all meetings of the Sons of the American Legion, as a symbol of our support of all military personnel serving this great Country. "Let us never forget that every day, these individuals are protecting our Liberty."

Sgt.-at-Arms: Please place the Blue Star service banner

Commander: Please join me as we recite The Pledge of Allegiance

Recover-

Commander: Please join me as we recite the Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of the American Legion.

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars; associate ourselves together as “Sons of the American Legion” for the following purposes.

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all the great things for which the American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country

Commander: After the reading – rap once: “I now declare this meeting of __Chester__ Squadron#67 regularly convened.”

Order of Business:

- 1. Adjutant would you please read the minutes from the previous meeting**
motion to accept, a second, is there any discussion, all those in favor---all those opposed, motion carried
- 2. Finance Officer will you issue your report**
motion to accept, a second, is there any discussion, all those in favor---all those opposed, motion carried
- 3. Committee Reports**
if any
motion to accept, a second, is there any discussion, all those in favor---all those opposed, motion carried
- 4. Unfinished Business-**

- . Balloting on New Applications
- . New business Correspondence
- . Good of The Sons of The American Legion
membership shall be permitted to make any suggestions of any kind,
character or description, save for religion or partisan politics.

Squadron Commander: "Is there any further business to come before this meeting? If not, the Squadron Chaplin will lead us in the closing prayer."

The Commander shall give 3 raps of the gavel, and membership shall arise, uncover, and stand in silence.

Squadron Chaplin: Our dear Heavenly Father, may we become better Sons of The American Legion, as we learn and teach by words and deed, the principles of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty. Be with us until we meet again. Amen

Squadron Commander: "Till we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our Country can only be fulfilled by faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the Son of The American Legion. Let us ever be watchful of the honor of our Country, The American Legion, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy."

Sgt. – at – Arms – Please retire the POW/MIA flag

Sgt. – at – Arms – Please retire the Blue Star service banner

Commander: **With the Colors of Our Country in Place– Hand Salute— Two**

Commander: **"I now declare this meeting of Chester Squadron # 67, the Sons of The American Legion, adjourned."**

The Commander shall give 1 rap of the gavel.