

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Annotated with the Decisions and Opinions
of the
COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF and
Judge-Advocates-General/National Counselor's and
Policy Decisions of National Encampments

(Annotations do not include rulings and opinions for years where the Proceedings have not been published. The list of Encampment locations and dates at the end of this document are only for those Encampments with published proceedings)

Changes to Regulations adopted at the 131st National Encampment are in **red**.

Glossary of terms used:

ab initio	from the beginning
CinC	Commander-in-Chief
C&R	Constitution & Regulations
Captain	former title for Camp Commander
Colonel	former title for Department Commander
Commandry-in-Chief	former name for National Encampment
Dec	decision of the Commander-in-Chief
de hors	without, out of, foreign, irrelevant
De novo	anew or afresh
Division	former name for Department
GAR	Grand Army of the Republic
JAG	Judge Advocate General (former title for National Counselor)
nunc pro tunc	now for then (a phrase used to express that a thing done at one time which ought to have been done at another)
NC	National Counselor
Op	Opinion of the National Counselor or the Judge Advocate General
P.C.	Password and countersign (used prior to membership cards)
Pol	Policy adopted by a National Encampment
SUVCW	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
SofV	Sons of Veterans (previous name of the Order)
5th,	the number of the Encampment in the printed proceedings of which the opinion or decision cited is reported, thus "CinC Bundy, Dec. V, 14th 24," refers to decision five of Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy, Proceedings of the 14th Annual Encampment, page 24.

CONSTITUTION

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Status of the Constitution as contained in the printed edition of 1956 with amendments to the date hereof.

PREAMBLE

We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal Order, for the purpose and objects in this Constitution set forth; and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our fathers' deeds; to render loyal service to our Country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of this Order shall be the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose and Objects

To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

ARTICLE III.

Eligibility to Membership

All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line of ages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any

infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

ARTICLE IV.
Religion and Politics

The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited.

ARTICLE V.
Organization

Section 1. The several constituted bodies of the Order shall be as follows:

First.--Of organizations known as Camps, each of which shall bear a name and number.¹ ,

Second.--Of State organizations known as Departments.

Third.--Of the National organization, of which the National Encampment is the supreme governing body.

Fourth.--Of a military Department known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Fifth.--Eligibles from states where no Department exists may become Members-at-large attached to National Headquarters. Dues for such Members shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) per annum more than the National per capita dues. Membership application fees for new Members-at-large shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) which shall be placed in the Permanent Fund.

Section 2a. The supreme power and authority of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be vested in the National Encampment. To this end, no form of government shall be considered as legally established until the same has been submitted to and duly approved by the National Encampment. Between sessions of the National Encampment, the business of the Order shall be carried on in accordance with policies established by the National Encampment or, when it has not fixed a policy, by the Council of Administration which shall have the authority and duty usually exercised by a Board of Directors.

Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the last proceeding

¹ Camps and/or Departments may not be formed outside of the United States, its territories and possessions. NC Pahl, Op 1, 115th, 26. NC Grim, Op VIII, 129th, 431.

National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

Section 3. The National Encampment shall act as a final court of appeals from all orders, decisions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief, and the determination of such appeal at any meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting.

ARTICLE VI. Formation and Disbandment

Section 1. A Camp may be formed by authority of the Department Commander with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief upon the recommendation of the Department Commander shall have the power to revoke the Charter of any Camp which does not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of this Order.

Section 3. A Department consisting of at least three (3) Camps may be formed by the authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 4. RESERVED.

Section 5. Camps organized in States where no Department exists shall be attached to the National Organization as Camps-at-Large.

Section 6. The Commander-in-Chief shall have the power to revoke the Charter of any Department which may not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of this Order, or which becomes reduced to less than the number of Camps and Members required for organization thereof.

ARTICLE VII. Membership

Section 1. Membership classes. There shall be four (4) classes of membership.

(a) Members.

Males at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.^{2, 3}

(b) Life Members.

Members who have paid the requisite Life Membership fee as established by the National Organization. Life Members are exempt from the National per capita dues and otherwise, enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.⁴

(c) Honorary Members. The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary memberships to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order. The National Organization, Departments, and Camps shall not impose the per capita dues, fees, dues, or any other monetary assessment on Honorary Members. Honorary Members are entitled to a free subscription to the Banner.⁵

(d) Junior Members. Males less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.

(a) Associates are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

(b) Junior Associates are males less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the

² An honorably discharged member who again joins the Order does not regain his past rank. CinC Griffin. Op. XXXV, Blue Book, 23. Constitution, Article VII, Section 1(a)

³ A Brother cannot be a member-at-large attached to National Headquarters, if he resides in a state served by a Department. CinC Orr, General Order 18, 117th, 110.

⁴ Real Sons are granted all rights and full benefits of full membership and that all fees, including per capita, be waived by Camps, Departments and the National Organization. Pol 1, 110th, 31.

⁵ National Regulations Chapter V, Article VI regarding discipline of a member does not apply to an Honorary Member since our Constitution does not grant him "all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership." It is my further opinion that once an Honorary Membership is granted it cannot be revoked. NC Grim, Op VIII, 125th, 106.

qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

(c) The combined number of Associates and Junior Associates in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

(d) Associates or Junior Associates may not be elected, appointed, or otherwise assume the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer or be appointed Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

(e) Associates and Junior Associates shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp. The names of Associates may not appear on the Camp Charter nor may Associates be designated as Charter Members of the Camp. Associates otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

Section 3. Establishment of Associates and Junior Associates by Departments and Camps. Departments, at their own discretion, may establish Associates and/or Junior Associates. . Departments may impose further restrictions on Associates and Junior Associates, provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department specifically establishes Associates and/or Junior Associates by amending its By-Laws, Camps within said Department may amend the Camp By-Laws and establish Associates and/or Junior Associates. Camps may impose further restrictions in accordance with the provisions of the Department By-Laws and provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department does not establish Associates and/or Junior Associates, Camps within the Department's jurisdiction may not establish Associates or Junior Associates.

Section 4. A Member in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or Honorable Discharge, and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.⁶

Section 5. The National Organization may further provide for the regulations of Junior Members

⁶ If a member in good standing requests a transfer card, the Camp must provide it and there is no fee that can be charged for that. NC Pahl, Op 1, 124th, 10.

and/or Junior Associates in the Regulations provided they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE VIII.
Permanent Fund

Section 1. The Permanent Fund of the Order shall consist of funds now invested in U. S. Savings Bonds, such as monies as have been or may be given or bequeathed to the National Organization in memory of a Civil War Veteran, all monies given or bequeathed to the National Organization and not designated for some other purpose by the donor or testator, and such other monies as may be added thereto by vote of the National Organization or of the Council of Administration. Monies given or bequeathed in memory of a Civil War Veteran shall be accounted for under a separate heading as the "Honor Roll Fund."

Section 2. Such funds shall be kept on deposit in one or more bank institutions whose deposits are fully insured to the amount of the deposit, or invested in obligations of the United States or in the securities of corporations or trusts located in the United States, which securities are listed or admitted to trading privileges on the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange or NASDAQ, and no investment shall be made in the securities of any corporation or trust which has not paid regular dividends on its common stock, or on its capital stock if it has only one class, for at least three years prior to such investment.

Section 3. All monies shall be deposited and all investments made in the name of the Order.

Section 4. All monies given or bequeathed to the National Organization upon any express trust shall be held and the income and principal thereof shall be used only in accordance with the terms of the trust, but the restrictions in this Article upon the investment and use of funds shall apply to trust funds, in so far as they are consistent with the terms of the trust.

Section 5. Except as may be provided in the will or donation giving trust funds, no part of the principal of any of the funds covered by this Article shall ever be spent, and all monies accruing from the sale of rights and all stocks received as a dividend shall be held as part of the principal of the fund to which they accrue.

Section 6. By vote of the National Encampment or of the Council of Administration and subject to the restrictions governing any trust funds, the income of the funds covered by this Article accruing in the year in which such vote is passed, or any portion of such income, may be transferred to the General Fund and used for the expenses and purposes of the Order, but any income not so transferred shall be added to the principal.

ARTICLE IX.
Amendments

All proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Commander-in-Chief, upon prior approval by some Department, not later than forty days preceding the meeting of the National Encampment, and such proposed amendment shall be published in general orders preceding such meeting. Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the National Encampment, and shall become effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments, and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution.

Article X. Dissolution of Corporation

This organization is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or other purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code), or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

NATIONAL REGULATIONS

CHAPTER I

Camps

ARTICLE I.

Charters

Section 1. When a Camp is organized, the membership thereof shall not be less than five. No Camp shall be organized or instituted until the Application for Charter has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Camps may be named for an honorably discharged Union Civil War veteran, or some other person making substantial contributions to the cause of preserving the Union during the years 1861 to 1865, a Camp previously in the community, a GAR Post previously in the community, a battle of the Civil War or the name of the community in which the Camp is based. Camps may select their name, provided no two Camps within a Department have the same name or Camp number. The Camp number will be assigned by the Department Commander. Camps in existence on or before August 10, 2001 shall be grand-fathered from adhering to this provision.^{7 8 9 10}

Section 2. Upon the formation of a Camp, there shall be issued to it a Charter, which shall be signed by the Department Commander, attested by the Department Secretary, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The Charter Fee for a new Camp shall be fixed by the Department by-laws, which fee shall be paid to the Department and shall accompany the application for a Charter.¹¹

⁷ Commander-in-Chief may issue blanket authorization for initial start up of Camps, in lieu of requiring signature on form 23 of the Commander in Chief. NC Pahl, Op I, 117th, 40.

⁸ When under suspension a Camp cannot function in any manner except to perform those things which will result in a termination of the suspension. CinC Orr, Dec X, 117th, 116.

⁹ A Camp organizer need not be a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but he should be one of the applicants that is joining together to form a new Camp. CinC Pahl, Dec I, 126th, 8.

¹⁰ A Department Commander may appoint a Brother or Brothers to re-organize a Camp under suspension when the Camp has no officers willing or able to perform the duties necessary to lift the suspension. NC Grim, Op IV, 128th, 261.

¹¹ The request for a replacement Charter should be made to the Commander-in-Chief who should then issue a General Order for a replacement Charter. If the names of the members listed on the lost or damaged Charter are known, they may be listed on the replacement Charter. If the original charter names are not known, then no names should be listed. It should be noted on the new charter that it is a replacement charter. NC Grim, Op III, 128th 261.

Section 3

(a). Charters issued by the old Sons of Veterans organization and issued prior to the congressional charter the Order currently is operating under, are still valid. Any Camp and/or a Department, possessing and conducting operations under such charter, have, always, and will continue to operate under the full authority of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(b). Charter's of previous Camps and/or Departments, no longer in existence, may not be "reactivated". Those seeking to re-activate an old Camp or an old Department must obtain a new charter. Any such old charter may be retained by the new Camp and/or Department for historical purposes.

Section 4. No Charter shall be surrendered by any Camp, so long as ten Brothers thereof, in good standing, demand its continuance; and provided further, the Department Commander and each and every Brother of the Camp shall receive at least twenty days notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the Charter.

Section 5. In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita dues shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its Charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its Brothers.¹²

Section 6. A Camp one year or more in arrears in the payment of per capita dues and failing or neglecting to forward reports, may be disbanded and the Charter thereof revoked.

Section 7. Camps having been dropped may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee, to be determined by the Department, and may retain their original Charter.

Section 8. A Camp failing to pay per capita dues or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law may be suspended by the Department Commander. Suspended Camps may be reinstated by forwarding reports and paying all arrearages of per capita dues.

¹² All property of a Camp whose Charter has been surrendered or forfeited must be turned over to the Department, not to the National Organization. NC Grim, Op VI, 129th, 430.

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1. Each application for membership shall be recommended by a Brother of the Camp who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility and moral character. It shall be then referred to a committee of three (of which the Brother recommending shall not be one) for investigation and report. The Committee shall make a careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application, and shall recommend the election or rejection of the applicant. **A majority vote of those present at the meeting when the application is voted on is required for approval.**^{13 14}

¹³ There is a difference between someone who is dropped from membership and someone who is honorably discharged. A Brother dropped still has financial obligations of the Order which must be addressed before he can be re-instated, Per Commander-in-Chief Bundy, as recorded in the proceedings of the Fourteenth National Encampment on page 31, his decision number seventeen. Members who have been granted honorable discharges may be received again by simply being reobligated after application for an election to membership. One who is honorably discharged is again received by new application, application fee, payment of dues, and election to membership. If a Brother was dropped from membership and still has financial obligations to the Order, he may not be readmitted until the Camp that confirms that all past financial obligations have been paid or forgiven. CinC Pahl, Dec VIII, 126th, 8.

¹⁴ Step-son is not eligible. CinC Russell, Dec. IV, 15th, 41; CinC Griffin, Op. IV, Blue Book, 10.;
Son of a cashiered soldier is not eligible. CinC Griffin, Op. VIII, Blue Book, 11.;
Son of a deserter is not eligible. CinC Griffin, Op. IX, Blue Book, 11.;
Adopted son of a veteran, if adopted by the veteran, is not eligible. CinC Webb, Dec. LX, 10th, 45.;

Illegitimate son eligible if in all other respects worthy, and if is clearly established that he is the son of a veteran. CinC Webb, Dec. LIX, 10th, 44.;

A man was conscripted into the Confederate Army, but his sympathies being entirely with the Union, he deserted at the first opportunity, joined the Union Army, was honorably discharged, and his widow now receives a pension, held, that his son is eligible. CinC Bundy, Dec. XII, 14th, 28.;

A Surgeon, who was sent by the Surgeon-General of Massachusetts with twelve others to the battlefield of Chantilly, received subsistence from the Government and rendered valuable aid to the wounded, but who was never mustered into the service, his son is not eligible. JAG. Oglesbee, Op. VI, 15th, 106.;

The descendant of a soldier whose record shows desertion, which record has since been officially cleared under Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1889, is eligible. JAG. Russell, Op. XXVII, 13th, 97.;

When State troops served in the Union Army under United States officers, and were paid by the United States for their services, and the father's discharge was signed by the Adjutant-General of the State of Ohio and Major Malcom McDowell, of the United States Army then serving upon the staff of General Lew Wallace, it was held to be a discharge within the meaning of our C. R. & R., and the sons are eligible to membership. CinC Webb, Dec. "McCrillis Case," 10th, 17.;

Service in the State militia by the father of the applicant does not make son eligible. JAG. Harrington, Op. VI, 14th, 118.;

If troops, whether State militia or otherwise, were duly mustered into the service of the United States Government, served therein and were honorably discharged from such service by the United States Government, then sons are eligible, otherwise they are not. CinC Griffin, Op. II, Blue Book, 13.;

A father's service on the United States military railroads is not sufficient to entitle the son to membership. CinC Griffin, Op. XII, Blue Book, 13.;

Section 2. A rejected applicant shall not be eligible to apply again for membership until six months have elapsed after such rejection.

Section 3(a). A Brother whose dues are not paid by March 1 may be dropped for nonpayment of dues by a vote of the Camp. A Brother so dropped shall not be admitted to another Camp or membership-at-large unless having received the concurrence of the Camp which dropped him. The Camp which dropped the Brother may require the payment of any prior indebtedness prior to the reinstatement of a Brother in any Camp. A Brother may be reinstated by paying the current year's dues plus a reinstatement fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Dues that were not paid during the time a Brother was dropped from the Order are not considered a prior indebtedness. A Brother so dropped from the rolls of a Camp shall be issued a General Discharge for the Good of the Order.

A father's service as "citizen wagon-master" is not such as will qualify the son for membership. CinC Griffin, Op. XIII, Blue Book, 14.;

Father's membership in United States Christian Commission is not sufficient to entitle son to membership. CinC Griffin, Op. XIV, Blue Book, 14.;

Father's membership in the Indiana Sanitary Commission does not qualify the son for membership. CinC Griffin, Op. XV, Blue Book, 14.;

Father's service in the War of 1812 does not qualify son for membership. CinC Griffin, Op. XVI, Blue Book, 16.;

The son of one who has borne arms against the United States is ineligible, notwithstanding the subsequent loyal service of his father. CinC Griffin, Op. XIX, and XX, Blue Book, 17.;

A descendant of a member of the "Squirrel Hunters" who bases his claim solely upon the service of his ancestor in their organization, not eligible for membership. A descendant of a member of any of the Pennsylvania Emergency or Independent Militia organizations raised during 1862 and 1863 to repel Lee's invasion of the North, which organizations, although not formally mustered into the United States service, were considered as having been in the service by an opinion rendered by the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, War Department, on September 5, 1863 and hence paid by U.S. Army paymasters, is eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans. NC Coffin, OP V, 34th, 111. ;

The son of a person who was a cousin of a veteran, not eligible. NC Orr, Op 8, 127th, 162.

A member's eligibility may be challenged from a source outside, as well as within, the Camp of which he is a member; Provided, however, (1) That the complaint, with all supporting evidence, must first be lodged with that Camp before an appeal to any other authority may be taken, and (2) The person or body challenging the eligibility must produce competent and prima facie conclusive evidence that the member challenged is an imposter, before the Camp or any other authorities having disciplinary jurisdiction, shall be required to act thereon. NC Coffin, Op II, 41st, 120. Chapter I, Article II, Section 1.

(b). The reinstatement of a Brother after he has been dropped for non-payment of dues does not restore past honors or offices lost when a Brother was dropped, nor does the time lost count when calculating the Brother's years of service in the SUVCW.

Section 4. A Brother may be dropped for the non-payment of fines in the same manner and form as provided for in the case of non-payment of dues.

Section 5. A Brother holding a Camp or Department Transfer cannot be admitted to any Camp or Encampment during its sessions unless given permission by vote of said Camp or Encampment. He is a Brother of the Order for purposes of discipline only, and shall be considered honorably discharged if the card is not deposited with and accepted by some Camp within a year. A Brother thus discharged can be admitted to membership again only in the same manner as an applicant for original membership.

Section 6: Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in another Camp or a Member-at-Large, may become a dual Member of another Camp. The applicant need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps.¹⁵, ¹⁶

Section 7. Dual Members shall only be counted in their primary or home camp in the total membership count of the Department but listed on each camp roster.

Section 8. A Dual Member shall only be eligible as a delegate to Department and National Encampments from one Camp or Department.

Section 9. Camps may receive Brothers who were originally admitted to membership as Department Members-at-Large as specified in Chapter 2, Article X, Section 1 or Chapter 5, Article I, section 5.

Section 10. A Brother in good standing shall be granted an Honorable Discharge upon written request to the Camp Commander. A Brother issued an Honorable Discharge may apply for admission to any other Camp or membership-at-large at a later date.

ARTICLE III Meetings

Section 1. Regular and special meetings of Camps shall be held as provided by the respective

¹⁵ If a brother is a dual member of two or more Camps and desires to resign from one, remaining a member of the Order through other Camps, the Camp he resigns from will report him as discharged from the camp at his request without issuing an Honorable Discharge form. He is still a member of the Order and thus cannot be given an Honorable Discharge but he is discharged from your camp. NC Orr, Op , 127th, 161.

¹⁶ Dual members may hold office in both Camps, including Camp Commander. NC Grim, Op III, 129th, 430.

By-Laws.^{17 18}

Section 2. The number of Brothers necessary for a quorum shall be determined by Camp By-Laws.

Section 3. Any Member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic may be admitted to the sessions of the Camp.

Section 4. The use of ritualistic ceremonies in the conduct of meetings and initiation of candidates is optional.

Section 5. A Camp may change its location from one town to another by a two-thirds vote of the Brothers present at a stated or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that thirty days' notice by mail has been sent to all Brothers that such action is to be taken, the result of such action to be approved by the Department Commander.

Section 6. Camps may consolidate with one another, provided a two-thirds vote of such Camps shall so decide and provided further that notice of such intended consolidation shall have been sent to the Brothers thereof by mail at least thirty days prior thereto. Such action to be approved by the Department Commander. In such case the books, papers and property shall belong to the consolidated Camp.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three Members of the Camp Council, Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard, Guide, Historian, Memorials Officer and Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer). The Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council.¹⁹

Section 2. The Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commander, Camp Council,

¹⁷ Meetings within our Order are not open to the public, only Members in good standing can demand attendance to a meeting of the Order. NC Pahl, Op V, 116th, 8.

¹⁸ A regular or special meeting of the Camp shall be held as provided by the respective By-laws. A member attending a meeting needs two things: (1) his membership card and (2) his membership badge worn upon the left breast. If the meeting is conducted according to the Ritual, the following is necessary: 1) Charter, 2) Flag, 3) Bible, 4) Altar, 5) Altar Cloth, 6) Gavel, 7) Ballot Box, 8) White balls, 9) Black Balls. Unless the Camp By-laws require the use of the ritualistic ceremonies in the conduct of meetings, it is optional and the Camp Commander makes the decision subject to an appeal to the Camp. NC Grim, Op II, 128th, 261.

¹⁹ Camp Commander who's camp disbands during his term is not entitled to Past Camp Commander's honors. JAG Gould, Op VII, confirmed CinC Darling Dec IX, 16th. Chapter I, Article IV, Section 1.

Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Camp between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive. A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers, except members of Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote. On assuming office, the Commander shall appoint all other Camp officers.²⁰

Section 3. The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in November, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive, by a person designated by the Department Commander who shall make report thereof upon the prescribed blanks furnished to him. Said dates of election, and installation to be fixed by each Department and become part of the Department By-Laws. The National Council of Administration shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, when requested, for adequate reasons, by a Department.

Section 4. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Camp shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank. Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Camp Council. Rank of officers at the Camp level:

Commander
Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Secretary
Treasurer
Chair of the Camp Council
Member of the Council (longest serving has priority, if two competing have same seniority, then alphabetically, beginning with A)
Patriotic Instructor
Chaplain
Color Bearer
Guide
Memorials Officer
Historian
Guard
Currently serving elected National Officer
Currently serving elected Department Officer
Past Commander-in-Chief

²⁰ Appointed officers may not appeal their removal from office. NC Pahl, Op II, 116th, 7.

Past Department Commander
Past Camp Commander
Brother of Camp with longest time as brother of the Order

Section 5. A Camp may by a two-thirds vote first giving five days' notice by mail, vacate the position of any elective officer who shall have been absent from six consecutive regular meetings without good cause and such vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies. The Camp may likewise impeach and remove from office by a two-thirds vote any officer for immoral conduct or for any abuse in office or dishonorable practice of any kind.

ARTICLE V. Installation

Section 1. Before proceeding with the Installation, the Installing Officer shall require the Camp Treasurer to produce receipt from Department Headquarters for payment of per capita dues in full and all indebtedness due the Department. Failure to comply, the Installing Officer shall have all reports due, prepared, collect and receipt for payment of all indebtedness and induct the officers into their respective offices.

Section 2. Prior to the meeting of a Camp for the Installation of Officers, the Installing Officer shall inspect and examine the books, records, forms, etc. and property of Camp, noting as to correctness, Rituals, Constitution and Regulations, and all necessary details for proper conduct of business, receipt books, dues and credits of Brothers, etc. He shall correct irregularities, impress that the Regulations be observed. He shall make a detailed report thereof to the Department Commander who shall take action for compliance with the Regulations. He shall complete the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) before departing and provide the same to the Camp Secretary to be filed with the Department Secretary. This may be legibly handwritten and if so, the Camp Secretary shall type the information and submit both.

ARTICLE VI. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Camp. He shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject, however, to an appeal to the Camp. It shall be his duty to detail all officers and appoint all committees (of which he shall be a member ex-officio) not otherwise provided for, approve all orders or requisitions made on the Treasurer or Camp Council for appropriations of money, or any property of the Camp, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Section 2. The Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander shall assist the Commander and shall perform such duties as pertain to their office.

Section 3. The Camp Council shall devise and recommend measures for preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp; shall make its investments, leases and other contracts; secure a

place of meeting; settle and dispose of all disputed accounts between the Treasurer and Brothers of the Camp; examine and pass upon all accounts and bills incurred by any officer or committee or the Camp; examine the books, vouchers and other papers of the different officers, and shall at the end of each calendar year, render a complete report showing its transactions and the financial condition of the Camp.

Section 4. (a) The Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office, keep all books of record, shall make duplicate annual reports to the Department Secretary on or before the 30th day of April upon the forms prescribed by the Order, and furnished by the Department Secretary, showing all gains or losses in membership and the total membership, one copy of which shall be forwarded together with the per capita dues, covering the entire membership, due from the Camp, to the Department Headquarters, the other copy to be placed on file in the Camp. He shall draw all requisitions upon the Treasurer for the expenditure of money, upon the order of the Camp, and submit the same to the Commander for his approval, keeping a book for that purpose.

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(b) The Secretary shall forward to the Department Secretary the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) on or before February 15th of each calendar year. In the case of a camp-at-large, the Secretary shall forward the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) to the Assistant National Secretary appointed to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department-at-Large on or before February 15th of each calendar year.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall hold funds of the Camp and have charge of its property not otherwise provided for. He shall pay out the said funds upon requisition in due form from the Secretary, approved by the Commander; shall keep the accounts between the Camp and its Brothers; shall collect all monies due the Camp, giving in all cases receipts therefore; shall notify all Brothers in arrears; and at the next stated meeting after the close of each month, render to the Camp a detailed account of the transactions of the month, and the money balance in his hands. He shall make an annual report to the Department Secretary, and shall perform all such other duties as pertain to his Office.

Section 6. The Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard, Guide and Patriotic Instructor shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or indicated by the official blank forms, or directed by the Commander.

Section 7. Each Camp may have a Welfare Committee to be appointed by the Camp Commander who shall serve during the year. This Committee shall consist of one Brother for each ten (10) Brothers of the Camp with a minimum of three (3); the Chairman to be designated by the Camp Commander. It shall be the duty of the Welfare Committee to assist in maintaining

²¹ All reports and forms (less membership applications) submitted to the National Headquarters shall be typewritten, CinC D.V.Medert, GO #2, series 2008-2009.

the membership upon a good standing basis of each Brother; to actively assist in obtaining new Brothers by preparing a list of eligible; to suggest to the Camp means of creating and maintaining interest in its meetings and such other matters as may be of value to the Camp; and to assist Brothers of the Camp requiring aid in obtaining employment.

Section 8. Any Camp whose Brothers reside in different communities may arrange its Brothers into divisions or sections corresponding to such communities; may give each such section or division a distinctive name; may prescribe its organization; and may delegate to it such of the work of the Camp in that community as the Camp may specify.

Section 9. The Secretary of each Camp shall be required to send to the Department Secretary -- together with the annual report required in Section 4 of Article VI, Chapter I, of these Regulations to be sent in on the 30th day of April in each year -- a list of the names and address (including zip code numbers) of all Brothers there carried on the rolls of the Camp.

Section 10. Camp officers shall have such other duties which are described in the official Camp Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the National Organization and included herein by reference.²²

Section 11. The duties of the Memorials Officer include the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs) in the location served by the Camp. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Camp area shall be made from time to time to the Department Memorials officer upon appropriate form.

ARTICLE VII.

Finances

Section 1. Each Camp shall regulate its dues and fees for revenues, provided the minimum application fee shall not be less than ten (\$10.00) dollars of which one-half shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer with the camp status report (form 30) by the 15th day of the month following receipt of the application. No part of the admission fee shall be credited for any other purpose. The minimum yearly dues shall not be less than the sum of the National Organization and Department per capita dues. The Camp shall have power to provide By-Laws imposing fines for neglect of duty of all officers, special committees or Brothers.²³

²² Wherever a conflict may exist between the National Regulations and the Job Descriptions, the Regulations supersede or override the Job Descriptions. CinC Darby, Dec 1, 125th, 176.

²³ A Department is in no way liable for the individual debts of a Camp. The Camp is a separate entity and may own

Section 2. Each Camp may establish such admission fees to be paid by Brothers joining by transfer, as it may deem proper, not exceeding, however, the amount required of a new Brother.

Section 3. Each Camp must purchase all official supplies from National Headquarters.

Section 4. Each Camp to which a Brother belongs shall report him as a Member, Associate, Junior Member, or Junior Associate and pay all applicable fees and per capita dues.

ARTICLE VIII.

Associates, Juniors and Junior Associates

Section 1. All provisions of Article II, "Membership", and all provisions of Article VII, "Finances", Sections 1, 2 and 4 shall apply to Associates except that any reference to membership, Member, or Members shall be deemed to mean associate or associates.

Section 2. All provisions of Article II, "Membership", and the provisions of Article VII, "Finances" Section 2 shall apply to Juniors and Junior Associates.

ARTICLE IX.

By-Laws

Section 1. Camps shall adopt By-Laws subject to the approval of the Department Commander. All amendments, alterations, or deletion of Camp By-Laws shall be submitted to the Department Commander for approval as to consistency with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Regulations and Department By-Laws. No By-Laws, amendments, alterations, or deletions shall be effective until approved by the Department Commander in writing. Any provision of a Camp's By-Laws which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Regulations, or Department By-Laws is null and void.

Section 2. Suggested Outline for Camp By-Laws.

Preamble.

Name, Number and Location.

Meetings: Place, meeting nights, special meetings, postponement, notification of Brothers.

Dues and Fees: Amount of dues--how payable. Initiation fee--transfer fee-- fines.

and dispose of property in connection with its individual affairs, and in contracting debts, it has no authority to pledge the credit of the Department. NC Fairchild, Op III, 50th, 63.

Salary or Compensation: What officers--amount--how payable--funds.

Special Funds: Purposes of special funds--how maintained--how kept---how drawn on--how closed.

Committees: Names of standing and special committees--how selected--number on each--duties--how and when to report.

Bonds: Officers to be bonded--amount--how secured.

Benefits or Relief.

Suspension of By-Laws.

Alterations and Amendments.

Date of Approval by Camp.

Date of Approval by Department Commander.

Article X. Juniors

Section 1. Camps may provide for Juniors and Junior Associates provided the governing Department has not amended its By-Laws to prohibit Juniors and Junior Associates.²⁴

Section 2. Juniors shall be males at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age, who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3. Juniors may not hold any elected office in any Camp, Department or the National Organization, nor shall they be eligible to serve in any appointive office of a Department or the National Organization.

Section 4. Juniors shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates a Camp may have to a Department Encampment nor the number of delegates a Department, Camp-at-large, or Membership-at-large shall have to the National Encampment.

Section 5. The National Organization shall not impose the per capita dues on Juniors. Juniors are not entitled to a free subscription to the Banner.

Section 6. Juniors shall not be counted toward the required number of Brothers to establish a

²⁴ Departments and Camps may not admit Junior Associates until their By-Laws, reflecting their acceptance, have been approved by the proper authority. CinC D.V.Medert, GO #8, series 2008-2009

new Camp. However, the names of Juniors may appear on the Camp Charter and be so designated as Charter Juniors of the Camp.

Section 7. Juniors may not become Life Members. Those current Life Members under the age of fourteen (14) years are grand fathered from this provision.

Section 8. Camps may impose further restrictions on Juniors and provide for their organization in accordance with the provisions provided that the rights of a Brother established in Chapter I, Article IV, Section 5 and Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated.

Section 9. Except as herein limited, Juniors enjoy all the rights privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

Section 10. Departments may adopt amendments to their By-Laws which prohibit the establishment of Juniors within their Department.

Section 11. The National Membership-at-Large Coordinator is hereby authorized to establish Juniors within the National Membership-at-Large.

Article XI. Juniors Associates

Section 1. Camps may provide for Junior Associates provided the governing Department has amended its By-Laws to permit Juniors and Associates.

Section 2. Junior Associates shall be males at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age, who need not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

Section 3. Junior Associates may not hold any elected office in any Camp, Department or the National Organization, nor shall they be eligible to serve in any appointive office of a Department or the National Organization.

Section 4. Junior Associates shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates a Camp may have to a Department Encampment nor the number of delegates a Department, Camp-at-large, or Membership-at-large shall have to the National Encampment.

Section 5. The National Organization shall not impose the per capita dues on Junior Associates. Junior Associates are not entitled to a free subscription to the Banner.

Section 6. Junior Associates shall not be counted toward the required number of Brothers to establish a new Camp. The names of Junior Associates may appear on the Camp Charter nor be designated as Charter members of the Camp.

Section 7. Junior Associates may not become Life Members.

Section 8. Camps may impose further restrictions on Junior Associates and provide for their organization in accordance with the provisions provided that the rights of a Brother established in Chapter I, Article IV, Section 5 and Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated.

CHAPTER II
Departments

ARTICLE I.
Charters

Section 1. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be issued to it a Charter under the hand and seal of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 2. Each Department shall be governed by its Department Encampment, subordinate to the National Organization.

Section 3. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be called a special Department Encampment to be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Commander-in-Chief. At such special Encampment, complete organization of the Department shall be effected, including election of Officers and adoption of Department By-Laws. The Officers elected at such special Encampment shall serve until the annual Encampment, and shall be entitled to all honors accorded Officers completing an elective term.

Section 4. Departments may consolidate with one another, provided a two-thirds vote of such Departments shall so decide and provided further that notice of such intended consolidation shall have been sent to each Camp and past Department Commander thereof by mail at least thirty days prior to any vote. Vote may be by mail ballot or at a Department meeting. Such action to be subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. In such case the books, papers and property shall belong to the consolidated Department.

Section 5. Departments may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of Camps for a provisional status Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of Camps for a permanent status Department. If the Department does not concur, those Camps wishing to organize themselves into a new Department, may appeal to the Commander in Chief. The Commander-in-Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order.

Section 6. In no case may a Camp secede from a Department.

Section 7. The Commander-in-Chief may by Special Order establish a Department from the Camps-at-Large attached to the Department-at-Large when a sufficient number of Camps are established within a contiguous geopolitical area or when a sufficient number of Camps-at-Large petition for the formation of a Department.

Section 8. Departments shall be composed of one or more states, commonwealths, republics, territories or the District of Columbia. All Camps within the geopolitical area assigned to a

Department by the Commander-in-Chief must become part of the Department. A Department may not consist of a part of a state, commonwealth, republic, or territory of the United States.

Section 9. To promote fraternal relations and to coordinate those activities that can extend across Department boundaries, two or more Departments may establish a regional association. Such regional associations may include bodies of the various other Allied Orders as they exist within the boundaries of such region. Such regional association shall not exercise any authority of any type over member Departments. Such regional associations may elect officers. Members of the Allied Orders may hold any office within the regional association, as determined by the membership of the regional association. No former officer of such regional association shall be entitled to any past honors within the Order, nor shall any badge or device be authorized to indicate membership in or office held in such regional association. However, such regional association may authorize a past regional commander badge at its discretion and its own expense.

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1(a). The membership of the Department Encampment shall be constituted as follows: all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, the sitting Department Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders. One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one additional delegate for every ten Brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment; and its own elective officers (except Aides). Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department Encampments.^{25 26 27 28 29 30}

²⁵ A division by-law which reads, "Each camp shall be required to pay the expenses of at least one representative to each Division Encampment" is unconstitutional. JAG. Shaw Van, Op. XII, 11th, 40.

²⁶ A Past Camp Commander in good standing is entitled to participation in Department Encampments because this is an honor bestowed on him personally for past service; and cannot be taken from him even though his Camp is in arrears or not in good standing. This continues until such Past Camp Commander either resigns or is discharged as provided by the Regulations or his Camp disbands. In the later case, he may retain this individual right either by transfer to another Camp or become a member-at-large. NC Howard, Op III, 57th, 62.

²⁷ A Past Department Commander is not eligible for the office of delegate or alternate delegate to the National Encampment, even if said brother is a dual member of Camps in more than one Department. CinC Pahl, General Order 10, Dec IX, 126th, 182.

²⁸ All delegates and alternate delegates to a National Encampment must be elected to such office at their respective Department Encampment. If a brother is not so duly elected, the Department Secretary shall not issue a delegate card

- (b) No member of the Department Encampment or special meeting shall represent more than one camp at any Department Encampment or special meeting.
- (c) Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department Encampment.
- (d) Appropriate credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Department elective and appointive officers shall be issued by the office of the Department Secretary. Appropriate credentials for all Camp Commanders, Past Camp Commanders, delegates and alternates shall be issued by their respective Camp Secretaries.

nor an alternate delegate card to such brother. CinC Pahl, General Order 10, Dec X, 126th, 182.

²⁹ 1. With the formation of two Departments, there have been substantial questions over the standing of a Past Camp Commander concerning their right to voting credentials at a Department Encampment. In order to clarify this I am hereby publishing this General Order;

2. Past Camp Commanders in good standing are only entitled to credentials from the Camp that they Commanded.

3. Should a Past Camp Commander allow his dues to go into arrears and is no longer in good standing with the Camp that he had commanded, his voting status as a Past Camp Commander is forfeited.

4. If a Past Camp Commander should transfer to a new Camp, their voting status as a Past Camp Commander is forfeited.

5. If the Camp that a Past Camp Commander is a member of ceases to exist, their Past Camp Commander voting status is forfeited.

6. If the Past Camp Commander remains a member in good standing of the Camp that he Commanded and joins another Camp as a dual Member he still holds voting rights as a Past Camp Commander in the Camp that he commanded but doesn't have the voting rights as a Past Camp Commander in the Camp he has just joined.

7. Should a Past Camp Commander transfer from the Camp that he had commanded, then at a latter date rejoins the Camp he had commanded, he must request and be approved for the restoration of rank prior to him being issued a credentials card as being a Past Camp Commander. A credentials card can not be issued to him as a Past Camp Commander until his rank has been restored.

8. Past Camp Commanders that desire to have a credential card to the Department Encampment and for what ever reason no longer qualify for voting credentials as a Past Camp Commander may apply for the restoration of rank through the process described in the Constitution and Regulations. A credentials card for a Department Encampment as a Past Camp Commander can not be issued to him until the restoration of rank is approved. A Past Camp Commander that transfers from the Camp that he has commanded to another Camp may make request in writing to that Camp of which he has just joined for the restoration of his rank as a Past Camp Commander. If acted upon favorably by the Camp in regular session, said request shall be forwarded to the Department Commander, setting forth the causes of loss of rank, and reasons for request or restoration. The Department Commander shall examine the request to assure completeness and if in order shall present said request to the Department Encampment for action. If approved his rank as a Past Camp Commander shall be restored with all of the rights and privileges granted to him in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. CinC Kuhn, Dec 10, 127th, 282.

³⁰ Neither elected nor appointed officers are considered voting members of a Department Encampment, except for the Department Commander. NC Grim, Op X, 129th, 431. Approved, CinC Kennedy, General Order 11, 129th, (not printed in proceedings).

Section 2. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Department Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the Encampment; the Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint Brothers to fill vacancies.

Section 3. A Camp which fails to pay its per capita dues or other indebtedness or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in Department Encampments.

Section 4. To obtain restoration of rank of Past Camp Commander, the Brother shall make request in writing to the Camp of which he is a Brother. If acted upon favorably by the Camp in regular session, said request shall be forwarded to the Department Commander, setting forth the causes of loss of rank, and reasons for request or restoration. The Department Commander shall present same to the Department Encampment where if acted upon favorably, such rank shall be restored.³¹

ARTICLE III. Meetings

Section 1. Departments shall meet in Annual Encampment. Said Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July.

(a) Special meetings of a Department Encampment may be called by the Department Commander, by and with the consent of the Department Council; but no business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than that for which it was specifically called, which call shall state the purpose and object of said meetings.

(b) The National Council of Administration shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, and for Department Encampments, when requested, for adequate reasons, by a Department.

Section 2. A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum unless otherwise stated in the Department By-laws.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary – Treasurer), Department Chaplain, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration

³¹ A Department has authority to determine whether to carry on its list of past members the name of a past Department Commander who have been removed from their Department as the result of disciplinary action. The Department By-laws govern whether the Department Commander or the Department Encampment exercises this authority. Op NC Grim, Op I, 128th, 261.

Officer, Department Historian, Department Patriotic Instructor. Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer) and at the option of the Department; a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, A Civil War Memorials Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and such other officers as may be established in its By-Laws.

Section 2. The Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary- Treasurer), Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment shall be elected at the annual Encampment by a roll-call of Camps in numerical order, unless the Department By-laws provide for the Australian system of balloting, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of Department Council, delegates and alternates, wherein a plurality vote shall elect. If there be but one nominee for an office, the Department may elect by viva voce vote. Provided, that no Brother shall be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander unless he has served as a Camp Commander.³² No Brother shall be eligible to election to the office of Department Commander who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment. The Department Treasurer or Department Secretary-Treasurer where the Department has joined the two offices and any Assistant Department Treasurer or Assistant Department Secretary-Treasurer may not serve concurrently on the Department Council.

Section 3. On assuming office, the Department Commander shall appoint all other Department Officers; and may appoint an Assistant Secretary, an Assistant Treasurer and/or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, whichever is in keeping with the office within the individual Department.³³

Section 4. The term of all elective and appointed officers shall be for one year, provided, however, that Departments shall elect their Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) and fix their term and location of office, and provided further that Departments may fix the term of office of members of the Department Council for two years.

Section 5. The installation of Department Officers shall be performed at the Encampment by some person chosen by the Commander elected.

Section 6. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Department shall be filled by a majority vote of the Department Council for the period until the next regular meeting of the Department, when an election is held. In the event the term of office is normally for a period longer than one (1) year, the person elected by the Department Encampment shall serve the

³² A sitting Camp Commander is eligible for election as Department Commander. NC Grim Op I, 129th, 429

³³ If the appointment of a staff officer is revoked by the Division Commander, he cannot appeal to the Commander-in-Chief. CinC Hall, Dec. V, 12th, 25.

unexpired term.

Section 7. Any officer delinquent in or failing to perform the duties of his office may be removed by his Department Commander or the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 8: No Brother may be elected to more than three (3) consecutive terms as Department Commander, nor may any Brother be elected to a term as Department Commander, which would result in him serving more than 45 consecutive months as Department Commander. In extraordinary circumstances, the Commander-in-Chief, with the concurrence of 3/4 of the Council of Administration, may permit a 4th year.

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Department Commander shall be the executive officer of the Department, charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Department. He shall preside at all meetings of the Department Encampment, appoint all the standing and other committees (of which he shall be a member ex-officio) unless otherwise prescribed by the Encampment or By-laws. He shall in the month of January each year, supply to each Camp, Annual Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer report blanks. He shall at frequent intervals contact Camps, their Officers, Department Officers, and issue orders and official communications.³⁴

Section 2. The Senior or Junior Vice Commander shall respectively perform the duties of a Department Commander in case of vacancy or senior officers' inability to act.

Section 3. (a) The Department Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Department Encampment. He shall keep and be the custodian of the files and membership records of the Department, and shall keep such other records in connection with his office as may be required by the Department Commander or the Department Encampment. He shall by May 31st make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary's reports to the Department Commander, and forward a copy of same to the Executive Director, together with the amount due for per capita dues. He shall forward a report of the election of officers and delegates and alternates to the Executive Director within thirty days after such election, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.³⁵

³⁴ The C&R only empowers a Department Commander to suspend a camp charter for failure to pay per capita dues and/or file quarterly reports and other reports required by the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief as the Chief executive officer of the Order has broad based powers which could allow him to suspend a camp charter for any violation of the C&R, Ritual, National Policies, Articles of Incorporation, state and Federal law. The National Encampment as the supreme authority of the Order may by a vote of the delegates suspend a camp charter or direct the Commander-in-Chief to suspend or revoke a charter. CinC Orr, Dec II, 117th, 115.

³⁵ All reports and forms (less membership applications) submitted to the National Headquarters shall be typewritten.

(b) Based on the information contained in the Installing Officers' Reports submitted by the Camp Secretaries, the Department Secretary shall compile a report consisting of the Entity Identification Number (EIN) and IRS contact person (name, address, telephone number and e-mail address if any) for each camp. The report shall be provided to the National Treasurer on or before March 15th of each calendar year. This report may be filed electronically by e-mail, spreadsheet, text document, or by mail.

Section 4. The Department Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Department and pay out the same upon requisition in due form from the Department Secretary approved by the Department Commander. He shall have charge of all property of the Department not otherwise provided for, shall keep a true and correct account of all receipts and expenditures, and perform such other duties as may pertain to his office.³⁶

Section 5. The Department Council immediately after its installation shall meet and elect a Chairman and Secretary. It shall devise and recommend such measures as will enable the Department to meet all its necessary expenditures, and shall audit the receipts, expenditures and books of account of the Department and make report thereof to the Department Encampment.³⁷

Section 6(a). The Department Patriotic Instructor shall actively encourage the restoration of Memorial Day to May 30.

(b) The Department Patriotic Instructor shall prepare letters of instruction for the observance of Union Defenders' Day and other patriotic occasions and events and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 7. The Department Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional exercises of the Department Encampment, shall prepare letters of instruction for the observance of Memorial Day, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 8. The Department Counselor shall act as a legal advisor of the Department Commander and the Department.

Section 9. The Camp Organizer shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Department By-laws and the orders of the Department Commander.

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³⁶ A Department guard shall not maintain their own checking account for the collection and disbursement of funds. The Department Treasurer is the custodian of all Department funds, including those collected by the Department Guard. NC Grim, Op VII, 128th, 262.

³⁷ The Division Council has no power to increase the charter fee or per capita dues when fixed by the Division Encampment. CinC Weeks, Dec. XIII. 11th, 31.

Section 10. The Assistant Department Secretary shall perform duties under the direction of the Department Secretary.

Section 11. Each Department Secretary is required to mail a complete mailing list of the Department to the Executive Director on or before May 31st of each year.

Section 12. Department officers shall have such other duties which are described in the official Department Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the National Organization and included herein by reference.³⁸

Section 13. The duties of the Department Civil War Memorials Officer include the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs) in the Department. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Department shall be made from time to time to the National Civil War Memorials officer upon appropriate form.

Section 14. The Department Eagle Scout Coordinator shall facilitate the distribution of Eagle Scout Certificates within the Department and compile statistics on the number of certificates requested and the number of certificates presented and transmit this information to the National Eagle Scout Coordinator, and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

ARTICLE VI. Finances

Section 1. Each Department shall regulate its Dues and Revenues.

Section 2. Departments shall pay to the National Organization: Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the Department Charter; Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each new Camp Charter, which amount shall accompany the application and shall be forfeited if the Camp is not instituted within six months from the date of application; and Ten (\$10.00) for the reinstatement of Camps which have been suspended. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the reinstatement of Camps which voluntarily surrendered their Charter or which had their Charter revoked provided that this fee shall be waived if a Charter exists.

ARTICLE VII Committees

³⁸ Wherever a conflict may exist between the National Regulations and the Job Descriptions, the Regulations supersede or override the Job Descriptions. CinC Darby, Dec 1, 125th, 176.

The regular committees of the Department Encampment shall consist of such Brothers as provided by Department By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII
By-laws

Each Department shall adopt By-laws consistent with these Regulations, and subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. All amendments, alterations, or deletion of Department By-laws shall be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for approval as to consistency with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Regulations. No By-laws, amendments, alterations, or deletions shall be effective until approved by the Commander-in-Chief in writing. Any provision of a Department's By-Laws which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or Regulations is null and void.

ARTICLE IX
Department-at-Large.

Section 1. For administrative purposes all Camps-at-Large attached to the National Organization pursuant to Article VI Section 5 of the Constitution shall be organized into the National Department-at-Large.

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief shall serve as the Commander of the Department-at-Large. The National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer shall serve as the Senior Vice Commander of the Department-at-Large. The National Membership-at-Large Coordinator shall serve as the Junior Vice Commander of the Department-at-Large. There shall be no other permanent officers or standing committees of the Department-at-Large except as provided by Section 3 herein.

Section 3. The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint an Assistant National Secretary to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department-at-Large.

Section 4. The provisions of Chapter II, Article VI, Section 1, notwithstanding, the Council of Administration shall establish the Department per capita dues to be levied on Camps-at-Large.

Section 5. The provisions of Chapter II, Article III, Section 1, notwithstanding, the Department-at-Large shall hold its meetings at the call of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 6. The Department-at-Large is not required to comply with the provisions of Chapter II, Article VIII.

Section 7. (a) Each Camp-at-Large must provide to the Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer by August 1 of each year the names of the delegates from their Camp who will be attending the Department-at-Large Encampment.

(b) At the site of the National Encampment, on the morning of the first opening day of the National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief will call to order, prior to 8:00 a.m., an encampment of the Department-at-Large. At this encampment delegates to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be elected. If the Commander-in-Chief is absent from the Department-at-Large Encampment the next ranking officer will call the encampment to Order and preside over the Department-at-Large Encampment.

(c) If attendance at the Department-at-Large Encampment is less than the allotment of delegates permitted to the National Encampment then all in attendance, with the exception of the Department-at-Large officers, will be declared delegates to the National Encampment. If the number in attendance is greater than the allotment of delegates permitted to the National Encampment then a vote for delegates must occur.

ARTICLE X

Department Members-at- Large

Section 1. Each Department shall make provisions for Department Members-at-Large (DMAL). DMAL shall include all Brothers (Members, Associates, Juniors and Junior Associates) residing within the jurisdiction of the Department who are not a Brother of a Camp within the Department. Such provision may be 1) Department MAL, 2) a Camp established by the Department for the purpose of administering the DMAL, or 3) a requirement in the Department By-laws that all Brothers belong to a Camp of their choice or assigned to the nearest Camp if the Brother does not choose a Camp

Section 2. Within a Department having a total membership of more than 500 Brothers or more than 20 Camps, two or more Camps may establish a regional association. Such regional associations may include bodies of the various other Allied Orders as they exist within the boundaries of such region. Such regional association shall not exercise any authority of any type over member Camps. Such regional associations may elect officers. Members of the Allied Orders may hold any office within the regional association, as determined by the membership of the regional association. No former officer of such regional association shall be entitled to any past honors within the Order, nor shall any badge or device be authorized to indicate membership in or office held in such regional association. However, such regional association may authorize a past regional commander's badge at its discretion and its own expense.

CHAPTER III
National Organization

ARTICLE I.
Charter

The National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is incorporated under and by authority of a Charter issued by the Congress of the United States (Public Law 605, 83d Congress, 2d Session). The Charter and papers of incorporation shall be the charge and custody of the National Secretary.

ARTICLE II.
Membership

Section 1. The membership of the National Encampment shall be constituted as follows:

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, and Past Department Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, and present Department Commanders.³⁹

Of one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five Brothers, or major fraction thereof in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the National Encampment.⁴⁰

National members-at-large attending the National Encampment may elect from their membership, one delegate to represent them and further delegates shall be based on the same ratio provided representation of Departments.

All Honorary Members as non-voting members.

³⁹ Past Department Commanders in good standing have the same "honors" and are individual members of the Department Encampments and also the Commandery-in-Chief, and may participate and vote as such member in the National Encampment. Should his Department cease to exist, he may retain his honors by transfer or by becoming a Member-at-Large. NC Howard, Op IV, 57th, 62.

⁴⁰ Alternate votes are permitted to replace elected delegate votes only. Alternates cannot replace the vote of a Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Past Camp Commander, any seated Camp, Department or National Officer that has a right to vote by virtue of the office he holds and whose vote does not count towards the allotted delegate counts for Camps or Departments. Therefore, any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Past Camp Commander, or seated Camp Commander, Department Commander, elected Department Officer or elected National Officer with automatic credentials by virtue of the office or past honors he holds must be present to vote and cannot be replaced by an alternate. CinC Kuhn, Dec 15, 127th, 289. This Ruling MODIFIED: Neither elected nor appointed officers are considered voting members of a Department Encampment, except for the Department Commander. NC Grim, Op X, 129th, 431. Approved, CinC Kennedy, General Order 11, 129th, (not printed in proceedings).

It's own elective officers.

A Department Secretary or Treasurer holding office for ten consecutive years may have bestowed on him the rank of Past Department Commander with its voting privileges at the National Encampment.

Appropriate credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief and National elective officers shall be issued by the office of the National Secretary. Appropriate credentials for all Department Commanders, Past Department Commanders, delegates and alternates shall be issued by their respective Department Secretaries.⁴¹

Section 2. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time National Encampments are held may be filled by the Department Commander, or the chairman of the respective delegations. The Department Commander in all instances having the priority or right to so appoint.

Section 3. A Department which fails to pay its per capita dues or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in National Encampment meetings. In addition, should a Department's report(s) be deemed incomplete by the National Secretary, they shall be returned to Department authority for correction. Should such report not be immediately corrected, the National Secretary may petition the Council of Administration for a ruling that such Department be deemed to have failed to make reports. Nothing in this section shall preclude any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander or National Officer from exercising their right to attend, participate and vote at a National Encampment provided that any such Brother shall personally be in good standing.

Section 4. To obtain restoration of rank of Past Department Commander and/or Past Commander-in-Chief, the Brother shall make request in writing to the Camp of which he is a Brother. If acted upon favorably by the Camp, in regular session, said request shall be forwarded to the Department Commander, setting forth the cause or causes of loss of rank and reason or reasons for request of restoration, and shall be signed by the Camp Commander, approved by the Camp Secretary (Secretary-Treasurer) with the seal of the Camp attached. The Department Commander shall present same to the Department Encampment under the order of new business, where, if acted upon favorably shall, by the Department Secretary (Department Secretary-Treasurer) be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, and shall be signed by the Department Commander approved by the Department Secretary (Department Secretary-Treasurer) with the

⁴¹ Credentials, for a Past Department Commander to attend a National Encampment are issued by the Department in which that Brother served as Department Commander. If that Brother transfers membership to another Department, he loses his right to automatic credentials to a National Encampment unless he is granted restoration of rank according to the Constitution and Regulations by the new Department as approved by the National Encampment. NC Pahl, Op VIII, 116th, 8.

seal of the Department attached. The National Secretary (National Secretary-Treasurer) shall notify the Brother(s) as to the decision of the National Encampment.⁴²

ARTICLE III. Meetings

Section 1. There shall be an Annual Encampment at such time and place as the body may delegate, of which due notice shall be given by publication in General Orders.

Section 2. A special meeting of the National Organization may be convened by order of the Commander-in-Chief by and with the consent of the Council of Administration for purposes therein stated and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting except for the purposes for which said body convened.

Section 3. A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. No member of the National Encampment or special meeting shall represent more than one Department at any National Encampment or special meeting of the National Organization.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the National Organization shall consist of a Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, five members of the Council of Administration (of which no two may be from the same Department), Banner Editor, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, National Chaplain, National Chief-of-Staff, National Civil War Memorials Officer, National Counselor, National GAR Highway Officer, National GAR Records Officer, National Graves Registration Officer, National Historian, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, National Patriotic Instructor and a Washington DC Representative. The same member may hold the office of National Secretary and the office of National Treasurer simultaneously.

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer), National Quartermaster, and the

⁴² The honor of Past Department Commander may not be transferred to another Department, even if the brother so honored is a dual member of a Camp in another Department. The section in the National Regulations for "Restoration of Rank" only applies if a brother loses the honor of Past Department Commander for some reason; such as resignation, discharge, transfer to a Camp in a different Department, being dropped from membership for failure to pay dues, etc. CinC Pahl, General Order 10, Dec IX, 126th, 182.

elected members of the Council of Administration shall be elected at the Annual Encampment by a roll-call of the Departments, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of Council Members, wherein a plurality vote shall elect. If there be but one nominee for an office, they may be elected by viva voce vote.⁴³⁴⁴

To be eligible for election to the office of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief or Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, a member must hold the rank of Past Department Commander and be a male lineal or co-lateral descendant of a person who served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, as a soldier or sailor of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue-Cutter Service, or of such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of the United States general officers between the aforementioned dates and were honorable discharged therefrom or died in such service.

Section 3. On assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other officers and national committees, and may appoint one or more Assistant National Secretaries and one or more Assistant National Treasurers and may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate, except that he shall not appoint the Editor of the Banner, or the Membership-at-Large Coordinator.

Section 4. The terms of office of the National Secretary, National Treasurer, and National Quartermaster shall be for three (3) years beginning in 1995. The term of office of the members of the Council of Administration shall be for three years with two brothers being elected in 2004 for three year terms and one brother being elected in 2004 for a two year term. The terms of office for all other elective or appointive officers shall be for one year.⁴⁵

Section 5. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the National Organization shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Council of Administration, until the next regular meeting

⁴³ When a brother is elected to the office of Department Commander, but it is discovered that he never served as a Camp Commander, the election is void and the office must be declared vacant. If a brother is elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, but it is discovered his election to the office of Department Commander was void as he never held the office of Camp Commander, the election to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is void and the office must be declared vacant. Dec 1, CinC Hammer, 110th, 12; confirmed by National Encampment, 110th, 51.

⁴⁴ When multiple seats on the COA are open, each seat is an office and requires separate nominations and elections. A plurality vote applies to the COA seats when more than two candidates contest the specific seat. In that case, the Brother with the greatest number of votes is elected. NC Orr, Op 5, 127th, 160.

⁴⁵ Council Members that are re-elected to consecutive terms will calculate their seniority based on their election to the position of Council Member from their first term of office. When there are two Council seats voted on at any election, the Brother who receives the first election to the first vacant Council seat will be senior to the second Brother to fill the second Council seat even though both men were elected on the same day. CinC Kuhn, Dec II, 127th, 269.

of the National Organization, when an election shall be held.

Section 6. The Commander-in-Chief shall have power to remove all appointive officers. Notice of such removal shall be provided in a timely manner.

ARTICLE V.
Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall be the chief executive officer of the Order, and shall decide all questions of law and order subject to an appeal to the National Encampment, preside at all meetings of the National Organization, shall sign all Camp and Department Charters, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order and by the action of the National Encampment.⁴⁶

Section 2. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief or Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall respectively perform the duties of the Commander-in-Chief in case of a vacancy or inability of the senior officer to act, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order and the orders of the Commander-in-Chief.

(a) The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall be responsible for promoting programs promulgated by the order of the Commander-in-Chief.

(b) The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall be responsible for promoting membership and organization under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 3. The National Secretary shall pay over to the National Treasurer all monies received by him; he shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the National Encampment. He shall draw requisitions on the Treasurer for all bills, the same to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and shall perform such other duties and keep such other books, and records, as the National Organization may require of him. He shall make a monthly report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order, and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Council of Administration.

Section 4. The National Treasurer shall receive, hold and account for all monies paid to him, and pay out the same, upon the order of the National Secretary, approved by the Commander-in-Chief.⁴⁷

⁴⁶ The Commander in Chief has the authority to make official rulings concerning interpretation of the Regulations of our Order, as he deems necessary to clarify the language of the Regulations. Such rulings are subject to review by the next National Encampment. If that Encampment does not overturn these rulings, then they remain as authoritative interpretations and are binding upon the Order. NC Pahl, Op 2, 115th, 26.

⁴⁷ In the absence of special appropriation for specific purpose, no funds are available other than those designated, with budget limitations. NC Courtney, Op IV, 49th, 43. Chapter III, Article VI, Section 4.

Section 5. The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and five (5) elected members of the Council of Administration and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. All Past Commanders-in-Chief, the National Counselor, and the Washington, DC representative shall be non-voting members of the Council of Administration. **Non-voting members of the Council of Administration have full rights to attend all meetings and internet discussions of the Council of Administration (including while in executive session) and be recognized and heard on all issues before the Council of Administration. They shall not be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum, nor shall they be able to make or second motions.** The Commander-in-Chief may invite other non-voting Brothers from whom he or the voting members wish to receive advice and counsel or information. The Council of Administration shall have and shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, except in so far as such powers may be assigned to other persons in these Regulations. Without in any limiting the generality of the foregoing language, it shall:

(a) Fix the penal sums of the bonds to be given by all bonded National Officers, which bonds shall cover the office and not the individual.

(b) Present to each annual Encampment of the National Organization a budget of the estimated receipts of the amounts necessary to conduct the affairs of the National Organization for the ensuing year, and shall recommend the amount to be appropriated for each of the activities of the National Organization and the amount necessary to be raised by per capita dues to meet the same; and no officer or Committee shall spend any amount or incur any indebtedness beyond the sums so appropriated, except by a vote of nine (9) members of the Council of Administration.

(c) Elect a membership-at-large coordinator, fix his duties, and fix the amount of dues of the Brothers-at-large.

(d) Elect the Editor of the Banner for a term of three years, subject to removal from office at any time by a majority vote of the Council; and elect the Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer for a term of one year.

(e) Review and extend the plan covering the present and future activities and objectives of the Order.

(f) It shall exercise visitatory powers to enforce any express or implied trust on which property is held by Camps or Departments.

(g) The Commander-in-Chief shall be chairman, and the National Secretary shall be

Secretary of the Council of Administration, and shall keep a record of the votes of each Brother, except on parliamentary questions.

(h) Six members of the Council shall be a quorum, but a less number may meet and transact business provided a majority of those present shall vote in the affirmative on the question to be decided, and six members by personal vote or in writing over their signatures shall assent to any final action taken.⁴⁸

Section 6(a). The National Patriotic Instructor shall serve as Chairman of the National standing committee on Americanization and Education and serve as the Director of the Son's Memorial University.

(b) The National Patriotic Instructor shall prepare and issue letters of instruction for the observance of Union Defenders' Day and of such other days and events as occasion and duty may require; and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

(c). The Americanization and Education Committee, under the direction of the National Patriotic Instructor, shall determine course offerings, develop and continuously update the curriculum, establish diploma requirements and be responsible for the overall management of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial University.

Section 7. The National Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional exercises of the National Encampment; shall prepare and issue letters of instruction for the observance of Memorial Day and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 8. (a) The National Counselor shall act as the legal advisor of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization. He shall also act as editor of the Digest of the Order. As each National Encampment proceedings are published, he shall glean from the proceedings, the various rulings and opinions as to our Constitution and Regulations, and then cause to be published an updated Digest. The definition of the phrase "to be published" shall include any means of communication of the item as the Order may determine from time to time, including electronic means.

(b) The Commander-in-Chief may appoint an Acting National Counselor who may perform the duties of the National Counselor and may act in the place of the National Counselor if the National Counselor is excused from his duty, disabled or recused.

Section 9. The National Historian shall collect and preserve all historical or biographical

⁴⁸ The Council of Administration does not have the authority to tell a Department that it is all right to disregard its own rules. NC Shaw, Op I, 126th, 131.

materials pertaining to the Civil War and Brothers of the Order; and shall serve as chair of the National History Committee.

Section 10. The National Graves Registration Officer shall be the Chairman of the Graves Registration Committee. He shall assist Camps and individual Brothers and Department Grave Marking Committees in obtaining information, supplying headstone applications, instructing in proper procedure for registering and marking veterans' graves.

Section 11. The Washington Representative shall have a residence in the District of Columbia or its suburbs; he shall accept on behalf of the Order service or legal papers or summons and immediately transmit the same to the Commander-in-Chief for action; he shall represent our Order on appropriate occasions and at memorial ceremonies and patriotic functions at the Capitol; he shall keep himself informed about legislation pending before Congress which is pertinent to the purposes or activities of our Order, and he shall state the views of our Order at hearings thereon; he shall promptly inform the Commander-in-Chief of any such legislation on which our Order should take action and has not already done so, and; shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Legislation.

Section 12. All officers of the National Organization shall promptly turn over to their successors all the property of the National Organization in their possession, taking receipts therefore.

Section 13. The Membership-at-Large Coordinator shall have the same duties as the Department Secretary and a Department Treasurer in so far as they apply to the membership-at-large. He shall maintain a membership roster, maintain all membership-at-large monies in a separate account as a Department would, he shall provide membership information upon request by a prospective applicant, shall assist other officers in the formation of Camps and Departments, and shall make a detailed report to the Council of Administration prior to the National Encampment and a summary report to the National Encampment.

Section 14. The Executive Director shall maintain a mailing list of the entire membership. All Camp Secretaries, Department Secretaries, Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Life Member Coordinator, National Secretary, National Treasurer, and all other Officers, Brothers, and Associates are required to notify the Executive Director of any changes, additions, or deletions in the membership data which comes to their attention. The Executive Director shall upon approval of the Commander-in-Chief provide appropriate lists of Brothers to Camps, Departments, and National Officers which may be necessary for recruiting, Camp organization, Department organization, or fulfillment of their respective responsibilities. The membership roster shall not be made available to any person, organization, group, or commercial entity other than for the aforementioned purposes without the express consent of the National Encampment or the Council of Administration acting between National Encampments.

Section 15. The Banner Editor shall edit and prepare for printing the Banner. The Editor is required to cause one copy of each issue of the Banner to be mailed to each Brother of the Order

whose address has been reported to the Executive Director and to annually publish the ownership statement in the issue published closest to October 1.

Section 16. The Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer shall facilitate the organization of the Camps-at-Large and where sufficient numbers of Camps exist the formation of Departments.

Section 17. The GAR Highway Officer is responsible for keeping alive the designation of route US 6 as the GAR highway. This includes coordination with Department GAR Highway Officers and other organizations.

Section 18. The National Quartermaster shall have the responsibility of maintaining an inventory of supplies, procuring sufficient inventory to meet the needs of the National Organization, the Departments, the Camps and the Brothers and the filling of all orders for supplies. He shall receive payment for inventory sold and shall forward same to the National Treasurer along with the order forms. He shall forward all bills for inventory purchased to the National Treasurer for payment. He shall take an inventory of all supplies on-hand at the close of the fiscal year and provide a written detailed list to the National Treasurer for summary and inclusion in the financial reports. He shall receive compensation each year in the sum fixed at the National Encampment.

Section 19. National officers shall have such other duties which are described in the official National Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the National Organization and included herein by reference.⁴⁹

Section 20. The National Civil War Memorials Officer shall chair of the National Civil War Memorials & Monuments Committee. He will also provide leadership and direction to Departments and Camps regarding the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs). This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. Activities of the committee are listed in the compiled Job Descriptions of National Officers and Standing Committees.

Section 21. The GAR Records officer shall chair the GAR Records committee. He will provide leadership and direction to Departments and Camps regarding the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all GAR records of all types.

Section 22. The National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall recognize the advancement of young men belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout; and maintain

⁴⁹ Wherever a conflict may exist between the National Regulations and the Job Descriptions, the Regulations supersede or override the Job Descriptions. CinC Darby, Dec 1, 125th, 176.

statistics of requests for Eagle Scout Certificates and maintain statistics on the presentation of Eagle Scout Certificates and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

ARTICLE VI.
Finance

Section 1. The National Encampment shall assess a per capita dues on each Brother reported in good standing at the end of each calendar year. Such tax shall be payable in one annual payment and forwarded by the Department Treasurer to the Executive Director, on or before May 31st.

The National Encampment shall waive National per capita for brothers serving in the Armed Forces in an active combat zone as defined by the United States Department of Defense.

Section 2. (a) The fiscal year of the National Organization shall close on June 30 each year.

(b) The national treasurer is authorized to pay the routine expenses of the Order from the close of the fiscal year until the approval of the budget by the Council of Administration each year.

Section 3. Life Member Programs.⁵⁰, ⁵¹, ⁵²

(a) Previous Life Member Programs

(i) The Life Member Program created on August 15, 1996 (referred to as the “1996 Program”) is closed to new participants, effective August 19, 2000.

(ii) The funds from the 1996 Program shall be consolidated with the Permanent Fund and the previous “Life Membership Fund” terminated.

(iii) If a Member became a Life Member prior to the 1996 Program, upon written request, an annual reimbursement in the amount set by the Council of Administration shall be made to the Life Member’s Camp, Department (if a Department Brother-at-Large) or the National Membership-at-Large.

(iv) If the participant obtained Life Member status under the 1996 Program, then upon written request, an annual reimbursement in the amount of twelve dollars (\$12.00) shall be made to the Life Member’s Camp, Department (if a Department Brother-at-Large) or the National Membership-at-Large.

⁵⁰ Brothers who are life members and members in multiple Camps, are exempt from all National Per Capita. NC Pahl, Op I, 123rd, 76.

⁵¹ Camps may not establish a life membership program. Per our Congressional Charter, this may only be done by the National Organization. Any such effort to create any type of life member program at the Camp or Department level is void. CinC Powell, Dec I, G.O. 14, 121st

⁵² A Brother is not a Life Member until the fee has been paid in full [Chapter III Article VI, Section 3(b)(i)]. As such it follows that he is still subject to the National per capita dues until the fee is paid in full. NC Orr, Op 13, 127th, 168.

(v) Such disbursements above shall be paid from the earnings of the Permanent Fund. Should there be insufficient income in the Permanent Fund to make such payments, the payment shall be paid from the General Fund.

(vi) If a Life Member belongs to more than one (1) Camp, he must designate which Camp will receive the disbursement.

(vii) All written requests for reimbursement from any of the several Life Member Programs must be submitted to the National Treasurer between January 1 and March 31 of each year. Any requests received after March 31 shall not be reimbursed. (moved from sections below)

(b) 2001 Life Member Program.

(i) The Life Member Program created September 1, 2001 is closed to new participants, effective July 1, 2012.

~~The 2001 Life Member Program shall be open to all Members who pay the requisite fees on or after September 1, 2001. There shall be two fees based upon the age of the participant. Those who have not reached the age of sixty-five (65) shall pay a fee of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) and those who have reached the age of sixty-five (65) shall pay a fee of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$250.00). Fees may be paid over a period of three (3) years. A participant is not considered to be a Life Member until the required fees are paid in full. If the full payment has not been received within three (3) years, the payments made shall be construed to be a donation to the Permanent Fund of the Order. The Member must have been a Life Member for one (1) year before distribution will occur.~~

~~(ii) All Life Member fees received after September 1, 2001 shall be placed in the Permanent Fund.~~

~~(iii) (ii) There shall be no reimbursement to the participant's Camp under the 2001 Life Member Program.~~

~~(iv) (iii) Annually, the National Treasurer shall transfer from the Permanent Fund, to the General Fund of the Order, an amount equal to the per capita dues payable (to the National Organization) for the participants of 1996 and 2001 Life Member Programs. Should there be insufficient income in the Permanent Fund to make such payments, the payment shall be waived.~~

(c) 2012 Life Member Program.

(i) The 2012 Life Member Program shall be open to all Members who pay the requisite fees on or after July 1, 2012. There shall be five (5) fees based upon the age of the participant.

Those age forty and under: \$1,000.00. 41 to 50: \$700.00. 51 to 60: \$500.00. 61 to 70: \$325.00. 71 and greater: \$225.00. These amounts are to be deposited in the "Life" fund.

(ii) Annually, the National Treasurer shall transfer from the life member fund to the General Fund, interest and principal equal to the National Per Capita assessment then in effect for

brother's of the Order. There shall be no reimbursement to the participant's Camp under the 2012 Life Member Program.

(iii) The Life Fund is hereby created. This fund shall be invested in such instruments as to generate sufficient income when combined with the life payment to pay the annual per capita dues of each life member in this program during his lifetime. The National Treasurer shall recommend and the Council of Administration shall approve all investments. Limitations placed on investments by other chapters, articles, sections and subsections of the Constitution and Regulations shall not apply to the Life Fund.

~~(e)~~ (d) First generation Sons of Union Veterans are entitled to be a Life Member without payment of any fee. Such Life Member so admitted shall not be eligible for reimbursement from any Life Member Program.

~~(f)~~ (e) Associates and Juniors Associates shall not be eligible to become Life Members, in so much as they are not "Members" as defined in this document and the Constitution

Section 4. All monies and other assets, including real and personal property held by Camps, Departments, and the National Organization are charged with a trust for the purposes for which the Order exists, as stated in its Act of Incorporation, and any use of any of said monies or other assets, including real and personal property for other purposes is illegal and shall subject the parties concerned to disciplinary action under Article VI of Chapter V and may be restrained by the Commander-in-Chief or Council of Administration to the extent, if necessary, of taking possession and control of the money or assets involved.

Section 5. There shall be established a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund.

Section 6. There shall be established a Grand Army of the Republic Fund (GAR Fund) to be used to support activities conducted to commemorate the G.A.R., Union soldier, sailor or marine and to support the educational and historic preservation purposes of the National Organization. This fund shall be administered in such a manner that all donations to this fund shall qualify as charitable contributions pursuant to the United States Tax Code.

Section 7. (reserved).

Section 8. Departments and Camps of the Order may not form subsidiary corporations without the express written consent of the Council of Administration of the Order. Upon such authorization, such corporation may apply for EIN numbers, using the SUVCW GEN number.

Section 9.

(a) National Officers

(1) The Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Quartermaster shall receive reimbursement for actual expenses supported by

documentation up to the amount established through the adoption of the annual budget.

(a) National Officers

(2) A final accounting of all expenses incurred on behalf of the Order shall be submitted to the National Treasurer by September 30 of each year for the previous administrative year (that time between the annual National Encampments).

(3) The National Treasurer shall submit his expense report to an Assistant National Treasurer and is subject to the same time frames. The National Treasurer shall not issue a check to himself to cover his expenses. Any check for expenses paid to the National Treasurer must be issued and signed by one of the other Brothers authorized to sign checks.

(4) The Editor of the Banner shall be reimbursed his expenses, up to the aggregate amount approved in the adopted budget, upon presentation of original or copies of receipts or bills. Such expenses shall be submitted upon proper form.

(5) Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and other voting members of the National Council of Administration. All postage costs and telephone expenses will be reimbursed up to the aggregate amount approved in the adopted budget upon presentation of original or copies of receipts or bills. Such expenses shall be submitted upon proper form. Travel and lodging expenses need to be approved in advance by the National Treasurer.

(6) Brothers officially representing the Commander-in-Chief at functions which the Commander-in-Chief cannot attend shall be reimbursed up to the amount established by the National Encampment. Such representation must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief prior to the event. Prior to issuing the reimbursement, the National Treasurer shall secure original or copies of receipts from the Brother supporting such requests. The requests shall be submitted upon the approved form and all such expenses must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief in writing prior to reimbursement.

(7) RESERVED.

(8) National Appointed Officers and non voting members of the Council of Administration. Expenses while on business of the Order must be approved in advance by the Commander-in-Chief. The National Treasurer shall advise the Commander-In-Chief on the availability of funds established in the annual budget and may advise a cap upon such expenses. Upon receipt by the National Treasurer of request for reimbursement, which should be on proper form and must be accompanied by original or copies of receipts, the National Treasurer shall reimburse such expense so long as this expense fits within the pre-approved expenditure limits and is within the cap allowed for officer expenses. No reimbursement shall be made without

proper and adequate documentation of the expenses incurred.

(9) The following items are not to be included in any expense report and no reimbursement shall occur to any Brother under any circumstances for the following: cost of alcoholic beverages, cost of in-room entertainment (i.e. pay per view movies, cable or broadcast shows/events), escort services, gymnasium fees, and gratuity.

(b) National Committees

(1) Any expenses incurred by the Chair and members of any and all National Committees will not be reimbursed, unless specific items for that committee are placed in the annual budget of the National Organization and proper documentation of the expense is provided to the National Treasurer on the proper forms.

Section 10.

(a) The purpose of the Memorial/Monument Grant Fund is to assist Camps and Departments in their efforts to refurbish and restore Civil War related memorials and monuments. The following procedure provides some general guidelines as to how to apply for a grant and establishes standards on how grant submittals will be evaluated.

(b) Procedure

(1) Any SUVCW Camp or Department may request money from this fund.
(2) All requests will be handled individually on its own merit.
(3) Only one request from one entity (Camp or Department) can be accepted per monument or memorial. The request must include pictures, documentation as to appraisals and written estimates for the necessary work.

(4) Assessment form (CMW #61) must be submitted with the application.

(5) The maximum grant for any one project shall be \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars). If principle and interest remain in the fund after all grant applications are considered, the COA may grant additional funds to one or more grant recipients to the exhaustion of the fund.

(6) A Memorials Grants Committee consisting of three elected Council of Administration members excluding the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Quartermaster shall review the grant applications, determine which are worthy of support, which meet the criteria established for the grants and approve the grants within the limits specified in Section (5).

Section 11.

(a) The Commander-in-Chief is authorized to execute any and all contracts on behalf of and in the name of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (National Organization).

(b) The National Treasurer is authorized to execute a contract with the auditing firm who shall audit the financial records of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (National Organization) annually.

(c) The National Quartermaster, National Proceeding Secretary and Executive Director are authorized to execute contracts on behalf of and in the name of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (National Organization), with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

(d) The Chairmen of the National Site Committee, ~~Remembrance Day Committee~~ and the Lincoln Tomb Committee are authorized to execute any and all contracts required for the fulfillment of the respective committees' functions on behalf of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (National Organization).

(e) With the exception of the aforementioned officers and committee chairman, NO brother shall execute a contract that obligates The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (National Organization) to pay for goods and services without the approval of the Council of Administration unless specifically approved by a National Encampment.

(f) The National Treasurer is authorized to deposit the funds of the Order in any bank, savings and loan, credit union or similar financial institution which he determines to be the most beneficial to the Order provided that the financial institution is a participant in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (SLIC) or National Credit Union Association (NCUA) respectively and the total amount of funds in any one institution does not exceed the maximum covered by said insurance program.

(g) Copies of all contracts shall be provided to the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor and Executive Director.

ARTICLE VII. Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Americanization and Education, ~~Battle Flag Preservation~~, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, Legislation, Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials & Monuments, Military Affairs, ~~Remembrance Day~~, Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Ebay Surveillance and Scholarships. A standing committee on Program and Policy shall be

appointed by the Commander-in-Chief; the chairman of this committee shall be the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; each year one member shall be appointed for a term of four years; and the purpose of this committee shall be the promotion of the Order and the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment.

Section 2. Special committees may be created by action of National Encampment and shall be for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Their duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined.

Section 3. The standing national committees shall consist of five Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except the Membership Committee which shall consist of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as chairman and the Junior Vice Commanders of all Departments and Camps-at-Large, and except the Encampment Site Committee which shall consist of three Brothers. All shall be in good standing in their respective Departments and Camps.

Section 4. The standing committee on Constitution and Regulations shall have continuity of membership. The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint each year two Brothers to hold office for two years. The retiring Commander-in-Chief shall be a member, to hold office for one year.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Legislation to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States of America, proposed either in the Congress of the United States or elsewhere; to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commander-in-Chief at the session following its appointment.

Section 6. (a) It shall be the duty of the Encampment Site Committee to select the Encampment site for the National Encampment and to arrange for sufficient room accommodations, costs, concessions, complimentary rooms and necessities for a comfortable Encampment, and in the absence of a Local Encampment Committee to make and carry out appropriate plans for the Encampment. It may adopt rules for the proper accomplishment of the foregoing, and may appoint an Encampment Planner.

(b) The Committee Chairman shall sign all contracts, on behalf of the Order, with the Encampment hotel and other businesses necessary to fix the Encampment site and provide copies of all contracts to the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor and Executive Director.

Section 7. The Purpose of the History Committee shall be to identify and preserve historical and biographical material pertaining to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Respective memberships. The committee shall be chaired by the National Historian.

Section 8. The purpose of the Graves Registration Committee shall be to identify and record graves and memorials to Union Civil War Soldiers and to assist Departments and Camps in the securing of veteran headstones from the Federal government. The committee shall consist of the

National Graves Registration Officer, who shall serve as chair, and four Brothers appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. The committee shall have continuity of membership with the Commander-in-Chief appointing in 1994 two Brothers to serve for two years and two Brothers to serve for one year, and appointing in subsequent years two Brothers to serve for two years.

Section 9. The purpose of the Civil War Memorials & Monuments Committee is to provide guidance to Departments and Camps regarding the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs). This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. The committee shall consist of the National Civil War Memorials Officer, who shall serve as chair, and four Brothers appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Activities of the committee are listed in the compiled Job Descriptions of National Officers and Standing Committees.

CHAPTER IV.
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Article I
Organization and Structure

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) shall constitute the authorized military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). It shall include all military bodies of the Order (SUVCW) with the exception that Camps and Departments may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp Guard or Department Guard for parades, services and ceremonies under the auspices of the Camp or Department with which the unit is associated. The highest military rank attainable within any Camp or Department Guard shall be that of Captain. At all functions where Camp Guard units, Department Guard units and SVR units are participating, the highest ranking SVR commissioned or non-commissioned officer shall have command of all military bodies of the SUVCW, regardless of the rank of an officer in a Camp Guard or Department Guard.⁵³

Section 2. To be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR, a Brother shall be a member or Associate in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 3. The SVR shall be governed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) and the Regulations of the SVR, herein incorporated in these Regulations by reference. The responsibilities of the SVR shall include participation in ceremonies, programs, and parades such as Remembrance Day, Lincoln Birthday, Memorial Day, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, and National Encampment programs, and at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, special ceremonies and parades on behalf of and representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Individual units of the SVR and individual members of the SVR units may participate in non-SVR or SUVCW sponsored National Civil War re-enactments, living histories and educational demonstrations. Non-SVR members of independent Civil War re-enactment units may participate with the SVR at SVR or SUVCW sponsored events and/or programs.

Section 4. The standing National Military Affairs Committee created under Chapter III, Article VII of these Regulations shall be composed of five (5) Brothers of the Order (SUVCW) appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. The Committee shall have continuity of membership with the Commander-in-Chief appointing in 1997 three (3) Brothers to serve two (2) years and

⁵³ A Department guard shall not maintain their own checking account for the collection and disbursement of funds. The Department Treasurer is the custodian of all Department funds, including those collected by the Department Guard. NC Grim, Op VII, 128th, 262.

two (2) Brothers to serve one (1) year and, in subsequent years, appointing two (2) Brothers in even numbered years and three (3) Brothers in odd numbered years to serve two (2) years. The Chair of the National Military Affairs Committee shall be appointed from among the committee members by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief. The duties of the Committee shall include preparation of the initial Regulations in 1997 and subsequent modifications of the Regulations through proposed amendments, general oversight of the SVR and, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, appointment of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The Regulations and any amendments thereof must be approved by the Commandery-in-Chief at the National Encampment.

Section 5. The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be appointed by the National Military Affairs Committee with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. The appointment shall be made for a period of not more than three (3) years and may be renewed for additional three (3) year terms subject to the same procedures used for the original appointment. The duties of the Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be to administer and command the SVR pursuant to the Regulations of the SUVCW and the Regulations of the SVR.

The rank of the Commanding Officer of the SVR shall not be higher than that provided for in the Regulations and based upon the total membership of the SVR. In no case may the rank of the Commanding Officer be higher than Major General. Current and past Commanding Officers holding ranks higher than that permitted by the Regulations, may retain their current rank for the remaining period of the SVR appointment, adhere to the rank permissible under the Regulations, transfer to the Inactive Reserve, or retire from the SVR at their current rank. The Commanding Officer of the SVR may be relieved by a two-thirds majority of the National Military Affairs Committee, subject to the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 6. The SVR shall be administered by a national body known as the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve (NMD, SVR). The Commanding Officer of the SVR may appoint a NMD staff consistent with the Regulations. All NMD appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The period of all such appointments shall be concurrent with that of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. Current holders of such appointments, who hold ranks higher than the maximum provided for such appointment in the Regulations may adhere to the stated ranks, transfer to the Inactive Reserve at their current ranks or retire from the SVR at their current ranks. All NMD staff shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR.

CHAPTER V.
General Regulations

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue "General Orders", Department Commanders "Department Orders", and Camp Commanders may issue "Camp Orders", and all may issue Official Circulars, all attested by the respective Secretaries.

Section 2. General Orders.

(a) The Commander-in-Chief shall promulgate his General Orders and communicate with the membership in either a publication to be known as the Banner or by publication on the National SUVCW web site. Only General Order No 1 listing the location of the new headquarters, officers and goals must be published in the Banner.

(b) These Orders shall be published and distributed at least four times. General Orders that are published only on the SUVCW web site shall be printed and distributed through the mail by Department Secretaries to those Camps that do not have access to the National web site. The Commander-in-Chief shall provide a printed copy of all General and Special Orders to the SUVCW Executive Director for filing at the SUVCW National Headquarters.

(c) At such time as the Banner may not be published, or the SUVCW web site is not operational the Commander-in-Chief may issue and promulgate his General Orders and Communicate with the membership in writing in any other effective manner.

Section 3: Definitions.

(a) For purposes of administering Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, blood relative is defined as a direct descendent, or a direct descendent of a Brother, sister, half-Brother, or half-sister of a veteran. This definition section shall not apply to any Brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999.

(b) Brother in good standing: a Member, Junior, Associate, or Junior Associate whose dues are current or who possess a valid transfer card, who has no outstanding indebtedness to the Order, and who is not under suspension as the result of a disciplinary procedure.

(c) Brother: Members of all categories, Associates, Junior or Junior Associate

(d) Honorable Discharge - a certificate of voluntary separation from membership granted to a Brother in good standing upon his request.

(e) General Discharge for the Good of the Order - a certificate of a less than honorable discharge, but not a punitive discharge issued to a Brother who has been dropped for nonpayment of dues or is not in good standing at the time he requested a discharge.

(f) Dishonorable Discharge - a certificate of separation from membership following a conviction under disciplinary procedures as presented in National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI.

Section 4. Voting.

(a) Proxy voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further proxy voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council.

(b) Absentee voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further absentee voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council.

Section 5. A New membership applicant whose application is received from the National Order's membership Campaign and processed through the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or Membership Recruiting Officer and who reside within the jurisdiction of an established Department shall be enrolled as a Department Brother-at-Large of said Department.

(a) Each Department shall make available to each Department MAL at least once annually a list of the existing Camps within the Department and offer the option of transferring from DMAL to a Camp of the Brother's choice.

(b) The National Encampment shall annually set a National Application Fee and first year's dues for Brothers who join through the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or the National Recruiting Officer. All monies collected shall either be forwarded to the Department within which the applicant resides for enrollment as a DMAL or to the NMAL Coordinator if the applicant resides within an area not part of an established Department. The Department will report the new Brother on the succeeding report and pay the appropriate application fee and per capita dues from the fees and dues collected. In the absence of action by the National Encampment, the CofA shall set the fee and dues.

Section 6. All changes in the regulations relating to the change from quarterly to annual reporting and payment of per capita dues shall become effective January 1, 2003.

Section 7. Filing of Camp Status Report and Prorating of dues.

(a). Effective April 30, 2003 the Camp Secretary must submit by the 15th day of the following month to the Department Secretary, two copies of a Camp Status Report form when one of the following changes occur:

(1) A new Brother joins the Camp

(2) A Brother is reinstated after being dropped for non payment of dues

- (3) A Brother dies
- (4) A Brother has a change of address
- (5) A Brother transfers in or out of the Camp.

(b). If the Camp Status Report form reports a new Brother, then a pro-rated per capita amount for the remainder of the year shall accompany the form. Such pro-rated amount shall be calculated on a quarterly basis. If the Camp Status Report form reports a Brother reinstated after being dropped for non payment of dues, then the full annual per capita for that Brother shall accompany the form.

Section 8. Effective May 30, 2003 the Department Secretary must submit a copy of all Camp Status Report Forms to the Executive Director by the 15th day of the month following the submission, along with a check for the proper amount of money due the National Organization for a new Brother or a reinstated Brother as provided for in

Section 9. Records Retention

(a). All records are the property of the National Organization regardless of the point of origin. As with all real intellectual and other property, Camps and Departments hold records in trust for the National Organization through the authority granted by the corresponding charter from the National Organization.

(b). The United States Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Director of the Congressional Budget Officer and the Comptroller General of the United States through the Federal Accounting Standard Advisory Board (FASAB) issue the Statement of Federal Accounting Standards (SFAS). The IRS requires non-profit organization among others to adhere to these standards.

(c). To comply with the requirement referenced in paragraph (b) of this section the following Records Retention Schedule is hereby adopted and to be followed by all Camps, Departments and the National Order.

(1) Grants Records **MUST** be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after the grant closes – with final report to the grantor.

(2) Cash Receipts Records **MUST** be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after the close of the fiscal year.

(3) Accounts Receivable Records **MUST** be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after the close of the fiscal year.

(4) Canceled Checks **MUST** be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years after the close of the fiscal year.

(5) Bank Account Statements MUST be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years after the close of the fiscal year. This includes: Checking, Savings, CD's, and any other form of investments.

(6) Records of Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds MUST be retained Permanently.

(7) Fixed Assets MUST be retained permanently.

(8) Ledgers MUST be retained permanently.

(9) Audit Reports MUST be retained permanently.

(10) Contracts MUST be kept permanently.

(11) Any Correspondence with the IRS MUST be retained Permanently.

(12) IRS 990 Income Tax Returns for Tax Exempt Organizations MUST be retained Permanently. (This is a requirement because anyone can ask to see these reports at any time since the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Organization is a Non-Profit Organization. Names of the individuals who make contributions can be redacted, but all else is public record.)

(13) Minutes and Proceedings MUST be retained permanently. Minutes of committee meetings and deliberations do not need to be retained. Only the final report to the Camp, Department or National Order is retained as their reports are part of the minutes or proceedings of the camp, department or National Encampment.

(d). Should a camp cease to exist, it is the responsibility of the camp officers to transfer all property and records to the Department or in the case of a Camp-at-Large, the national Organization. Each Department shall determine which officer(s) are authorized to receive such property and records on behalf of the Department.

(e). Should a Department cease to exist; it is the responsibility of the department officers to transfer all property and records to the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, National Treasurer or Executive Director is authorized to receive such property and records on behalf of the National Organization.

ARTICLE II.

Bonds

Section 1. The bonded officers shall be as follows: The Camp Treasurer (and the Camp Secretary and Camp Council when holding funds of the Camp); Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (Department Secretary-Treasurer); National Secretary, National Treasurer (National Secretary-Treasurer), National MAL Coordinator, National Quartermaster, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Assistant National Treasurer(s), National Executive Director and National

Patriotic Instructor. Also Department Commanders if so ordered by Department By-laws.

Section 2. The above officers shall be bonded in amounts to be fixed by the various Council of the respective bodies, in some acceptable surety company, provided that Camp and Department Officers may furnish acceptable personal surety.

Bonded officers shall be held liable for the funds remaining in their possessions until payment to their successors who have been properly installed, qualified and have given bond and have received for all money and property.

Section 3. When a Department Commander, who is required to be bonded, through his own fault fails or neglects to furnish sufficient bond within thirty days after assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief should remove him from office pending action by the Council of Administration.

Section 4. The Bonds of the Camp Treasurer and Camp Council shall be approved by the Camp Commander; the bonds of the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer (Department Secretary-Treasurer) shall be approved and held by the Department Commander; the bonds of the National Secretary and National Treasurer (National Secretary-Treasurer) shall be approved and held by the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 5. The bonds of the Camp officers shall run to the Camp Council. The bond of the Department Commander, if one is required, shall run to the Department Council. Bonds of all other officers shall run to the officer by whom they are held.

ARTICLE III.

Badges and Decorations

Section 1. Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast. Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire. Should the individual desire, he may also wear badges, awards and decorations awarded to him by U. S. Government and military officials, patriotic and hereditary societies and foreign governments. The order of precedence of the awards shall be:⁵⁴

First: Awards of the United States Government, to include military decorations and medals of the Armed Services in order of precedence set by the U.S. Government and Armed Forces.

⁵⁴ Members of the Order participating in public rally to save a Children's Home created by the Union Veterans of the Civil War must wear their membership badge of the Order. NC Grim, Op VI, 128th, 262.

Second: Foreign decorations in the order which they were received

Third: State awards in order of precedence recommended by the state

Fourth: Medals and Badges of this Order, along with other military, veterans, hereditary and patriotic societies, in the order of the founding of each.⁵⁵

Section 2. The Member Badge of the Order consists of a top bar in bronze, inscribed with the words: "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". The ribbon shall be as specified below. The drop shall be the insignia of the Order in bronze.

Members shall wear a ribbon with a blue center, and a red, white and blue border on each side. Associates shall wear a plain blue ribbon. Honorary Members shall wear a plain blue ribbon, with a one-half inch silver star affixed to the center of the ribbon. Juniors shall wear a ribbon with a white center and a red, white, and blue border on each side. Junior Associates shall wear a ribbon plain white ribbon.

(b) All elected officers of the National Organization, while holding such office, and past elected National officers who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term, a ribbon, the center a broad stripe of old gold, with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side. All elected Department officers, while holding office or having been granted emeritus status by his Department Encampment, a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white and blue border on each side.

(c) While wearing dinner suit, dinner jacket or tails, Members may wear upon the left breast lapel of the coat, about four inches below the top of the shoulder, a miniature of the Badge of the Order without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbons 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, currently elected National officers and past National officers who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term, the ribbon shall have a yellow center. For Presiding and Past Department Commanders, currently elected Department officers and past Department officers granted emeritus status by their Department Encampment, the ribbon shall have a red center. For all other Members it shall have a blue center. Stars may be worn on the miniature badge as authorized elsewhere in this Article. Brothers who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war and have been awarded the War Medal of this Order, may wear

⁵⁵ Regional Associations may authorize a membership badge, however, that badge may not use the protected symbols of our Order, per the General Order of Commander in Chief Kreiser. Those badges may not be worn at any SUVVCW event. The only exception is that such regional associations may authorize a past regional commander badge at its discretion and its own expense. This badge may not use the protected symbols of our Order, but may be worn at SUVVCW events. NC Pahl, Op II, 121st

a silver palm on the ribbon of their miniature badge. Stars or other devices may not be worn on the full size badges of this Order, unless specifically allowed in this Article, such as the gold meritorious service star, the silver star of an honorary Member, SVR devices, etc. Brothers wearing the miniatures of the Order may only wear one such miniature badge except that the SVR miniature badge may be worn in conjunction with the miniature membership badge.

Section 3. Criteria for the badges, decorations and other devices of the Order are:

A. Membership Badge. Authorized for each Member who has been admitted into the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.

B. Associate badge. Authorized for each Associate who has been admitted into the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.

C. Junior badge. Authorized for each Junior who has been admitted into the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.

D. Junior Associate badge. Authorized for each Junior Associate who has been admitted into the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.

E. 50-Year badge. Any Member or Associate with fifty (50) years of continuous service (never having been dropped) is entitled to wear this badge. This badge shall be the regulation Badge of the Order, suspended from a plain bar (on which may be inscribed the name of this Brother), in lieu of the regulation top bar. The ribbon shall be that of the National Organization. A device shall be worn upon the ribbon, being a bar inscribed "Fifty Year Membership". Upon attaining 70 or 75 years, the numeral 50 can be replaced with 70 or 75 respectively.

F. Honorary Member badge. The Commander in Chief, with the approval of the Council of Administration may grant Honorary Membership to a person who is not otherwise eligible for membership.

G. War Medal. Authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of war or military conflict as defined by the Council of Administration, and received one or more Campaign Ribbon/Medal as defined by the Council of Administration. A Form DD214 or a Form DD4, or DD215 must accompany any application for the War Medal. Entitlement is determined by the Brother's Camp at a regular meeting of that Camp. A gold bar naming the war or conflict in which the Brother served may be attached to the ribbon of the medal. This bar may not be attached to any other Badge of the Order.

H. Military Service Medal: Authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. If a Brother is qualified for this medal and the War Medal, the Brother may purchase both, but may only wear one or the other at any one time.

I. Camp Commander. The Camp Commander's Badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by Brothers who are serving as Camp Commander. This badge shall be the same as the Membership badge in all respects, except the top bar and drop shall be silver in color. A miniature Camp Commander Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Each elected Camp officer is identified by two 1/8 inch bronze stars centered upon the blue ribbon in vertical alignment of their miniature badge.

J. Department Commander. The Department Commander Badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by Brothers who are serving as Department Commander. This badge shall be the same as the Membership badge in all respects, except the ribbon shall be that as authorized for elected Department officers, top bar and drop shall be gold in color. A second bar shall be worn below the top bar and/or attached to the top bar, gold in color, inscribed with the words: "Department Commander". A miniature Department Commander Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with the provisions of this Article.. Each elected Department officers identified by two 1/8 inch silver stars centered upon the red ribbon in vertical alignment of their miniature badge.

K. Commander-in-Chief Badge. The Commander-in-Chief Badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by the Brother who is currently serving as Commander-in-Chief. This badge shall be the same as the Membership badge in all respects, except the ribbon shall be that as authorized for elected National Officers. The top bar shall be inscribed: "Commander-in-Chief". The top bar and drop shall be gold in color. A miniature Commander-in-Chief Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with the provisions of this Article.. Each elected National officer is identified by two 1/8 gold stars centered upon the gold ribbon in vertical alignment of their miniature badge.

L. Past Camp Commander Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Camp Commander or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term are authorized to wear the Past Camp Commander badge and use the suffix P.C.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon of the membership badge, without top bar and the drop shall be the iron cross of the Order, with the insignia of the Order affixed in the center of the iron cross. A miniature Past Camp Commander Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.⁵⁶

⁵⁶ Camp Commander who's camp disbands during his term is not entitled to Past Camp Commander's honors. JAG Gould, Op VII, confirmed CinC Darling Dec IX, 16th.

M. Past Department Commander Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Department Commander or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term may wear the Past Department Commander badge and are entitled to use the suffix P.D.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for Department officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the sterling silver cross of the Order, with jewel. Departments may authorize, without cost to the National Organization, a top bar of sterling silver, on which may be inscribed the name of this Brother. A device may be attached to the top bar, being the symbol of the Department as adopted by that Department - usually being a Corp badge or other such symbol as deemed appropriate by the Department. Such device shall not extend beyond the edges of the ribbon of the badge, nor shall such device cover more than 50% of the ribbon of such badge. A miniature Past Department Commander Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

N. Past Commander-in-Chief Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Commander-in-Chief or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term may wear the Past Commander in Chief badge and are entitled to use the suffix PCinC in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for National officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the gold star of the Order, with jewel. A miniature Past Commander-in-Chief Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

O. Sons of Veterans Reserve Badges. Award of and wearing of badges, medals and devices to Brothers of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are controlled by the SVR Standard Operating Procedure. SVR decorations are authorized, to be specified and defined in SVR Standard Operating Procedure.

P. Recognition Button. Brothers may wear the Recognition Button, which shall consist of a reproduction, in miniature, made of bronze material of the Official Badge of the Order. It shall not exceed 1 1/16 inches in height or 9/16 inches in width.

Q. Buttonhole Decoration. Brothers may wear a buttonhole decoration consisting of a red, white and blue rosette not exceeding 5/8 inches in diameter. The central circular disk is divided into four segments, more than half the area devoted to opposing segments of blue alternating with white and the band to be composed of alternating red and white.

R. Meritorious Service Award. Especially meritorious service to our Order beyond the efficient and loyal performance of a Brother's duties may be recognized by the Commander in Chief by suitable citations in orders, letters and certificates bearing the seal of the Order. If the service is considered to merit the distinction and if approved by the Council of Administration, the Brother who performed the service shall be authorized to wear a one-half inch gold star on his Membership badge, badge of current office or past commanders badge. It is

not mandatory upon the Commander-in- Chief to make this award.

S. A Past Commander-in-Chief may, at his discretion, while in business suit or on formal occasions, rather than wear his Past Commander-in-Chief badge, wear his Past Commander-in-Chief insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the National Commandery colors. A Past Department Commander, at his discretion, while in business suit or on formal occasions, rather than wear his Past Department Commanders badge, wear his Past Department Commander insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the Department colors. A Past Camp Commander, at his discretion, while in business suit or on formal occasions, rather than wear his Past Camp Commanders badge, wear his Past Camp Commander insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the Camp colors.

T. Any National, Department or Camp elected officer may, at his discretion, on formal occasions only, wear a 3-inch sash of solid gold (national), red (Department) or blue (Camp) as appropriate. The sash shall be worn under the formal jacket, across the chest and vest, from right shoulder to left hip.

Section 4. All badges issued by the Order shall be equipped with a safety clasp.

Section 5. The order of precedence for badges defined in this Article shall be:

- Group A - Membership Badge (or Associate, Junior, Junior Associate or Honorary Member badge)
- Commander in Chief Badge
- Department Commander Badge
- Camp Commander Badge
- National Officer Badge
- Department Officer Badge

The Membership badge is appropriate for wear on all occasions where identification or recognition of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is fitting. In the alternative, the Brother may wear the badge of office for which he currently occupies from the list in Group A. Brothers may not wear more than one badge from this group at any one time.

Group B

- Past Commander in Chief badge
- Past Department Commander badge
- Past Camp Commander badge

Each badge in Group B is unique and uses various historical elements as part of its composition. The Brother may choose to wear only a Group B badge, without wearing at the same time a Group A badge and as such, badges from Group B are considered a “Badge of the Order”. **Brothers may not wear more than one badge from this group at the same time.**

Group C

War Medal
Military Service Medal

When worn, the War Medal or Military Service Medal must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge of the Order. The War Medal is approved for wear by the Brother's Camp and shall include a device identifying the period of qualifying service. Those devices shall not be worn upon any other badge.

Group D

Sons of Veterans Reserve Badges
Current National Encampment badges
Current Department Encampment badges
Other temporary badges authorized as official badges of the Order by the National Encampment, Council of Administration or Commander-in-Chief for the time period specified in the authorization.

When worn, a Group D badge must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge of the Order. With the exception of SVR badges, Group D badges should be worn on the right breast **during the proceedings of a National or Department Encampment. Following adjournment of the Encampment, the badge should be moved to the left breast and worn in the Group D badge position. ~~only when appropriate to the event.~~** Encampment badges are neither awards nor personal decorations, but in keeping with the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic, they may be worn to recognize participation in an event or activity. **Only the current year's National or Department Encampment badge may be worn as a Group D badge and then only for the period of time between Encampments. Therefore, at any time, only one National and one Department Encampment badge may be worn. ~~Should~~ When** a Department issue a badge as part of its Department Encampment, that Department may specify that such badge may also be worn by the Department's delegates and any Brother of that Department who has automatic credentials to attend a National Encampment, at a National Encampment of the Order.

Section 6. The order of precedence for badges of other hereditary, patriotic or veterans' societies are based upon the date of founding or creation of the organization.

Section 7. Badges, ribbons and medals of the Grand Army of the Republic may not be worn by a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War unless that Brother is actively involved in a first person portrayal of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at the time the badge is being worn. Reproduced miniature versions of G.A.R. badges may be worn.

Section 8. The mixing of regular and miniature badges is not allowed. Brothers may wear either full size badges or the miniature badges they are entitled to, as they deem appropriate.

Section 9. Upon the death of a Brother, a Commander may, at his discretion, issue through a Special Order, directive to the Brothers under his command to attach a 1 inch wide band of black grosgrain ribbon to the Member, Junior, Associate or Junior Associate badge, as a sign of mourning. The black ribbon shall be attached in a horizontal fashion around the suspension ribbon of the badge and attached in the rear of same with a straight pin. In the alternative, the Brother may wear a 2"x8" "In Memoriam" black ribbon behind their Member, Junior, Associate, or Junior Associate badge. This ribbon would also contain the words "The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and then may also contain the name of the Department or Camp on the ribbon, at the expense of the Camp or Department. The wearing of the mourning ribbon shall coincide with the time specified for the draping of the respective Charter

Section 10. Those Brothers obtaining life membership may wear a life Member bar, as provided by the National Quartermaster, upon their membership badge

Section 11. Those Brothers who have been Brothers of the Order for ten continuous years (never having been dropped), may wear a service numeral "10", as provided by the National Quartermaster, upon their membership badge. Such numerals are also authorized for 15 years, 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, 35 years, 40 years and 45 years, 50 years, 55 years, 60 years, 65 years, 70 years and 75 years as Brothers of the Order. Years as a Junior, and/or Junior Associate of the Order are counted toward the year totals.

Section 12.

(a). The Host Department of a National Encampment may sell any extra National Encampment badges that the host Department may possess at the conclusion of the Encampment. Sales shall be limited to members of the Allied Orders in attendance at the National Encampment for a period of two weeks. Thereafter the extra badges shall be made available to any member of the Allied Orders for one (1) year. At the end of one (1) year any remaining badges may be made available to the general public.

(b). The Council of Administration may limit and/or prohibit the sale of any particular such Badge, from time to time, in its sole discretion.

Section 13.

(a) Juniors and Junior Associates who graduate from the SUVCW Memorial University are entitled to receive a certificate or diploma, and to wear upon the ribbon of their badge a pin provided by the SUVCW National Americanization and Education Committee.

(b) Members and Associates who graduate from the SUVCW Memorial University are entitled to receive a certificate or diploma and a lapel pin provided by the SUVCW National Americanization and Education Committee. The lapel pin may also be worn on the ribbon of

the membership badge.

Section 14.

(a) No person, business, organization, government agency or other entity may use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except as provided in Section 200306 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998, without the express written consent of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such consent is granted to all Camps and Departments of this Order in carrying out their obligations under the Charter's granted by the National Organization.

(b) No person, business, organization, government agency or other entity may manufacture, duplicate, or replicate any badge, emblem or seal, including but not limited to the 1881 membership badge, the 1893 membership badge, the 1907 Membership badge, the 1922 Membership badge, the current Member badge, Associate badge, Junior badge, Camp Commander badge, Past Camp Commander badge, Department Commander badge, Past Department Commander badge, Commander-in-Chief badge, Past Commander-in-Chief badge, 50 year Member badge, War Medal, Military Service Medal, ROTC Medal/service ribbon, miniature badges, the various ribbons attached thereto, the coat-of-arms, seal, or any other badges or medals previously adopted and used or which may be adopted and used in the future or otherwise perform any action which results in the manufacture, duplication, or replication of said items without the express written consent of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(c) Departments and Camps may, photographically or through any generally available means, reproduce images of the badges, emblems and seals for the production of Department or Camp flags, letterhead, envelopes, newsletters, business cards and other material necessary for the conduct of their respective activities related to the purposes of the Order. This general authorization does not extend to any of the adopted and copyrighted forms, rituals, literature, or other items supplied by the National Organization and not available on the National website, nor to embroidery of any badge, emblem, or seal or the production of decals or other similar devices. Copyrighted forms and literature available from the National website when used for official business of the Order, may be locally reproduced.

(d) Current National, Department and Camp officers and those entitled to "Past" honors of office may, photographically or through any generally available means, reproduce images of the badges, emblems, and seals for the production of letterhead, envelopes, business cards and other material necessary for the conduct of their respective activities related to the purposes of the Order. This general authorization does not extend to any of the adopted and copyrighted forms, rituals, literature, or other items supplied by the National Quartermaster and not available on the National website nor to the embroidery of any badge, emblem, or seal of the production of decals or other similar devices. Copyrighted forms and literature available from the National website, when used for official business of the Order, may be locally reproduced.

(e) Departments, Camps, current officers and former officers may not authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, or reproduce, manufacture, or otherwise duplicate or replicate any badge, emblem, or seal of the Order except as specified in paragraphs (c) and (d) above except that the National Treasurer and National Quartermaster may cause such items to be produced for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the performance of the duties of their respective offices.

(f) The Sons of Veterans Reserve is hereby authorized to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the conduct of all their business related to that organization until notified in writing to the contrary. The National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War expressly withholds authorization from the Sons of Veterans Reserve to authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or any of its badges, emblems, or seal. In the event that the Sons of Veterans Reserve should cease to exist as it is now constituted, the above authorization shall not transfer to any successor organization.

(g) The National Organization, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. and its subordinate units are hereby authorized to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the conduct of all business related to that organization until notified in writing to the contrary. The National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War expressly withholds authorization from the National Organization, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. and its subordinate units to authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or any of its badges, emblems, or seal. In the event that the National Organization, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or a subordinate organization should cease to exist as it is now constituted, the above authorization shall not transfer to any successor organization or subordinate organization.

(h) The Commander-in-Chief after consultation with the Council of Administration, or after an affirmative vote of the Council of Administration, the Commander-in-Chief may authorize the use or reproduction of the badges, emblems, seals, or coat-of-arms or other symbols of our Order.

ARTICLE IV. Membership Card

Section 1. Each Member, Junior, Associate, or Junior Associate upon payment of his dues, will be issued by the Camp Secretary an official membership card certifying that the Member, Junior, Associate, or Junior Associate to whom it is issued is in good standing, having paid his dues for the period indicated thereon.

Section 2. Any Member, Junior, Associate, or Junior Associate may be required by the Camp Commander to exhibit his current official membership card in order to gain admission, to vote, or hold office in a Camp of the Order

Section 3. The National Treasurer is charged with the responsibility of supplying Camp Secretaries with suitable membership cards and developing an appropriate system for the issuance and accounting thereof.

ARTICLE V.
Seals

The seals of the Order shall consist of the full Coat of Arms of the Order, surrounded for the National Organization with the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and for the Departments with the words "Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

The Camp seals shall consist of the Crest of the Coat of Arms, surrounded by thirteen stars, and under the roll shall appear in Roman numerals the year of the organization of the Order (1881). The whole shall be surrounded by the words, "_____. Camp No. _____. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and the location, town or city and State shall be added to the same.

ARTICLE VI.
Discipline

Section 1. The offenses cognizable by the SUVCW shall be:

First -- Disloyalty to the United States of America, or any other violation of any pledge given at the time of election into the Order, or violation of any obligation given at the time of assuming any office in the Order.

Second -- Disobedience of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies or other lawful orders of the SUVCW, emanating from proper authority.

Third -- The commission of a serious misdemeanor or any felony crime against the laws of the United States or any State or Commonwealth thereof.

Fourth -- Conduct unbecoming a Brother in his relation to the Order.

Fifth -- Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Section 2. The penalties shall be either:

First -- Dishonorable discharge from the Order.

Second -- Degradation from office.

Third -- Degradation of honors.

Fourth -- Suspension from membership for a specified period.

Fifth -- Reprimand.

Section 3. (a) All accusations shall be made in the form of charges alleging a violation of one or more of the offenses as contained in Section 1 of this Article and specifications as to the specific acts that are alleged to constitute the violations.

(b) If the charges pertain to Section A of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Harassment Policy Grievance Procedure then upon notification of a harassment complaint, a confidential and impartial investigation will be promptly commenced and will include direct interviews with involved parties and where necessary with employees (as defined in the SUVCW Harassment Policy) who may be witnesses or have knowledge of matters relating to the complaint. The parties of the complaint will be notified of the findings and any further proposed action. Should the complaint prove to be viable, it will be moved to the disciplinary process as stated in the following sections of this article.

(c) If the charges pertain to Section B of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Harassment Policy Grievance Procedure then upon notification of a harassment complaint, a confidential and impartial investigation will be promptly commenced and will include direct interviews with involved parties and where necessary with employees (as defined in the SUVCW Harassment Policy) who may be witness or have knowledge of matters relating to the complaint. The parties of the complaint will be notified of the findings and their options. Should the complaint prove to be viable, it will be moved to the disciplinary process as stated in the following sections of this article.

Section 4. When charges are made by a Brother against a Brother of the same Camp, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the Commander of that Camp.

Section 5. When charges are made by a Brother against a Brother of another Camp within the same Department, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the Department Commander.

Section 6. (a) When charges are made by a Brother against a Brother of another Camp in another Department, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the Department Commander in which the accused is a Brother.⁵⁷

(b) When charges are made for failure to pay indebtedness to, or financially defrauding the National Order, by an elected National Officer on behalf of the National Order, they shall be filed with the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief at his sole discretion may assume original jurisdiction and establish a hearing council, take summary discipline action as provided in Section 17 of this Article or refer the case to the Department Commander of the accused.

⁵⁷ Jurisdiction for brothers who maintain multiple memberships is determined by the location of the offense and is determined on a case-by-case basis. NC Grim, Op IV, 129th, 430.

(c) If the charges being filed under paragraph (b) of this section are against the Commander-in-Chief then section 11 of this Article applies.

Section 7. All accusations must be made by one or more Brothers against one or more Brothers. Charges cannot be filed against a Camp, a Department or the National Organization, nor can charges be filed by a Camp or Department. When charges are filed against a Brother who maintains multiple memberships, the charges shall be filed within the jurisdiction where the offense occurred. If the offense occurred at a location outside the jurisdiction of those localities where the accused has membership, the Brother filing the charges may file them with any competent jurisdiction having the right to hear the charges.

Section 8. When a complaint is received consisting of charges and specifications, the Commander so receiving the Complaint shall appoint a hearing council within 45 days, which shall consist of at least five (5) Brothers and no more than nine (9) Brothers who can fairly and justly hear the matter and issue a fair and just decision. If the Commander so appointing cannot locate sufficient Brothers within his command, he may call upon adjoining commands to furnish Brothers for the hearing council. The Commander so receiving the Complaint shall insure that the accused is provided a copy of the charges and specifications to the accused within 21 days and these charges and specifications shall not be disclosed to anyone until the accused has been provided with a copy thereof.

Section 9. The party preferring charges and the accused may challenge for cause the membership of the hearing council and may request the hearing council to remove one or more members of the hearing council. The party making the request must show actual bias and a likelihood that the hearing council member cannot fairly hear and decide the issues. A vote of the majority of the remaining members of the hearing council is necessary to remove a member from the hearing council. If a member of the hearing council is removed or resigns, then the appointing authority shall select another Brother of the Order to replace the removed/resigned member. After resolution of the composition of the hearing council, the hearing council shall proceed with their hearings.

Section 10. Upon appointment of the hearing council, the hearing council shall elect a chairman. The hearing council shall then convene within 90 days unless all parties agree to a later date, and shall give at least ten days' notice to the party preferring the charges and to the accused by certified mail, and shall state in such notice the time and place for the hearing. The hearing council shall have the power to postpone or continue the hearing, subpoena witnesses and shall impartially ascertain all the facts relative to the issue. A party to the issues may submit their evidence and argument by written statement, rather than personally attend a hearing.

Section 11. The Commander-in-Chief shall be tried for alleged offenses only on the request of three (3) elected members of the Council of Administration and on such request, the hearing council shall consist of the elected members of the Council of Administration, convened by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Section 12. The hearing council shall conduct the hearing in an informal manner so as to do substantial justice between the parties, according to the rules of substantive law. The hearing council shall not be bound by the statutory provisions or legal rules of practice, procedure, pleading, or evidence, except provisions relating to privileged communications. The sole object of the hearing is to dispense expeditious justice between the parties. The hearing council shall conduct the hearing in conformance to the Constitution, Regulations, policy and any orders as may be issued by the Commander-in-Chief. In the absence of the accused, after due notice of the time and place of hearing has been given him, hearing council may proceed in all respects as if he were present and had plead not guilty.

Section 13. (a). All Brothers of the SUVCW when summoned shall attend as witnesses before any hearing council and their testimony shall be taken on their honor as Brothers. Their testimony may be provided by written deposition if the Brother lives over 100 miles from the site of the hearing or the Brother is otherwise unable to attend in person. The evidence of persons not Brothers of the Order shall be taken under oath or affirmation. Their testimony may be secured by written deposition, submitted under oath or affirmation and certified by a notary public (or other like official) if the individual lives over 100 miles from the site of the hearing or the individual is otherwise unable to attend in person. The hearing council need not make a transcript of the proceedings, but shall make an audio record of the proceedings. Any party submitting exhibits or affidavits to the hearing council shall also provide exact copies of the same to the opposing party.

(b). The hearing council shall then make specific findings of fact and issue their decision as either guilty or not guilty as to each specification, 2/3's affirmative vote necessary to convict. If a guilty verdict is determined, the hearing council shall then determine an appropriate penalty as to the matter. Said penalty shall be effective throughout all Camps, Departments and the National Organization.

(c). Such sentence may include an assessment of costs actually incurred, to be paid by the accused, so long as the hearing council agrees to such assessment and the amount to be taxed unanimously. Should the accused be found not guilty of all counts, the petitioner may be assessed actual costs of the proceeding, if the hearing council unanimously finds the complaint to have been frivolously filed and agrees unanimously as to the amount of such costs.

Section 14. No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SUVCW shall become effective, until the whole proceedings shall have been forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, with the recommendation of the Department Commander attached, for his confirmation or disapproval. This section is not applicable when the hearing council is convened by order of the Commander-in-Chief.⁵⁸

⁵⁸ Sentences of less than honorable discharge become effective at the time of the decision. However, if a timely appeal is filed, then the sentence does not become effective until the Appeals Panel renders its decision. NC Grim,

Section 15. When charges are preferred against any Brother holding office, the Department Commander or the Commander-in-Chief, in their respective jurisdiction, may suspend the accused from office. During the suspension of an elected Camp or Department officer, their place shall be filled by the next officer in rank. During the suspension of an appointed officer, the authority making the original appointment shall appoint someone to fill the office during suspension. If the accused is a Department Commander, then only the Commander-in-Chief may suspend the accused from office. When the accused is the Commander-in-Chief, an affirmative vote of the Council of Administration to suspend is required.

Section 16. In case the accused is charged with an offense under Section 1, paragraph third, of this Article, the record of his conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be prima facie evidence of his guilt of the offense of which he is charged.

Section 17. A Commander-in-Chief may take summary discipline under the following procedure:

A) Complete and file with the National Council of Administration, a Complaint with charges and specifications per this Article. A majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the charges and specifications and authorize the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. Such summary discipline may only suspend a Brother from his status as a Brother in good standing and/or such summary discipline may temporarily suspend an officer of their duties.

B) The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief then appoints a hearing council as per this Article. The matter shall proceed as per this article, however, the a majority vote of the Council of Administration replacing the Commander-in-Chief in affirming any decision involving dishonorable discharge from the Order.

C) If the discipline sought includes removal of an elected National Officer from office, two-thirds affirmative vote is required, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from voting and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief only voting to break a tie. The accused shall not be present in the Council of Administration meeting room when the vote is taken. Such vote to be by secret ballot and the ballots to be destroyed upon the announcement of the vote. There shall be at least three tellers.

D) Upon removal of an elected National Officer, the Commander-in-Chief, upon the approval of the Council of Administration, may then make a provisional appointment to fill vacancy until the next National Encampment. There shall be no appeal of the ruling by the National Council of

Op VII, 129th, 431.

Administration to the next National Encampment, unless the Brother was removed from membership in the Order, in which case, the Brother removed must file notice of appeal within thirty (30) days from the effective date of the order removing him from membership. Nothing herein shall prevent a Brother still in good standing, who has been removed from National Office, from being nominated and elected to the office he was removed from.

Section 18. An appeal may be taken from the action of a hearing council as appointed by a Camp Commander, to the Department Commander. An appeal may be taken from the action of a hearing council as appointed by a Department Commander, or an appeal panel appointed by a Department Commander, to the Commander-in-Chief. Such appeal shall detail the reasons for the appeal and contain appropriate argument as to why the appeal should be granted. Such appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the final sentence.⁵⁹

Section 19. Upon an appeal, all records and exhibits shall be transmitted by the party appealing to the authority receiving the appeal. The chair of the hearing council shall forward the audio tape of the proceeding to the authority receiving the appeal.

Section 20. Whenever a Department Commander or the Commander-in-Chief shall receive an appeal, they shall appoint a three member appeals panel within 90 days. Such appeals panel shall consist of Brothers of this Order and shall, so far as practicable, not be acquainted with the individuals involved or as to the factual matters in dispute. Should it not be possible to reasonably find Brothers of the Order who are not acquainted with the individuals or the factual matters, then the appeals panel shall be selected from those Brothers of this Order who can fairly and justly hear this appeal and issue a fair and just decision.

Section 21. The appeals panel shall notify the opposite party on appeal, who shall then be entitled to file written objection to the appeal, accompanied by written argument. The appeals panel may, but shall not be required to, hold a hearing where the parties may appear to present further oral arguments.

Section 22. The appeals panel shall then render their decision. No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SUVCW shall become effective, until the whole appeal shall have been forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, for his confirmation or disapproval.

Section 23. The decision of an appeals panel appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, upon the conclusion of the process as outlined in Section 22, is final and no further right of appeal exists. A party may request leave to appeal to a National Encampment, which request must be made within 30 days of the issuance of the decision of the appeals panel appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Any decision of the National Encampment is final and may not be reviewed by any authority at any future time.

⁵⁹ Appeals of a decision of a hearing council appointed by a Camp Commander cannot be taken directly to the Commander-in-Chief, but must be made to the Department Commander. NC Grim, Op V, 129th, 430.

Section 24. Any Brother of the Order having any type of dispute with another Brother of the Order, concerning any matter involving the Order and not directly involving third parties who are not members of the Order, shall not file any legal action in any court anywhere, unless he shall first exhaust all remedies within the Order, including but not limited to, the filing of charges under this Article.

Section 25. Any Member, Associate, Junior or Junior Associate who 1) resigns while under suspension must receive a majority vote of the Department Encampment to which he belonged at the time of resignation to re-join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War after receiving the endorsement of the camp to which he formerly belonged; 2) received a General Discharge for the Good of the Order must receive a majority vote of the camp or Department Encampment, if a Department Member-at-Large, to which he belonged at the time of resignation to re-join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; 3) received a Dishonorable Discharge as the result of a disciplinary procedure shall not be re-admitted to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ARTICLE VII

Use of GAR Unused Cemetery Grave Plots

Section 1. Where unused graves exist in Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) or Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) grave plots, these graves shall be made available for indigent veterans with an appropriate marker consistent with markers used in the burial plot, or indigent SUVCW Brothers. The usage of these graves does not extend to spouses or other family members of the veteran or SUVCW member.

Section 2. Each Camp and Department should take action to secure any unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots within their area as previously directed by the National Encampment.

Section 3. Each Camp and Department possessing unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots shall forward to the National Graves Registration Officer, a description of the plots, including location.

Section 4. The SUVCW will notify the Department of Veterans Affairs in each state regarding this policy.

ARTICLE VIII.

Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of our Order and its elements except as in the Ritual and herein otherwise provided.

ARTICLE IX.

Flag

Each duly constituted body of the Order shall have the United States Flag.

The official flag of the National Organization shall be gold in color bearing an embroidered badge of the Order no smaller than 8 by 11 inches centered and surrounded by lettering identifying the National Organization and the National Organization.

The official flag of a Department shall be of red material, bearing a gold embroidered badge of the Order no smaller than 8 by 11 inches centered and surrounded by gold lettering identifying the National Organization and the particular Department, overall flag size to be the same as the American Flag it will accompany.

The official flag of a Camp shall be of similar design except that the principal color shall be blue.⁶⁰

The principal color of the flag of the Davis Camp No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, shall be gold in recognition of its place as the original Camp organized by Augustus Plummer Davis on November 12, 1881.

ARTICLE X. Coat of Arms

The Coat of Arms of the Order shall be as follows:

Shield: The field is white; two sabers crossed, points up, in proper colors, ensigned by a wreath of laurels, green; on a chief azure (Heraldic blue cobalt); the rising sun, gold; in the disc the monogram "S.U.V." in vermilion, on the white field arrange thirteen stars of five points, as in cut in vermilion.

Supporters: On the right a soldier, in fatigue uniform, (without arms) of 1861-65, viz.: dark blue blouse, light blue trousers, zouave cap, cross and waist belts of brown leather, on the buckle the letters "U.S." On the left a sailor in navy-blue shirt and trousers, black silk necktie and regulation cap.

Crest: An eagle (American) on rocks, in proper colors.

The scrolls containing the mottoes are white, shaded at the end with crimson lake; letters black; the ornaments bordering the shield, and under the same, of gold; the flags, naval and military, with cannon and muskets, all in their proper places and colors.

ARTICLE XI. Ritual

⁶⁰ A camp can carry no flag except those authorized by the C. R & R.. CinC Webb, Dec. X, 10th, 30.

The Ritual of the Order is hereby made a part of the Regulations of the Order and all matters not inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE XII.
Order of Business

For National and Department Encampments

1. Opening of Encampment.
2. Roll-call of Officers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Roll-call for Brothers as recorded.
6. Appointment of Committees:
 - (a) On Constitution and Regulations.
 - (b) On Ritual and Ceremonies.
 - (c) On Resolutions.
 - (d) On Reports of Officers.
 - (e) On Press.
 - (f) On Fraternal Relations.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reception and reference of communications. [All communications should be submitted in writing, and be referred to the proper committees without debate.]
9. Unfinished Business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Report of Council. [Directed to and acted upon by the Encampment -- not referred to committee.]
12. New Business.
13. Nomination of Officers.

14. Election and Installation of Officers.

This order of business may be transposed, except that the installation of officers shall not be held until all other business has been completed.

ARTICLE XIII.

Repealing Clause and Amendments

Section 1. All rules and regulations heretofore existing and in force are hereby repealed.

Section 2.

(a). All proposed amendments to these Regulations must be submitted in writing or electronically to the Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and the National Counselor and received by the aforementioned National Officers and Committee Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Encampment at which they are to be considered. Any proposed amendments received less than thirty (30) days prior to a National Encampment cannot be considered until the next succeeding National Encampment.

(b). Amendments originated by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations shall not be subject to subsection (A).

Section 3. The Commander-in-Chief may waive the time constraint in Section 2, if a change in law or the Constitution requires the Regulations to be amended.

Section 4. The National Encampment may waive the time constraint in Section 2 by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at the National Encampment.

Section 5. The within and foregoing Regulations may be altered or amended at any regular National Encampment by a two-thirds vote of all Brothers present as reported on the roll of the Encampment.

Article XIV

Section 1. Nothing in these Regulations is intended nor shall be construed as to compel, require, authorize, actively approve or passively approve any action by any Department or Camp contrary to the laws and regulations of the state(s) and ordinances of political subdivisions of the several states where a Department or Camp conducts the business of the Order. It is the responsibility of each Department or Camp to assure compliance with all state laws, regulations and ordinances of the political subdivisions of the respective states and political subdivisions of those states within which the Department or Camp functions.

COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

and

JUDGE-ADVOCATES-GENERAL/NATIONAL COUNSELORS

During the time of the Decisions and Opinions in this publication

1889-1890

Commander-in-Chief, Charles F. Griffin of Indiana

Judge-Advocate-General, O.B. Brown of Ohio

Opinions in Sons of Veterans Blue-Book

10th National Encampment -1891

Commander-in-Chief, Leland J. Webb of Kansas

Judge-Advocate-General, Bartow S. Weeks of New York City

11th National Encampment -1892

Commander-in-Chief, Bartow S. Weeks of New York City

Judge-Advocate-General, R. Shaw Van of Iowa

12th National Encampment -1893

Commander-in-Chief, Marvin E. Hall of Michigan

Judge-Advocate-General, W. Scott Beebe of Oregon

13th National Encampment – 1894

Commander-in-Chief, Joseph B. MacCabe of Massachusetts

Judge-Advocate-General, W.H. Russell of Kansas

14th National Encampment -1895

Commander-in-Chief, William E. Bundy of Ohio

Judge-Advocate-General, Grant W. Harrington of Kansas

15th National Encampment – 1896

Commander-in-Chief, W.H. Russell of Kansas

Judge-Advocate-General, R.B. Oglesbee of Indiana; also Newton J. McGuire of Indiana

16th National Encampment - 1897, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commander in Chief James Lewis Rake

Judge Advocate General - John Redmond

17th National Encampment - 1898, Omaha, Nebraska

Commander in Chief Charles K. Darling

Judge Advocate General - Edward K. Gould

18th National Encampment - 1899, Detroit, Michigan

Commander in Chief Frank L. Shepard

Judge Advocate General - James W. Noel

19th National Encampment - 1900, Syracuse, New York

Commander in Chief Asa W. Jones

Judge Advocate General - F.T.F. Johnson

20th National Encampment - 1901, Providence, Rhode Island

Commander in Chief E.W. Alexander

Judge Advocate General - Ernest Folsom

21st National Encampment - 1902, Washington, D.C.

Commander in Chief E.R. Campbell

Judge Advocate General - Raphael Tobias

22nd National Encampment - 1903, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Commander in Chief Frank Martin

Judge Advocate General - George C. Harvey

23rd National Encampment - 1904, Boston, Massachusetts

Commander in Chief Arthur B. Spink

Judge Advocate General - William T. Church

24th National Encampment - 1905, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Commander in Chief William G. Dustin

National Counselor - Edgar Allan

25th National Encampment - 1906, Peoria, Illinois

Commander in Chief H.V. Speelman

National Counselor - A.E.B. Stephens

26th National Encampment - 1907, Dayton, Ohio

Commander in Chief Edwin M. Amies

National Counselor - W.T. Church

27th National Encampment - 1908, Niagara Falls, New York

Commander in Chief Ralph Sheldon

National Counselor - F.T.P. Johnson

28th National Encampment - 1909, Washington, D.C.

Commander in Chief Edgar Allan Jr.

National Counselor - D.C. Tillotson

29th National Encampment - 1910, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Commander in Chief George W. Pollitt

National Counselor - Edward K. Gould

30th National Encampment - 1911, Rochester, New York

Commander in Chief Fred E. Bolton

National Counselor - Alfred L. Baldwin

31st National Encampment - 1912, St. Louis, Missouri

Commander in Chief Newton J. McGuire

National Counselor - George C. Harvey

32nd National Encampment - 1913, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Commander in Chief Ralph M. Grant

National Counselor - William M. Coffin

33rd National Encampment - 1914, Detroit, Michigan

Commander in Chief John F. Sautter

National Counselor - William M. Coffin

34th National Encampment - 1915, Washington, D.C.

Commander in Chief Charles F. Sherman

National Counselor - William Coffin

35th National Encampment - 1916, Kansas City, Missouri

Commander in Chief A.E.B. Stephens

National Counselor - H. Harding Hale

36th National Encampment - 1917, Boston, Massachusetts

Commander in Chief William T. Church

National Counselor - Arthur L. Jones

37th National Encampment - 1918, Niagara Falls, New York

Commander in Chief Frederick T.F. Johnson

National Counselor - Herbert S. Siggelko

38th National Encampment - 1919, Columbus, Ohio

Commander in Chief Francis Callahan

National Counselor - Herbert S. Siggelko

39th National Encampment - 1920, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commander in Chief Harry D. Sisson

National Counselor - William F. Akcorn

40th National Encampment - 1921, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commander in Chief Pelham A. Barrows

National Counselor - C.A. Bryson

41st National Encampment - 1922, Des Moines, Iowa

Commander in Chief Clifford Ireland

National Counselor, William Coffin

42nd National Encampment - 1923, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Commander in Chief Frank Shellhouse

National Counselor - Newton J. McGuire

43rd National Encampment - 1924, Boston, Massachusetts

Commander in Chief Samuel S. Dorn

National Counselor - Edwin C. Ireland

44th National Encampment - 1925, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Commander in Chief William M. Coffin

National Counselor George Holmes

45th National Encampment - 1926, Des Moines, Iowa

Commander in Chief Edwin C. Ireland

National Counselor - George Eberly

46th National Encampment - 1927, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Commander in Chief Ernest W. Homan

National Counselor George Eberly (Supreme Court, Nebraska)

47th National Encampment - 1928, Denver, Colorado

Commander in Chief Walter C. Mabie

National Counselor - William Anderson

48th National Encampment - 1929, Portland, Maine

Commander in Chief Delevan B. Bowley

National Counselor - John Sautter

49th National Encampment - 1930, Cincinnati, Ohio

Commander in Chief Theodore C. Cazeau

National Counselor - A. George Courtney

50th National Encampment - 1931, Des Moines, Iowa

Commander in Chief Allan S. Holbrook

National Counselor - Edw. T. Fairchild (Supreme Court - Wisconsin)

51st National Encampment - 1932, Springfield, Illinois

Commander in Chief Frank C. Huston

National Counselor - R.F. Locke

52nd National Encampment - 1933, St. Paul, Minnesota

Commander in Chief Titus M. Ruch

National Counselor - R.F. Locke

53rd National Encampment - 1934, Rochester, New York

Commander in Chief Park Yengling

National Counselor Perle Fouch

54th National Encampment - 1935, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Commander in Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner

National Counselor - M.G. Heintz

55th National Encampment - 1936, Washington, D.C.

Commander in Chief Richard F. Locke

National Counselor - Michael G. Hentz

56th National Encampment - 1937, Madison, Wisconsin

Commander in Chief William Allan Dyer

National Counselor - H.S. Howard

57th National Encampment - 1938, Des Moines, Iowa

Commander in Chief William Allan Dyer

National Counselor - H.S. Howard

58th National Encampment - 1939, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Commander in Chief William Anderson

National Counselor - not reported

59th National Encampment - 1940, Springfield, Illinois

Commander in Chief Ralph R. Barrett

National Counselor - William T. Church

60th National Encampment - 1941, Columbus, Ohio

Commander in Chief Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig

National Counselor - John E. Sauter, PCinC

61st National Encampment - 1942, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commander in Chief Albert C. Lambert

National Counselor Walter C. Mabie

62nd National Encampment - 1943, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Commander in Chief Henry Towle

National Counselor - Frank L. Kirchgassner

63rd National Encampment - 1944, Des Moines, Iowa

Commander in Chief C. LeRoy Stoult

National Counselor - John E. Sautter, PCinC

64th National Encampment - 1945, Columbus, Ohio

Commander in Chief Urion W. Mackey

National Counselor - John E. Sautter, PCinC

65th National Encampment - 1946, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commander in Chief H. Harding Hale

National Counselor - William T. Church

66th National Encampment - 1947, Cleveland, Ohio

Commander in Chief Neil D. Crammer

National Counselor - Robert W. Doughty

67th National Encampment - 1948, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Commander in Chief Charles H.E. Moran

National Counselor - Walter C. Mabie

68th National Encampment - 1949, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commander in Chief Perle L. Fouch

National Counselor - Cecil J. Randall

69th National Encampment - 1950, Boston, Massachusetts

Commander in Chief John H. Runkle

National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

70th National Encampment - 1951, Columbus, Ohio

Commander in Chief Cleon E. Heald

National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

71st National Encampment - 1952, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Commander in Chief Roy J. Bennett

National Counselor - Neil D. Cranmer

72nd National Encampment - 1953, Buffalo, New York

Commander in Chief Frederick K. Davis

National Counselor - Col. Frederic G. Bauer

73rd National Encampment - 1954, Duluth, Minnesota

Commander in Chief U.S. Grant, III, Major General, Ret.

National Counselor Richard F. Locke, PCinC

74th National Encampment - 1955, Cincinnati, Ohio
Commander in Chief U.S. Grant, III, Major General, Ret.
National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

75th National Encampment - 1956, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Commander in Chief Frederic Gilbert Bauer
National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

76th National Encampment - 1957, Detroit, Michigan
Commander in Chief Fred E. Howe
National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

77th National Encampment - 1958, Boston, Massachusetts
Commander in Chief Albert DeHaven
National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

78th National Encampment - 1959, Long Beach, California
Commander in Chief Earl F. Riggs
National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

79th National Encampment - 1960, Springfield, Illinois
Commander in Chief Harold E. Arnold
National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

80th National Encampment - 1961, Indianapolis, Indiana
Commander in Chief Thomas A. Chadwick
National Counselor - Richard F. Locke, PCinC

81st National Encampment - 1962, Washington, D.C.
Commander in Chief Charles L. Messer, 23 Aug 61 to 3 May 62
Commander in Chief Chester S. Shriver, Since May, 62
National Counselor - U.S. Grant, III, Maj. Gen. USA (ret)

82nd National Encampment - 1963, Miami Beach, Florida
Commander in Chief Chester S. Shriver
National Counselor - U.S. Grant, III, Maj. Gen. USA (ret)

83rd National Encampment - 1964, Providence, Rhode Island
Commander in Chief Joseph S. Rippey
National Counselor - U.S. Grant, III, Maj. Gen. USA (ret)

84th National Encampment - 1965, Richmond, Virginia

Commander in Chief Joseph S. Rippey
National Counselor - U.S. Grant, III, Maj. Gen. USA (ret)

85th National Encampment - 1966, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Commander in Chief W. Earl Corbin
National Counselor - U.S. Grant, III, Maj. Gen. USA (ret)

86th National Encampment - 1967, Chicago, Illinois
Commander in Chief Frank Woerner
National Counselor - U.S. Grant, III, Maj. Gen. USA (ret)

87th National Encampment - 1968, Wilmington, Delaware
Commander in Chief William Haskell
National Counselor - U.S. Grant, III, Maj. Gen. USA (ret)

88th National Encampment - 1969, St. Louis, Missouri
Commander in Chief Frank M. Heacock, Sr.
National Counselor - Albert C. Lambert

89th National Encampment - 1970, Miami Beach, Florida
Commander in Chief Fred H. Combs
National Counselor - Albert C. Lambert

90th National Encampment - 1971, Boston, Massachusetts
Commander in Chief George Cashman
National Counselor - Albert C. Lambert

91st National Encampment - 1972, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Commander in Chief Norman R. Furman
National Counselor - Albert C. Lambert

92nd National Encampment - 1973, Palm Springs, California
Commander in Chief John Yocum
National Counselor - Albert C. Lambert

93rd National Encampment - 1974, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
Commander in Chief Allen B. Howland
National Counselor - Albert C. Lambert

94th National Encampment - 1975, Rochester, New York
Commander in Chief John H. Stark
National Counselor - Albert C. Lambert

95th National Encampment – 1976

Commander in Chief Clarence J. Riddell
National Counselor – Frank M. Heacock, Sr.

96th National Encampment – 1977
Commander in Chief Kenneth T. Wheeler
National Counselor – William W. Haskell

97th National Encampment – 1978, Grand Rapids, MI
Commander in Chief Harold T. Beilby
National Counselor – Norman R. Furman, PCinC

98th National Encampment - 1979, Hartford, Conn.
Commander in Chief Richard L. Grenwalt
Frank M. Heacock, Sr., National Counselor

99th National Encampment - 1980, Richmond, Virginia
Commander in Chief Elton P. Koch
Fred H. Combs, Jr., National Counselor

100th National Encampment - 1981, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Commander in Chief Richard Ernest Wyman
National Counselor - Cleon Heald, PCinC

101st National Encampment - 1982, Providence, Rhode Island
Commander in Chief Harry E. Gibbons
National Counselor, Norman R. Furman, PCinC

102nd National Encampment - 1983, Portland, Maine
Commander in Chief Richard Carl Schlenker
National Counselor - Joseph Rippey, PCinC

103rd National Encampment - 1984, Akron, Ohio
Commander in Chief William L. Simpson
National Counselor, William W. Haskell

104th National Encampment - 1985, Wilmington, Delaware
Commander in Chief Eugene E. Russell
National Counselor, William W. Haskell

105th National Encampment - 1986, Lexington, Kentucky
Commander in Chief Donald L. Roberts
National Counselor, William W. Haskell

106th National Encampment – 1987, Buffalo, New York

Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, II
National Counselor, William L. Simpson, PCinC

107th National Encampment – 1988, Lansing, Michigan
Commander-in-Chief Rev. Richard O. Partington
National Counselor, Richard D. Orr

108th National Encampment, 1989, Stamford, Connecticut
Commander in Chief Clark W. Mellor
National Counselor, Eugene E. Russell, PC-in-C

110th National Encampment, 1991, Indianapolis, Indiana
Commander in Chief George W. Long
National Counselor, Richard D. Orr

111th National Encampment, 1992, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Commander in Chief Lowell V. Hammer
National Counselor, Richard D. Orr

113th National Encampment - 1994, Lansing, Michigan
Commander in Chief Allen W. Moore
National Counselor, Richard D. Orr

114th National Encampment - 1995, Columbus, Ohio
Commander in Chief Keith Graham Harrison
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

115th National Encampment - 1996, Columbus, Ohio
Commander in Chief, David R. Medert
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

116th National Encampment – 1997, Utica, New York
Commander in Chief, Alan R. Loomis
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

117th National Encampment – 1998, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

118th National Encampment – 1999, Indianapolis, Indiana,⁶¹

⁶¹ At the time this edition of the Blue Book was published, the proceedings of the 118th National Encampment had not yet been published. The committee is relying upon raw transcripts and reports of officers.

Commander in Chief Andrew M. Johnson
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

119th National Encampment – 2000, Lansing, Michigan
Commander in Chief Danny L. Wheeler
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

120th National Encampment – 2001, Springfield, Missouri
Commander in Chief Edward J. Krieser
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

121st National Encampment – 2002, Springfield, Illinois
Commander in Chief George L. Powell
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

122nd National Encampment – 2003, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
Commander in Chief Robert E. Grim
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

123rd National Encampment – 2004, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

124th National Encampment – 2005, Nashua, New Hampshire
Commander in Chief Stephen A. Michaels
National Counselor, James B. Pahl

125th National Encampment – 2006, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Commander in Chief Donald E. Darby
National Counselor, Robert E. Grim, PCinC

126th National Encampment – 2007, St. Louis, Missouri
Commander in Chief James B. Pahl
National Counselor, Donald W. Shaw, Esq.

127th National Encampment – 2008, Peabody, Massachusetts
Commander in Chief Charles E. Kuhn
National Counselor, Richard D. Orr, PCinC

128th National Encampment – 2009, Louisville, Kentucky
Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert
National Counselor, Robert E. Grim, PCinC

129th National Encampment – 2010, Overland Park, Kansas

Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy
National Counselor, Robert E. Grim, PCinC