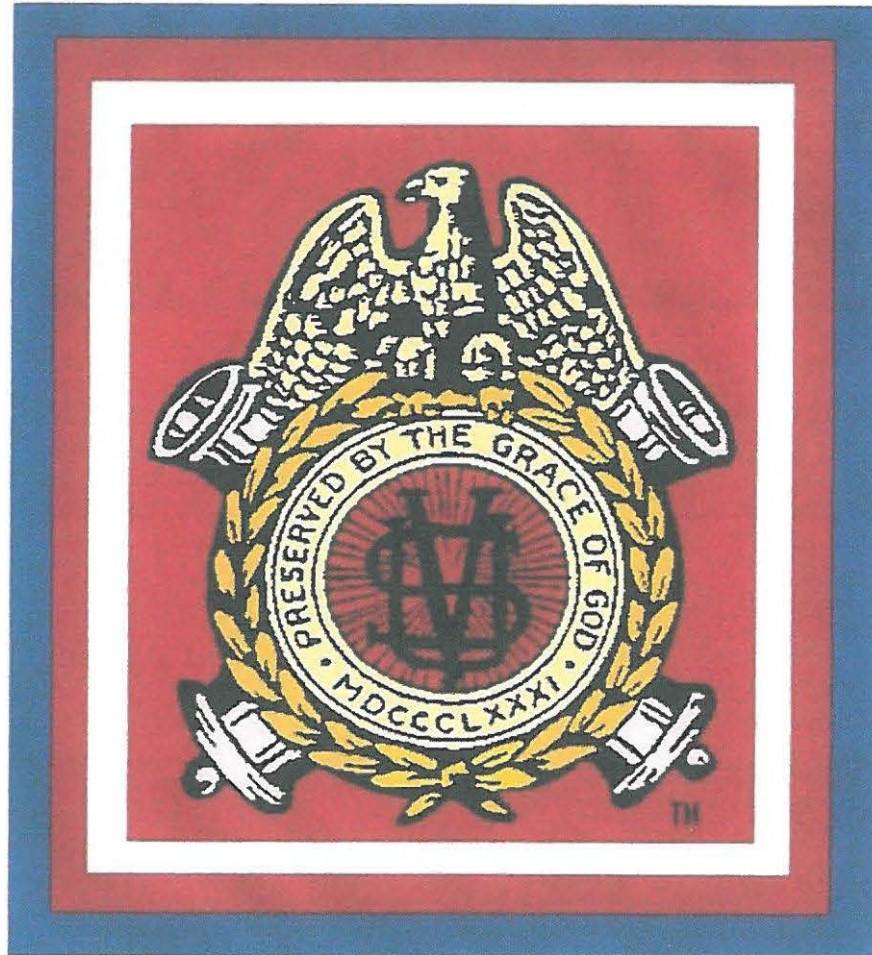


DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



BY-LAWS

(With revisions proposed by the By-laws Committee for consideration at the 2025
Department Encampment.)

Article I

Name and Jurisdiction

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be The Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2: The Department shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR. The department is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Ohio. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Section 3 - Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes:

No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the unincorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 4: This organization shall act under the authority of its Charter from the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and shall include all Camps located in such territory as shall be assigned to the Department of Ohio by the National Organization and/or the Commander-In Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Article 2

Meetings

Section 1: The Department shall meet annually during the month of June at a date and place determined by the Encampment Site and Planning Committee.

Section 2: Membership in the Department Encampment.

1. Membership in the Department Encampment shall consist of the following:
 - a. All Past Commanders-in-Chief (must be a primary member of a Department of Ohio camp); Past Ohio Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders of an Ohio camp, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term; the sitting Department Commander; the department's own elective officers (except Aides); and the sitting Camp Commanders.
 - b. In addition to the foregoing, membership in the Department Encampment shall be composed of one delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every ten (10) Brothers or major fraction thereof (major fraction is defined as six or more), based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment.
 - c. In order to be admitted into the Department Encampment business meetings, all members must present a current paid-up dues card.
2. No member of the Department Encampment or Special Meeting shall represent more than one camp at any Department Encampment or Special Meeting.

Section 3: In the event the Encampment Site and Planning Committee fails to select a time and place for the next annual Encampment on or before November 1, such date and time shall be determined by a majority vote of the Department Council, said vote to be taken no later than March 1 preceding the Department Encampment.

Section 4: Special Meetings, including virtual Special Meetings, of the Department Encampment, may be convened either by the Department Commander with the consent of the Department Council, provided that not less than twenty (20) days' written notice be given to all Camps and Department Officers through a Special Department Order stating the purpose of the meeting. No business shall be transacted at any Special Meeting other than that, for which it was specially called as fully set forth in the Special Department Order. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be given in conformity with the procedures set forth in Article 10, Section 2 and Section 3 of these By-Laws.

Section 5: By authorization of the Department Commander and with the consent of the Department Council, the Department may be subdivided into Districts, each given a number.

1. Districts shall call meetings as established by their By-Laws. Written notice of such meetings shall be sent to the Department Commander not less than thirty (30) days in advance thereof.

District By-Laws shall be approved by the Department Commander and with the consent of the Department Council.

2. Such District meetings may be held jointly with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War/or other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Article 3 *Officers and Duties*

Section 1: The Officers of the Department, elective and appointive, shall consist of those required by the National Constitution and Regulations, by the action of the National Organization and such additional Officers as may be provided by the Department By-Laws or action of the Department Encampment. The duties of each Department Officer shall be those duties defined for that Office by the National Organization Job Descriptions for Department Officers, plus any additional duties specified in these Department By-Laws.

Section 2: The Department Commander may appoint an Assistant Secretary and/or Assistant Treasurer who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him.

Section 3: The Officers shall perform such duties as are set forth in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and as may hereafter be specified:

1. All Department Officers, elected or appointed, and chairmen of all standing and special Committees, shall make a report in writing at each Department Encampment, reporting the results of their labors during the term, and with recommendations for the future welfare of the Order.
 - a. Each elected Department Officer shall have the option of making an oral report in addition to his written report. However, the Department Commander, if he chooses to do so, may limit the time to be allotted to such oral report.
2. The Department Secretary shall have oral and transcribed copies of the record of each Department meeting. Transcribed copies of the record will be distributed throughout the Camps of the Department. He shall prepare an annual report and furnish copies of said annual report to the Department Commander and to the chairman of the Department Council. In addition to the foregoing, the Secretary shall maintain a roster of the Department members-at-large and shall collect annual dues from such members-at-large.
3. The Department Secretary shall pay over to the Department Treasurer all monies received by the Secretary; The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the Department PROCEEDINGS of the Department Encampment/Special Encampments, as well as the minutes of all Department Council meetings. The Secretary SHALL draw requisitions on the Treasurer for all bills, the same approved by the Department Commander using OHIO DEPARTMENT SUVCW Form_. Secretary shall perform such other duties and keep other books and records, as the Department may require of him. He shall make a monthly report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order and cause the same to be distributed to all members

of the Department Council.

- a. Maintain the charge and custody of the Charter, Papers of Incorporation and the Seal of the Department of Ohio SUVCW.
 - b. Maintain the charge and custody of all records and other property of the Department not otherwise provided for by other Department officers.
 - c. Prepare meeting agenda at the Department Commander's direction and take minutes of all meetings of the Department Encampment and meetings of the Department Council. He will cause said minutes to be distributed to all Department of Ohio Camps when approved by a vote of the Department of Ohio Council.
 - d. Follow up on all delinquent reports required from Camp and Camp at large Secretaries, and the Department Membership at Large Coordinator and report such delinquencies to the Department Commander and the Department Council.
 - e. The Camp Secretary shall keep all books of record, and provide duplicate annual reports to the Department Secretary on or before the 30th day of April upon the forms prescribed.
4. The Department Treasurer shall receive, hold, and account for all monies paid to him and pay out the same, upon the Order of the Department Secretary, approved by the Department Commander. He shall prepare annual reports required by Sec. 15(a) and Sec 16 of Public Law 605 83rd Congress, 2nd Section, and see that they be approved by the Department Commander and Department Council.
- a. ALL accounts of the Department of Ohio SUVCW will have three signatures on the account; those being the Department Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and the most Senior member of the Department Council, that being the member having 3 year elected office term.
 - b. He will maintain a spread sheet containing at a minimum of Date funds received, check number, from whom the check was issued reason for, amount of check, and Deposit date. He will further maintain Deposit slips to all financial institutions listing the check numbers deposited. He will also have a spread sheet reflecting credits, pay outs, with at a minimum of date of issuance, check number, to whom and reason, and amount.
 - c. ALL DEPOSITS OF DEPARTMENT OF OHIO MONIES WILL BE THROUGH FACE-TO-FACE TRANSACTIONS EITHER INSIDE THE BANK OR THROUGH DRIVE-UP WINDOWS. NO ATM DEPOSITS ARE AUTHORIZED.
 - d. The Treasurer will arrange for a monthly accounting of all funds and payment made during that time. He will also arrange for an annual audit be completed PRIOR to the Department Encampment by the Department Council, presenting all bank statements, check book and spread sheets.

- e. The Treasurer will submit in his annual report to the Department Encampment COPIES of ALL forms, bank statements and spread sheets for the financial year. Originals of these forms will be maintained in accordance with Article V of the National Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- 5. The Department Patriotic Instructor shall be responsible for performing his duties as outlined in the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Chapter 2, Article VIII.
- 6. The Chief of Staff shall be responsible for the raising of the Chief-of-Staff Fund from which monies shall be used to help defray the expenses of the operation of the Department.
- 7. The Department Commander shall annually issue at least three (3) Department Orders to the membership of the Department reporting the activity and actions of the Department.

Section 4: The term of office for all Officers, except the Department Secretary-Treasurer and Department Council, shall be one year, or until the successors are elected or appointed.

- 1. The Department Secretary and Department Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three (3) years.
- 2. The Department Council shall be elected as follows: The first elected after adoption of these By-Laws shall be for a three (3) year term; the second elected for a two (2) year term; and the third elected for a one (1) year term. Each year thereafter, one member will be elected for a three-year term.

Section 5: All Department Orders shall be posted on the Web Site by the Webmaster as soon as practicable following the issuance thereof. In addition to the foregoing, the Department Secretary-Treasurer shall provide all Department Orders, either by ordinary United States Mail or electronically, to all Department Officers, both elected and appointed, to all Camp Commanders and to all Camp Secretaries (Secretary-Treasurers). The Department Secretary shall maintain on file an accurate and annually current list of the names and addresses (including electronic addresses, if applicable) of each Department Officer, each Camp Commander and each Camp Secretary and/or Camp Secretary-Treasurer.

Article 4

Finances

Section 1: There shall be fixed at each Annual Encampment, by a majority vote of the members present and voting, per capita dues, to be paid by each Camp and forwarded with required reports, upon the number of members reported.

Section 2: Should the National Per Capita Dues be increased at any time that it would become effective prior to the meeting of the Department Encampment, upon action of the Department Commander and Department Council, the amount of the increase shall automatically be applicable to the Camps of the Department and shall be so levied in the period said increase is due and payable.

Section 3: Each Camp shall pay to the Department, in addition to the Per Capita Dues, such fee as shall be fixed by the Department or by the National Organization on application for membership.

Section 4: The Department Commander shall suspend Camps that fail to file their required Annual Reports with the Department Secretary/Treasurer by April 30. An appropriate Department Order shall memorialize the suspension. Suspended Camps may be reinstated by the Department Commander after forwarding to the Department Secretary and/or Department Treasurer the required Reports, all monies due, and, additionally, upon the payment of a reinstatement fee in the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars over the current reinstatement fee required by National. The Camp's reinstatement will then be memorialized by an appropriate Department Order. Delegates from suspended Camps may attend the Department Encampment but may not vote on any items of business. A suspended Camp that is not reinstated after one year will be dropped.

Section 5: Camps which voluntarily surrendered their Charter, or which had their Charter revoked will pay the Department a reinstatement fee in the sum of ten dollars (\$10) over the current National required fee, provided that this fee shall be waived if a Charter exists.

Section 6: There shall be established a PERMANENT FUND to provide a means to keep alive the *memory* of the Grand Army of the Republic. Such fund shall be created from donations and bequests and shall be placed in a Savings Account and/or properly invested. All earned interest shall go into the Monument and Memorials Fund. If the Monument and Memorials Fund reaches \$4000.00, Permanent Fund interest shall be deposited into a suitable General Fund account, at the discretion of the Department Treasurer. At such time as the Monument and Memorials Fund drops below \$ 4000.00, Permanent fund interest shall once again go to the Monument and Memorials Fund. All specifically designated donations to the Monument and Memorials Fund shall remain in the fund until dispersed for Camp projects.

1. Personal contributions may be made to the Permanent Fund and shall be so designated by the contributor.
2. Legacies and bequests are desired and should be made out to the Permanent Fund, Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and such legacies and bequests shall become a part of the principal of the Permanent Fund.
3. The principal of the Permanent Fund shall remain intact. However, the principal of the Permanent

Fund may be subject to Department expenditure and therefore being reduced, by the giving of written notice of such intent to all Camps and Department Officers at least forty (40) days prior to the Annual Encampment of the Department. Provided, however, that a three- fourths (3/4) vote of the members present, and voting shall be required to expend any portion of said principal of the Permanent Fund.

Section 7: The Depository for all Department Funds, other than those which may be voted for investment, shall be a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation/Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Company institution whose deposits are fully insured to the full amount of the deposit.

Section 8: On behalf of the Department, the Department Commander is authorized to express condolences without the approval of the Department Council or Annual Encampment. The total sum of all expenses is not to exceed the budgeted amount for bereavement.

Article 5

Budget

Section 1: The Department Treasurer shall prepare a budget and submit it to the Department Council for review. The budget then shall be presented to Department Encampment for approval. The budget shall reflect the amounts required to conduct the affairs of the Department including but not limited to the following:

1. The budget shall include an appropriation to conduct the business of the Department Headquarters, including necessary stationery or forms for Department Officers, printing, postage and incidental expenses, including fixed expenses such as National Per Capita Tax, Past Department Commander Badge, etc.
2. The budget shall include such appropriations as may be approved by the Department Encampment.
3. The budget shall include an amount for the lodging and meals of the Commander- in-Chief, or his designated representative, only while attending the annual Department Encampment.
4. Expenses incurred by the Department Commander or his designated representative, for travel, lodging, and meals while attending the National Encampment shall be eligible for reimbursement by the Department. The Department Council shall recommend the maximum amount of said reimbursement for inclusion in the annual budget.

Article 6

Records Retention

Section 1: All records of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in accordance with the National Organization Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2: All artifacts held by the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in perpetuity. If the Department of Ohio should dissolve, then all artifacts will become the property of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Article 7

Committees

Section 1: The Department Commander shall appoint the following Standing Committees whose duties are listed as follows:

1. Encampment Site and Planning Committee: Said committee will determine the time and place for the annual Department Encampment will arrange for meals, a dining room setup, a speaker, a master of ceremonies, a color guard and a host staff for the annual Department Encampment. The committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members with the Chairman appointed by the Department Commander.
2. Fraternal Relations Committee: Said committee may be appointed to confer with the Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865; the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and/or such other organizations as may be desired in order to strengthen and enhance the standing and position of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such committee shall consist of three (3) members.
3. Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund Committee: The purpose of the Department of Ohio Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund Committee is to assist Camps in their efforts to refurbish and restore Civil War related memorials and monuments. The fund is open to the preservation and restoration of Civil War monuments and memorials as well as supporting the production of new monuments as approved by the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW.
 - a. Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund Committee: This Committee shall consist of the Department Senior Vice Commander, who shall serve as chair, and four Brothers appointed by the Department Commander.
 - b. The Department of Ohio Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund Committee shall be appointed as follows: The first appointed after adoption of these By-Laws shall be for a four (4) year term; the second for three (3) year

term; the third appointed for a two (2) year term; and the fourth appointed for a one (1) year term. Each year thereafter, one member will be appointed for a four-year term.

- c. The duty of this Committee is to review all Department of Ohio Form 1 Grants applications from Ohio Camps and recommend specific funding amounts for approval, for the fiscal year, at the annual Department Encampment. These applications request Department of Ohio funds to assist in preserving and restoring existing Civil War Monuments and Memorials or creating new Civil War Monuments and Memorials. Preservation and restoration projects shall receive priority. The Department Senior Vice Commander shall forward submitted Monument and Memorial information to the Civil War Memorials Officer for Department records. The Department Secretary shall retain all applications and documentation approved by the Department Annual Encampments.
 - d. The Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund Committee shall have exclusive discretion to recommend the amounts of said funding to the Annual Department Encampment. Approved fund requests will be dispersed within thirty (30) days following the Department Encampment.
 - e. The fund is NOT to pay for the entire project. The Camp shall demonstrate that 75 % of the cost has been **raised**. The amount provided for each approved project shall not exceed \$500.00. Projects shall be completed within twelve (12) months from the date of the application approval by the Department Encampment. If the project is not completed within twelve (12) months, the Camp must request an extension, or the funds shall be returned.
 - f. All Camps requesting funding shall submit the Department of Ohio, Monuments and Memorials Form 1 Grants, to the Department Senior Vice Commander no later than 60 days prior to the Annual Department Encampment, to provide adequate time to evaluate and review the applications. Note - The fund will only pay for work to be done, not for appraisals, estimates, surveys, etc., since they are a requirement of the application and help to describe the work being done.
 - g. General guidelines for Department of Ohio Civil War Monuments and Memorials Fund Applications.
 - 1) Any OHIO SUVCW Camp may request money from this fund.
 - 2) Applicants must file Form 61: GAR Monuments-Civil War Memorial Assessment with National
 - 3) Application must include pictures, documentation as to appraisals, and written estimates for the project.
 - 4) Only one application from any one Camp can be accepted per monument or memorial project.
 - 5) Each request will be handled individually on its own merit.
 - 6) The more information provided the better the chances of getting approval.
4. By-laws Committee: The purpose of this committee shall be to annually review and update as necessary the Department By-laws and Forms to present to the Annual Department Encampment for approval. To maintain continuity of the membership of this Committee, the Department Commander shall appoint each year two Brothers to hold office for two years. The retiring

Department Commander shall be a member, to hold office for one year.

Section 2: In addition to its prescribed duties, the Department Council shall audit the accounts of all committees handling monies.

Section 3: All committees appointed by the Department Commander shall report in writing fully and finally at the next Annual Encampment following their appointment.

Section 4: The Department Commander may appoint such special committees as he deems appropriate.

Article 8

Membership

Section 1: Membership in the Ohio Department shall be in compliance with the membership requirements established in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Constitution.

1. Members are males, defined as persons who were biologically male at birth, at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as stipulated in the Constitution, the Regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.
2. Junior Members are males, defined as persons who were biologically male at birth, less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as stipulated in the Constitution, the Regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation.
3. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates:
 - a. Associates are males, defined as persons who were biologically male at birth, at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as stipulated in the Constitution, the Regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.
 - b. Junior Associates are males, defined as persons who were biologically male at birth, less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as stipulated in the Constitution, the Regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.
4. Policy on Junior and Junior Associate members:
 - a. All Brothers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, Uncle, or Brother over the age of 18 years), who is a member of the

SUVCW, when participating in ANY SUVCW activity.

- b. At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted 'one on one' contact with a Brother under the age of 18 years. Any interaction with a Brother under the age of 18 years must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age of 18 years at all times.
- c. Any Brother who witnesses or suspects in good faith any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any member under the age of 18 years will immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first and the local Camp and Department Commander immediately.
- d. Every Brother over the age of 18 years who may have contact with a Brother under the age of 18 years should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America at <http://myscouting.org>. While training is not a requirement, it is highly suggested that it is completed to be used as a tool to protect our youth and Brothers.
- e. Ultimately, all Brothers also need to comply with all applicable Local and States laws pertaining to child abuse.

Section 2: Members-at-Large. Eligible from areas where no Camp exists may become Department members-at large. Dues for these members-at-large shall be as set by the Department Encampment or the National Encampment. Department members-at-large attending the Department Encampment may select from the respective membership one delegate to represent them and one additional delegate for each ten Department members-at-large.

1. When a Department of Ohio Member-at-Large transfers his membership into any Camp in the Department, his dues shall be pro-rated by quarters and any remaining amount of dues shall be reimbursed to the new Camp in full or in quarters as determined by the Department Secretary-Treasurer.
2. When a Department of Ohio Member-at-Large transfers to any camp in the Department and that Camp's dues are greater than his prior Member-at-Large dues, the new Camp cannot recover the difference for the remaining quarters of that calendar year.
3. If a Department of Ohio Member-at Large transfers to a Camp or Department outside the Department of Ohio, the new Camp or Department will not be reimbursed.
4. All Members-at-Large dues shall be payable annually to the Department Treasurer.

Article 9

Camp Election and Installation

Section 1: Camp officers shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the Camp, in the months of August, September, October, November or December of each year. All Camp election reports and installation reports shall be filed with the Department Secretary-Treasurer no later than February 1 of each year.

Section 2: The officers of the Camp shall be installed at a Regular or Special meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in September and the first meeting the following January and may be held publicly or in conjunction with any of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The installation of Camp Officers shall be conducted by the Department Commander or by a person designated by him.

Section 3: Camps failing to hold regular elections may, after three (3) years, have their offices declared vacant by the Department Commander and the Department Commander may call a meeting of the members of that Camp for the purpose of election and installation.

Article 10

Additions and/or Amendments

Section 1: Additions and/or Amendments to these By-Laws of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may only become effective following (I) a full reading of the same and an affirmative vote by a majority of the members entitled to vote at an Annual Encampment, or, following a full reading of the same and an affirmative vote by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote at a Special Meeting called solely for the purpose of addressing additions and/or amendments to these By-Laws, and (2) securing the written approval of the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2: Not less than twenty (20) days prior to an Annual Encampment or a Special Meeting, the Department Commander shall issue a Special Department Order containing the full text of the proposed additions and/or amendments. The Special Department Order and the full text of the proposed additions and/or amendments shall be posted on the Web site by the Webmaster not less than twenty (20) days prior to an Annual Encampment or a Special Meeting.

Section 3: In addition to the foregoing, and not less than twenty (20) days prior to an Annual Encampment or a Special Meeting, the Department Secretary-Treasurer shall provide the Special Department Order and the full text of the proposed additions and/or amendments to all Department Officers, both elected and appointed, and, to all Camp Commanders, for distribution to the Camp membership, either by ordinary United States Mail or electronically.

Article 11

Rules and Procedures

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all Department Meetings, including but not limited to each Annual Encampment, except as otherwise provided in the Ritual.

Article 12

Conformance and Support

These By-Laws of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall conform to and support the Constitution and Regulations of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and which said Constitution and Regulations shall govern all matters. The By-Laws of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall serve to clarify those matters which pertain only to the government of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Article 13

Standing Rules

Section 1: Any motion passed or officer recommendation accepted by the Annual Encampment or at a Special Meeting, which involve actions of the Department on an ongoing basis, shall be considered a standing rule. All standing rules shall be compiled from the Annual Encampment Proceedings and Special Meeting minutes into one volume. Each standing rule shall be dated for reference to the Annual Encampment or Special Meeting at which it was passed. The compilation of the standing rules shall be a function of the Department Secretary. The standing rules shall be reviewed each year at the Annual Encampment for continuation, elimination, or inclusion in the By-Laws.

Article 14

Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

Section 1: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Department of Ohio Charter, all Department property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2: All property of the Department of Ohio shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Camp Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Camp/Department/Other unit shall not be divided among its members.

Section 3: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of Ohio.

Section 4: Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

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DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
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