

Q – In changing our squadron name, must anything else be done in addition to amending the squadron’s bylaws?

A – The name of each squadron shall have geographical significance and not conflict with the name of an existing squadron. It shall include its geographical name followed by the words: “Power Squadron [Inc.]”, or “Sail and Power Squadron [Inc.]” (USPS Bylaws, Section 7.1). A squadron may choose to change its geographical name with the approval of its district council, the Committee on Rules and the Governing Board. If only adding “Sail and Power” or “Inc.” or both, it only needs approval of the district council and the Committee on Rules.

When submitting your proposed renamed squadron bylaws, keep in mind that ComRules will examine the entire bylaws to assure that they properly reflect the current national policy and bylaws, so additional updating changes may also be required.

If the squadron is incorporated, the squadron incorporation certificate should also be amended to reflect the name change. For most states this can be accomplished by filing a document with the Secretary of State for your state and paying a fee. The document is usually a restated certificate of incorporation but some states may have an alternate procedure. Your squadron or district law officer should be consulted for assistance and counsel before acting on this matter.