

HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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The Midyear meeting will be held at the Ithaca Veterans Firemen's Association on **November 3, from 10 am to about 4:00**. Doors will open at 8 am for early arrivals. The address is 638 Elmira Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

The three main concerns from the National Commander are:

1. Membership growth and retention
2. Increased public awareness of the Order – We should no longer be the best kept secret in America.
3. Extension of 501(c)(3) status to the Departments and Camps May 2019

Please check once a week our National and State web sites to see what changes if any, are new. (ex. Gen. Orders from the CIC) **There are 4 new General Orders** from Commander Shaw on the Nat. web site and recommendations from Past Commander Day,

November 30, 2018 is the deadline for changes to all camps' by laws, **regarding youthful Members and the 501c3 requirement.**

. Please send me **two copies** of your by Laws with **signature page** so I can review and sign off on them. I will send one copy to the National after reviewing it.
(Dennis Duffey of the Moses A. Baldwin Camp, has offered to help any camp with the Gen. Order 18 by Law)

Pursuant to the continuing effort to secure a group exemption status under 501c3 regulations and at the request of the National Treasurer, the following language shall be inserted into, if not already appearing, the by-laws of each Department, Camp, or other subordinate unit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which would be included in a SUVCW group exemption.

ARTICLE _____ - Organization: The Camp/Department/Other Unit shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the (NAME OF CAMP/DEPARTMENT/OTHER UNIT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR). The camp/department/other unit is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of _____. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE _____ - Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes: No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described

in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the unincorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE _____ - Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets:

Section 1: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp/Department/Other Unit Charter, all Camp/Department/Other Unit property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2: All property of the Camp/Department/Other Unit shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Camp Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Camp/Department/Other unit shall not be divided among its members.

Section 3: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of _____.

Section 4: Notwithstanding the above language, 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, 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.

2. The numbering and insertion of these articles should follow the form and structure of the current by-laws of each Department, Camp, or other subordinate unit.

As Departments and Camps which have previously gained a separate 501c3 tax-exempt status are required by the IRS to have this language in their by-laws and camps seeking to obtain a separate 501c3 status will be likewise required by the IRS to include this language in their by-laws; they shall, as subordinate entities of the SUVCW, be expected to have these articles in their approved by-laws.

Youthful Members

A. All Brothers under the age of 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in ANY SUVCW activity. B. At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted 'one on one' contact with a Brother under the age of 18. Any interaction with a Brother under the age of 18 must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age 18 at all times. C. Any Brother who witnesses or suspects in good faith any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any member under the age of 18 will immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first and local Camp and Department Commanders immediately. D. Every Brother over the age of 18 who may have contact with a Brother under the age of 18 should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America at <http://www.myscouting.org> , You will need to create an account, then select the

Training, E-Training, then choose the youth protection training. It takes about 30 minutes to complete. Upon completion, you will be able to print a certificate along with a wallet-size certification card which is good for a period of 2 years. While this training is not a requirement, it is highly suggested that it is completed to be used as a tool to protect our youth and Brothers. E. Ultimately, all Brothers also need to comply with all applicable Local and State laws pertaining to child abuse.

There is a **National (Statistically Sound) survey** which was sent to 300 members of the Sons Nationwide and the results **can be seen on the National web site.** (found in latest news) Recruiting, Communication and public awareness are the big issues.

So ordered on this, 19th of September, 2018
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Leo C. McGuire, Commander
Department of New York, SUVCW