

# Pennsylvania Department

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Department Order # 11

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(To be read in camps and retained in camp records)

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**!!IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED!!**

**DO NOT WAIT FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING**

To all camp commanders and secretaries,

As of Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, CnC Campbell has issued General Order #15 which requires every department as well as every camp within every department, to submit a hard copy (printed and signed) of their by-laws to the National Treasurer at once. This directive is to bring the entire organization into compliance with our non profit tax status with the Internal Revenue Service. Any camp or department that fails to comply with this directive by not having their by-laws in the hands of the National Treasurer by March 1<sup>st</sup> **WILL LOSE THEIR NONPROFIT STATUS.**

This means that every camp that fails to comply will be required to file a corporate tax return every year from now on. Said camps will be required to pay taxes upon all membership dues, donations, interest, and proceeds from fund raisers. The IRS will allow no exceptions or

extensions in this matter. Any requests made to the Department Commander or the National Commander in Chief seeking postponement or delay will therefore be summarily rejected.

Every camp in the Department is required to have an up to date copy of their by-laws at all times. Please forward a printed and signed copy of those by-laws to the National Treasurer, Richard Orr, PCnC at once. Mail them to:

*National Treasurer, Richard Orr, PCnC  
153 Connie Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251*

**Remember that the by-laws must be in his hands by March 1<sup>st</sup>.** A post mark dated March 1<sup>st</sup> will not be accepted.

In addition, please send a 2<sup>nd</sup> photo copy to the PA Dept Commander so we can track compliance and build a current file of PA camp by-laws to prevent this happening again.

Do not send the copies to the Department Secretary. Any copies received by the secretary will not be forwarded to the National Treasurer.

Both your Department Commander and the Commander in Chief realize that this is extremely short notice and that compliance may be very difficult for some camps. If we had been provided with any other recourse you can be sure that we would have done so. Your prompt compliance is appreciated. The Pennsylvania Department prides itself on having never failed to provide its reports and fiscal responsibilities on time for the past 134 years. As difficult as this will be upon everyone to comply, your Department Commander has every faith in the camp officers of Pennsylvania.

Please read Commander in Chief Campbell's General Order #15 which I am requesting Dept Sec Charlie Kuhn, PCnC to send in addition to this Department Order.

Should your camp be unable to locate your by-laws, please contact the Department Commander at once at 717-462-9012.

So ordered this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015

Douglas P. McMillin Commanding

Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW

Attest: Charles Kuhn, PCnC

Pennsylvania Department Secretary/ Treasurer