

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL REGULATIONS
FROM THE
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Chapter I, Article I Section 6

Section 6: Brothers of the Order who reside outside of the United States, its territories and possessions, may petition the National Organization to form a Camp in their home country, to be an affiliated association to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 7: Such affiliated association shall be formed under the laws of the nation or territory where such Camp shall be headquartered as a totally separate organization. Such affiliated association shall not be considered subordinate to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such affiliated association shall be licensed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to perform all such acts as may be appropriate for a Camp of the Order. Such affiliated association shall be known as an International Camp.

Section 8: A petition of the proposed International Camp shall comply with the instructions as found in Form 50. Such International Camp shall make its application as a Camp-at-Large as set forth in these Regulations.

Section 9: Upon approval, the National Organization shall issue a charter to the International Camp as an International Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, noting upon said Charter this is an affiliated association.

Section 10: The relationship of the International Camp with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be administered through the Department-at-Large of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 11: To receive a license to operate from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, membership in an International Camp shall be limited to brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Once a brother becomes a member of an International Camp, such brother shall pay his National Per Capita, plus an amount set by the Council of Administration to cover the additional Banner mailing costs, to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the same as if the brother was a member of a Camp of the Order. Such payment is to be forwarded to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through the International Camp in the same fashion as a National Camp-at-Large.

Section 12: All payments to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by brothers and International Camps residing or located outside of the United States, its territories and

possessions, must be in United States dollars and paid by international money order or a check drawn on a US bank. This includes sales through the Quartermaster Store.

Renumber Sections in Article I: Current Section 6 becomes Section 13 and current Sections 7-9 becoming Sections 14- 16 respectively.

Chapter I, Article VIII Section 1

Section 1 (d) Any member of a Camp may nominate for a Flag Certificate Award, a person, company or agency that proudly, conspicuously and properly flies or display the United Sates Flag. The Flag must be properly displayed as outlined in Public Laws 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, which contains rules for the handling and displaying of the United States Flag. The Flag Certificate Award should not be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes. Public Law 94-344 as amended appears on the SUVCW website.

Chapter II, Article I Section 14

Section 14. A Department, with the permission of the National Organization, may enter into a lawsuit within its area of jurisdiction to prove lawful ownership of Civil War era property or G.A.R. property. This permission may be granted through either the action of the National Encampment or that of the Council of Administration via a General Order of the Commander-in-Chief SUVCW. Departments should be aware that any monetary liability regarding the lawsuit falls upon the Department to pay.

Chapter II, Article VII Section 4

Section 4. (New paragraph (m) The Department Secretary shall retain a record of all Dishonorable Discharges received from the Executive Director and provide each Camp in the Department a copy of Dishonorable Discharge reports received from the Executive Director.

Chapter II, Article XI Section 2

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~~ **one year** 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.

Chapter III, Article VI Section 4

Section 4. 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 **by a temporary appointment**, until the next regular meeting of the National Organization, when an election shall be held. **The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served.**

Chapter III, Article VI, Section 14; Chapter III, Article VII; Article X, Section 1

Chapter III, Article VI

Section 14. 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.~~ He shall ensure that a copy of the "Proceedings" from the Order's annual National Encampment is filed with the Library of Congress.

Chapter III, Article VII new Section 31: **Section 31. It shall be the duty of the National Legislation Officer 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.**

Renumber the current Section 31 of this Article to Section 32.

Chapter III, Article X Section 1.

The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, 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, Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, EBay Surveillance and Scholarships, Promotions and Marketing, Vision and Planning.

~~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.~~

Renumber Sections 6-24 of Article X

Chapter III, Article VII Section 16

(b) The Executive Director shall reject the applications of individuals who have received a Dishonorable Discharge. He shall maintain a record of Dishonorable Discharges and provide a report of Dishonorable Discharges, once a year, on or about August 1st, to the secretary of each department, who in turn shall share it with all camps within his department for use when reviewing new membership applications.

(c) Upon notice of a new Dishonorable Discharge at National Headquarters, the Executive Director shall report such information to all departments within 30 days of notification at national headquarters.

Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 2(b)

Section 2(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. **Following review of the budget by the encampment it becomes the responsibility of the Council of Administration to approve the annual budget;** and no officer or Committee, **except the National Treasurer as specified in Article IX, Section 2(b) of this Chapter,** 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.

Chapter III, Article X Section 1 and Section 21

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, 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, ~~Civil War Heritage Defense Fund,~~ Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, EBay Surveillance and Scholarships, Promotions and Marketing, Vision and Planning.

~~Section 21. The purpose of the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund is to raise and recommend distributing money to help with litigation relating to the stopping the sale of Civil War Memorial~~

~~items or legal action for the return of such items that were already sold or stolen, when found. Financial contributions by the SUVCW membership has been the major source of funds, however other types of fund raisers are permitted. Case information is to be directed to the Chairman of the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund. The committee will review the merits of the case and will forward their recommendations to the Commander in Chief for his approval. If additional action is required, the committee is responsible for action.~~

Renumber remaining sections of this Article.

Chapter III, Article X Section 1 and Section 13

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, ~~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, Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, ~~Civil War Memorial Grant Fund~~, EBay Surveillance and Scholarships, Promotions and Marketing, Vision and Planning.

~~Section 13: The purpose of the National Committee on Americanization and Education is to develop and implement programs that will encourage a greater awareness of citizenship, patriotism and American traditions with the goal of increasing participation in civic and patriotic activities among the Order and general population. This includes:~~

~~1. Develop flag etiquette, patriotism, citizenship, Civil War, Memorial Day, American history, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) history, and SUVCW history programs which may be provided to Departments and Camps for presentation to schools, patriotic and civic organizations and other such public gatherings.~~

~~2. Prepare and submit articles to the Editor of the Banner on programs developed by the Committee and solicit ideas and suggestions from Departments and Camps regarding changes which can be made to improve the existing programs and on new programs.~~

~~3. With the National Patriotic Instructor as chairman of the committee, work with the National Committee on Fraternal Relations and the other Allied Orders of the G.A.R. to develop and implement joint and/or concurrent patriotic programs.~~

Renumber remaining sections of this Article.

Chapter III, Article VII Section 8

Section 8. 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.

Chapter III, Article X Section 6(b), (See C&R page 92)

~~1. Compile and periodically update a list of physical and equipment requirements needed by a hotel to host a National Encampment.~~

1. Compile and periodically update a list of hotel facilities and equipment required to host a National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

~~2. Compile and periodically update a list of normal customs observed and amenities provided pursuant to past practices of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).~~

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~~3. Compile and periodically update a list of material, supplies and equipment (such as badges, Encampment Programs, Camp Fire Program, music, pianos, flowers, etc.) which are normally expected to be present or required at National Encampments.~~

3. Compile and periodically update a list of material, supplies and equipment (such as badges, Encampment Programs, Camp Fire Program, Memorial Service Program, flowers, etc.) which are normally expected to be present or required at National Encampments of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

~~4. Prepare and periodically update diagrams of Opening Ceremony, Meeting, Banquet, Courtesy Night, Campfire and Memorial Program room setups pursuant to the requirements of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the G.A.R.~~

4. Prepare and periodically update diagrams of Council of Administration Meeting, Memorial Program, Opening Ceremony, Business Meeting, Campfire and Banquet room setups, pursuant to the requirements of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

5. Prepare and periodically update a list of responsibilities normally expected to be fulfilled by the Local Host Committee.

~~6. Solicit Departments 3 years or more in advance to consider hosting a National Encampment and provide a list of responsibilities normally accepted by a Host Committee.~~

6. Solicit Department proposals for hosting National Encampment 3 years or more in advance, and provide Departments a list of responsibilities normally expected of a Host Committee.

~~7. Evaluate, in concert with representatives from the other Allied Orders, all official invitations issued by Departments as to the feasibility of that Department to host a National Encampment.~~

7. Review, evaluate and compare all official Encampment hosting proposals submitted by Departments. Assess each proposal, for facilities, prices, location, experience, ability, of the Host Committee members. Based on these assessments, select the proposal, 3 years in advance, which is most advantageous to the Order and its Members.

~~8. Locate and evaluate alternate host cities and facilities in the event that no Department offers to host or a selected Department cannot hold the National Encampment.~~

8. In the event that no feasible proposal to host the National Encampment is submitted, or if a selected Department is unable to hold the National Encampment, the committee will locate and evaluate alternate host cities and facilities, and select the host city which is most advantageous to the Order and its Members.

9. Negotiate with the selected Encampment hotel such complimentary meeting rooms, suites for National officers and other concessions normally provided pursuant to past practices of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

10. 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 National Secretary.

11. Provide regular status reports to the Commander-in-Chief and National Council of Administration.

12. Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commandeer-in-Chief and National Encampment.

Chapter V, Article IV Section 3 (R) (See C&R page 117)

Section 3 (R).

(a) A citation will accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. The citation signed by the Commander-in-Chief will contain the dates and a summary of the recipient's meritorious service beyond the efficient and loyal performance of his duties. The citation should be read when the award is presented.

- (b) Individuals or Departments submitting a Brother for the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star, at the Commander-in-Chief's request, must submit a citation following the approved format located in the forms section of the SUVCW website.**
- (c) Each Meritorious Service Award citation will be published in a General Order.**
- (d) The National Secretary will keep an ongoing record of each Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star that is presented.**

Chapter V, Article IV Section 3 (See C&R page 117)

Section 3 (U). The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award

- (a) The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW. At the National level she must be recommended by a Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief, or an elected National Officer. At the Department level she must be recommended by a Past Camp Commander, Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief or the Department Commander.**
- (b) The Commander-in-Chief may present up to three awards in any one year. A Department Commander may present up to two awards in any one year. It is not mandatory for either the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to present this award.**
- (c) The medal shall be gold in color. The obverse bears a portrait of Doctor Mary Edwards Walker wearing a Medal of Honor within a raised bordure bearing the inscription "Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Medal" above and SUVCW below, separated by stars. The reverse of the medal will be inscribed as follows: "Awarded in grateful appreciation for service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." (Note: the reverse also bears the copyright © 2011 SUVCW)**
- (d) The medal shall be suspended from a neck ribbon, gold in color for national awards made by the Commander-in-Chief, and dark red for awards made by a Department Commander. The medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be presented with the medal. The medal may be presented in accordance with the ceremony in the "Ritual & Ceremonials."**

SVR Regulations Chapter V, Section 2

Section 2. Add the following sentence at the end of this section: **The unit commander may appoint from his unit the following staff members to assist him in the performance of his administrative duties: an adjutant; chaplain and public relations person.**

Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1(a)

Section 1(a). 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 Organization Expansion Officer, 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, **National Signals Officer** and a Washington DC Representative. The same member may hold the office of National Secretary and the office of National Treasurer simultaneously. (b) A dual member who seeks election to the Council of Administration must be a candidate from his primary or home department. (c) A dual member for election to the Council of Administration at-large seat wishing to change his primary or home Department must have that change in effect to be reported by February 15, before seeking election to one of the five at-large Council of Administration seats.

Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1

Section 1. 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, **The Banner Editor, The National Signals Officer**, 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 **with the exception of the Banner Editor, and the National Signals Officer**) 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.

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Staff, National Civil War Memorials Officer, National Counselor, National GAR Highway Officer, National GAR Records Officer, National Graves Registration Officer, National Historian, **National Legislation Officer** 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. (b) A dual member who seeks election to the Council of Administration must be a candidate from his primary or home department. (c) A dual member for election to the Council of Administration at-large seat wishing to change his primary or home Department must have that change in effect to be reported by February 15, before seeking election to one of the five at-large Council of Administration seats.

Chapter V, Article IV, Section 3(G)

Section 3(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 **official documentation from the Brother's uniformed service's personnel center/ bureau noting the award of the campaign or service Ribbon/Medal** must accompany any application for the War Medal. Entitlement is determined by the Brother's Camp at a regular meeting of that Camp. A bronze 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. **If the Council of Administration decides to stop issuing the bronze bar denoting a conflict/war Brothers may substitute up to three (3) military lapel pins denoting such service. Only the bar or the lapel pin may be used; not both.**

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

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