

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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1. I have noticed three illegal Camp Flags in the last month. What is an illegal flag?

An illegal camp flag is the United States national flag with lettering of the camp name, department name and/or the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War placed in the white stripes. Yes, this method was used by Civil War regiments; however, we are not regiments from the Civil War. We are a patriotic organization representing the Grand Army of the Republic. When we use a Flag in the above manner, we are breaking the National Flag Code of the United States. According to the Code, no lettering of any kind is to be placed on the flag.

2. As for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the Constitution and Regulations states that the National, Department, and Camp flags are yellow, red, and blue, respectively. The official SUVCW flags may be ordered from the Ohio Department who has the National Licence from the National Council of Administration to produce them from June 2000 until June 2002.

3. If the camp decides to make its own flag, it must be of blue material with the SUVCW badge. The badge can be ordered from Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Kreiser at a cost of \$45.00 each.

4. At this time I am directing all Department Commanders to contact all Camps within their respective Departments and by order of the Commander-in-Chief remove from use all illegal flags from Camp meetings and all outdoor activities as of this date, June 4, 2000.

By Order of:

Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

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