

Opinion on a Camp Commander Being Camp Treasurer
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Commander-in-Chief Daniel W. Murray requested an Opinion as to whether a Camp Commander can hold the Camp Treasurer position.

While the Regulations do not state that a Camp Commander cannot be the Camp Treasurer, the Regulations do allow for combining the Secretary and Treasurer positions but do not describe a Commander-Treasurer position. Also, the job descriptions of the two offices clearly imply that there must be a separation of duties in order to have a checks and balances system in place.

It is the opinion of the National Counselor, based on the research of material, a Camp Commander cannot hold the position of Camp Treasurer.



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Research

Text in bold is for highlighting the pertinent text.

From the Regulations, Chapter II Camps, Article V Officers:

“Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and 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).**”

From the Regulations, Chapter II Camps, Article VII Elected Officers Job descriptions & Duties:

“Section 1. Camp Commander - The purpose of the office of Commander is to direct and to provide oversight of Camp operations in order to foster and promote the goals and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. 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 5 Camp Treasurer - The purpose of the office of Treasurer is to serve as custodian of Camp or Department monies and property, to keep accurate financial records and to prepare periodic financial reports. 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.”