

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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(To be read in the Camps and retained in Camp files)

**1.** During the National Encampment in August, 2008, action was taken to allow Junior Associates to join the Order. The Department was not mandated to do the same but may if it so desires. Based on the above action the approval or disapproval of Junior Associates will be decided at the 129<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Department Encampment to be held at New Oxford, PA on June 25 to 27, 2009.

The Department By Laws Committee has prepared several proposed changes to the Department By Laws so that the action which will be taken at the Encampment can then be implemented immediately. Notice of these proposed changes is hereby provided to the Camps of the Pennsylvania Department in accordance with the amendment procedures required by our By Laws.

Please read and discuss these proposed changes at a Camp meeting before the Department Encampment so those Brothers attending the Encampment will know the desires of their own Camp and can vote accordingly

**2.** The proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Department By Laws up to Article XVI Section 8 are as follows:

### **Proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Department By-laws relative to Junior Members and Junior Associates.**

Strike through is to be deleted. *Underlined, bold, italics* are additions.

#### **ARTICLE XVI JUNIORS ~~MEMBERS~~ AND JUNIOR ASSOCIATES**

Section 1. Camps may provide for Juniors ~~members~~ *members*

Section 2. Junior members shall be males at least ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3. Junior members may not hold any elected office in the Department or Camp nor shall they be eligible to serve in any appointed office of the Department.

Section 4. Junior members shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates a Camp may have to the Department Encampment.

Section 5. The Department shall not impose the per capita tax on Junior members.

Section 6. Junior members shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp. However, the names of Juniors may appear on the Camp Charter and be so designated as Charter Juniors of the Camp.

Section 7. Camps may impose further restrictions on Junior members and provide for their organization in accordance with the provisions provided that the rights of a member established in Chapter I, Article IV, Section 5 and Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced or vacated.

Section 8. Except as herein limited, Junior members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

**3.** The first proposed version of Article XVI, Section 9 is as follows:

Section 9. The Pennsylvania Department does not recognize Junior Associates. Accordingly no camp within the Pennsylvania Department nor the Department Members-at-large may have or establish Junior Associates.

**4.** The second proposed version of Article XVI, Section 9 is as follows:

Section 9.(a) Junior Associates are hereby established.

(b) All restrictions in these by-laws relative to Junior Members shall apply to Junior Associates and all restrictions in the Constitution and Regulations shall apply.

(c) Camps may provide further restrictions on Junior Associates within the limitations imposed by the by-laws and the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

**5.** The Third proposed version of Article XVI, Section 9 is as follows:

Section 9. (a) Junior Associates are hereby established.

(b) All restrictions in these by-laws relative to Junior Members shall apply to Junior Associates and all restrictions in the Constitution and Regulations shall apply.

(c) Additionally, a Junior Associate must be sponsored by a Member or Associate over the age of 21. Such sponsor shall assume all responsibility for the welfare and actions of the Junior Associate.

(d) No Junior Associate may participate in any Camp or Department activity where the Sponsoring Member or Associate is not present.

(e) No Junior Associate may be appointed to any office within the Department or a Camp within the Department.

(f) No Junior Associate may chair any committee of the Department or of any Camp within the Department.

(g) Camps may provide further restrictions on Junior Associates within the limitations imposed by the by-laws and the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

**6.** My thanks to the By Laws Committee, Lester A. Kern PDC, Chairman, Elmer F. Atkinson PC-in-C, George L. Powell PC-in-C, and to Department Parliamentarian Richard D. Orr PC-in-C for their work in drafting the proposals.

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