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General Order #18
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Definition of So-Called “Paper Camps”

1. A question has arisen whether the prohibition in General Order #14, Series 2016-2017, of so-called “paper Camps” or “virtual Camps”, likewise prohibits virtual meetings that have been authorized in subsequent General Orders.
2. It was found that the term “paper Camp” has not been explicitly defined in National Regulations or other official governing documents; however, it has been used in common practice for a number of years.
3. Therefore it is deemed necessary at this time to formally define “Paper Camp” as used by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:
 - a. A “Paper Camp” (including a so-called “Virtual Camp”) is hereby defined as a subordinate organization of a Department that exists solely as a shell entity, with no substantive existence. The characteristics of a “Paper Camp” include the following: it does not conduct Camp business or other meetings by approved means (when no national emergency or other circumstance prevents such activity and/or meetings, whether live, virtual, or hybrid live-virtual) for an extended period of time as determined by the Council of Administration; it does not elect officers per regulations (of which evidence includes but is not limited to reporting the same names on required reporting forms for an extended period; it does not participate in Department Encampments; and it does not hold activities or participate in programs to promote the goals, principles, and objectives of the Order.
 - b. The term “Paper Camp” shall not include Department Camps-at-large or National Camps-at-large.
4. “Paper Camps” by their nature undermine the principles of the Order; therefore, they remain prohibited and are subject to suspension or surrender of charter.
5. The SUVCW’s prohibition of “paper Camps” and the aforesaid GO #14 shall not be construed to ban or inhibit the use of electronic means to conduct and/or supplement live meetings, activities,

and/or events currently permitted by the SUVCW due to the Covid-19 pandemic, or any provisions in the forthcoming national policy on virtual meetings.

Ordered this 11th Day of May 2021.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian C. Pierson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

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Attest:

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