

# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **Pennsylvania Department**

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

**1.** During the Pennsylvania Department Mid Year Meeting held on October 24, 2009 at New Cumberland, PA two proposed amendments to the Department By Laws were approved by the Brothers Assembled for presentation to the 130<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment for final action. These proposed amendments will be approved or disapproved by the Brothers Assembled at the 130<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Department Encampment to be held at New Cumberland, PA on June 24 to 26, 2010.

The Department By Laws Committee has prepared the final language for these proposed changes to the Department By Laws so that the action which will be taken at the Encampment, if affirmative, can then be implemented immediately. All changes are subject to final approval by the Commander-in-Chief before they become effective.

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.** Proposed new Article XVII, all subsequent Articles to be renumbered:

### **ARTICLE XVII LIMITATIONS ON MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES**

**SECTION 1.** Brothers (Members or Associates) between the ages of 14 and 18 are further restricted as follows:

The above listed Brothers must be accompanied by a Brother over the age of 21 acting in *loco parentis*. Such Brother shall assume all responsibility for the welfare and actions of the Brother under the age of majority.

No Brother under the age of majority may participate in any Camp or Department activity where the sponsoring Brother is not present.

### 3. Proposed Deletion and Addition to Article XVI Junior Members and Junior Associates.

Delete current Section 10 and add new Section 10 to Section 19 as follows:

Section 10. Junior Associates are hereby established.

Section 11. Camps are not compelled to establish Junior Associates and must specifically amend the Camp By Laws to establish Junior Associates. Such amendments must contain at a minimum the restrictions imposed on Junior Associates by this Article.

Section 12. Junior Associates shall be males at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article VII, Section 2, Associates of the National Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 13. Junior Associates may not hold any elected office or appointed office in the Department or Camp.

Section 14. Junior Associates shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates a Camp may have to the Department Encampment.

Section 15. The Department shall not impose the per capita tax on Junior Associates.

Section 16. Junior Associates shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp, nor shall the names of Juniors Associates appear on the Camp Charter.

Section 17. Camps may impose further restrictions on Junior Associates 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 18. Junior Associates are further restricted as follows.

- (a) A Junior Associate must be sponsored by a Member or Associate over the age of 21 acting in *loco parentis*. Such sponsor shall assume all responsibility for the welfare and actions of the Junior Associate.
- (b) No Junior Associate may participate in any Camp or

Department activity where the sponsor is not present.

Section 19. Except as herein limited, Junior Associates enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership

**4.** 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.

By Order of

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Attest:

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