**SONS OF AMVETS INSTALLATION CEREMONY**

Presenting the Installing Officer

*Installing Officer* *"*Provost Marshal, please escort the Installing Officers to the rostrum."

*Provost Marshal* "Commander, the Officers of Sons of AMVETS Squadron \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have been removed."

*Installing Officer* "Provost Marshal, are the elected Officers of Sons of AMVETS Squadron \_\_\_ prepared to take their oath of office?"

*Provost Marshal* "They are Commander."

*Installing Officer* "Then you will lead them before the rostrum to be installed."

*Provost Marshal* "Mr. Commander, I present to you the Officers-elect, with the exception of the Squadron Commander of Sons of AMVETS Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of installation."

*Installing Officer* "Sons of AMVETS Officers-elect, you have been chosen by the members of your Squadron to represent them in your respective capacities. Are you prepared to take your Oath of Office? If so you will answer "I am"."

*Assembled Officers* "I am."

*Installing Officer* "Raise your right hand, and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine, the Sons of AMVETS Oath of Office."

**(Rap gavel three times, and say "All rise")**

**OATH "I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear, that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, That I will defend and support the United States from all enemies, both from within and without and that I will support and obey the Constitution of Sons of AMVETS and that I will carry out the duties of my office to the best of my ability, so help me God."**

 **(Rap gavel once and say "Please be seated")**

*Installing Officer* "You may lower your hands. May I offer my congratulations to all of you. Provost Marshal, you will introduce and seat the elected Officers."

*Installing Officer* "Provost Marshal, you will lead to this rostrum the Sons of AMVETS Commander-elect, so that he may be installed."

*Provost Marshal* "Mr. Commander, I present to you to be installed, the Commander-elect of Sons of AMVETS, Squadron No. \_\_\_, Department of Florida."

**(Provost Marshal salutes, takes two steps back, covering the Commander.)**

*Installing Officer* "You have been chosen by your fellow Sons of AMVETS to lead them for the following year. The responsibilities will be great. Knowing this, are you willing to assume your duties and take your Oath of Office? If so, you will answer "I am"."

Incoming Commander "I am."

*Installing Officer* "Raise your right hand and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine."

**(Rap gavel three times, and say "All rise")**

**OATH "I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear, that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, That I will defend and support the United States from all enemies, both from within and without and that I will support and obey the Constitution of Sons of AMVETS and that I will carry out the duties of my office to the best of my ability, so help me God."**

**(Rap gavel once and say "All be seated")**

Installing Officer "Provost Marshal, you will escort the Commander to the dias. (Provost Marshal complies.) You have been elected to the highest office that this Squadron can bestow upon any member. This office exemplifies Authority and Justice. I present you with the gavel, the symbol of authority. Use it wisely and with discretion. Congratulations. (Installing Officer hands gavel to new Commander, then faces Provost Marshal.)

Installing Officer "Provost Marshal, please issue the Proclamation."

Provost Marshal "Having complied with our rules and regulations, with the power invested in my authority, I hereby declare Sons of AMVETS Squadron No. \_\_\_, Department of Florida, duly and legally installed for the year 20\_\_ - 20\_\_."