

BY-LAWS
of the
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ARTICLE I – Organization

The Department shall be constituted as provided by the National Constitution and Regulations governing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Membership shall be prescribed by the National C. & R., including Memberships at Large, Associate Members, Junior Sons, and Junior Associates.

ARTICLE III – Meetings

The meetings of the Department shall be held in accordance with the National C. & R. The time and place shall be determined by the Department Commander, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, and the members of the Department Council by majority vote. Special meetings of the Department may be called in accordance with Article 4, Section 6, National C. & R.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

The Department Officers shall be as listed in Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 1, National C. & R. The Officers of the Department shall be elected and appointed to one year terms in accordance with the National C. & R. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Department shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 6, National C. & R.

ARTICLE V – Committees

Prior to each Department Encampment, the Department Commander shall appoint annually three (3) members to the Encampment Credentials Committee, the first person appointed to serve as chairman, and said committee shall report to the Encampment at the session of their appointment.

The Department Commander shall be a member ex officio of all Department Committees.

ARTICLE VI – Authorized Expenditures

The Department Secretary and Treasurer shall receive reimbursement for expenses from the funds of the Department. The Department Commander shall be

entitled to be paid from the funds of the Department a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) as traveling expenses incurred in attendance at the meetings of the Department and its Camps. The Department is authorized to expend Department funds to cover the travel, hotel and meal expenses of up to three delegates to the annual National Encampment, the exact amount to be voted upon at the Department Encampment immediately preceding the National Encampment.

ARTICLE VII – Bonds

The Department Treasurer shall, within fifteen (15) days from the date of his installation, furnish a bond in the amount to be fixed by the Department Council, which sum shall not be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000,000), for the faithful performance of his duties and a just accounting for all funds and property of the Department. Said bond to be taken in the name of the Department Commander, and held in trust for the Department, and said bond to be paid from the funds of the Department.

ARTICLE VIII – Reports

The Department Commander, all officers and committee chairmen shall render annual reports in writing at the Department Encampment. All Camp commanders shall make a written report of their Camp's activities during the year at each annual Department Encampment. The Department Secretary shall make and keep a record of the proceedings of the Department, and the Department Treasurer shall make a regular report of the finances of the Department as often as required by the National C. & R.

ARTICLE IX – Fees

The Charter Fee for new camps shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), and shall be paid before the approval of the Charter by the Department Commander. This fee shall cover the cost of the Camp packet. The annual per capita tax shall be determined by vote of the Department Encampment. Members-at-Large shall pay an admission fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) and yearly dues as determined by the vote of the Department Encampment, which shall include a subscription to THE BANNER.

Each camp shall regulate its dues and fees for revenues, provided the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than ten dollars (\$10.00). No part of the admission fee shall be credited for any other purpose, and the minimum yearly dues shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00).

Each camp may establish such admission fees to be paid by members joining by transfer, as it may deem proper, not exceeding, however, the amount required of a new member.

ARTICLE X – Amendments

These By-Laws shall be amended, altered or added to only by a two-thirds vote of all the members present and entitled to vote at any Annual Department Encampment. Any

proposed amendment, alteration or addition to these By-Laws shall be printed and a copy sent to the Commander and Secretary of each Camp at least thirty days prior to the Annual Encampment.

These By-Laws and any amendments, alterations or additions thereto shall go into effect immediately after their adoption and approval by the Commander-in-Chief. All By-Laws heretofore adopted by the Department are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE XI Members-at-Large

Section 1. Any Brother (Member, Associate or Junior) living within the jurisdiction of the Department or assigned to the Department who is not affiliated with an established Camp within the Department shall be designated as a Department Member-at-Large. Any Department Member-at-Large shall pay the appropriate per capita dues as required. Said dues shall be set annually by the Department Encampment, Minimum dues for a Member-at-Large will be the sum of the National and Department per capita tax.

Section 2. Any Member-at-Large may transfer his membership to an established Camp in the Department by stating his intention to that Camp's Commander or Secretary and to the Department Secretary.

Section 3. A member in good standing, if his Camp disbands or is otherwise terminated, will be given the option to join another Camp within the Department (paying any dues as required by the Camp); or to become a Department Member-at-Large; or to allow his membership to expire and be honorably discharged from the Order.

Section 4. The Department Commander shall appoint a Department Member-at-Large coordinator.

These By-Laws were approved at the 115th Annual Encampment of the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Hightstown, New Jersey, on June 7, 1997. Article IV was amended at the 127th Annual Encampment held at Belmar, New Jersey, on June 13, 2009. Amendments to Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 were approved at the 129th Annual Encampment held at Millville, New Jersey on May 21, 2011. Article 11 was approved at the 134th Annual Encampment held at Toms River, New Jersey, on June 11, 2016.

ATTEST

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