

By-Laws of John A. Logan Camp #26
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Illinois

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Whereas: John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW holds a charter by authority of the National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and

Whereas: This Camp is in this behalf a body corporate subordinate to the Department of Illinois SUVCW as well as the National Encampment SUVCW and

Whereas: Every constituent Camp of the Department of Illinois is required to have a code of by-laws which shall conform to and with the constitution, by-laws and regulations of the National Encampment SUVCW as well as the Department of Illinois SUVCW,

Therefore: John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW does hereby ordain, establish and promulgate the following by-laws for its future government, hereby repealing all previous by-laws or amendments heretofore established.

Article I - Name

Section 1: This Camp shall be known as John A. Logan Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Department of Illinois.

+Section 2: The Camp 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 **John A. Logan Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Illinois**. This Camp is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Illinois. This 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 distributed 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 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.

Article II - Meetings

Section 1: The Camp will meet at Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois.

Section 2: The stated meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Section 3: The Annual meeting shall be held in November.

Section 4: All stated meetings shall start at 7:00 pm

Section 5: At least 33% of the membership will constitute a quorum to conduct business.

Article III - Officers

Section 1: The elected officers shall be:

Camp Commander; Sr, Vice Commander; Jr. Vice Commander;
Secretary; Treasurer; Council (3 members).

Section 2: The appointed officers shall be:

Patriotic Instructor; Chaplain; Historian; Counselor; Guide; Color Bearer; Guard; Graves Registration Officer; Civil War Memorials Officer; Recruiting Officer; Signals Officer and any others as needed.

Article IV - Elections & Appointments

Section 1: The elective officers listed in Article III Section 1, shall be separately chosen by ballot at the annual meeting, A majority of votes cast shall be required for election.

Section 2: Appointed officers listed in Article III Section 2 shall be appointed by the Camp Commander elect prior to installation.

Section 3: Elected and appointed officers listed in Article III Sections 1 and 2 will be for one year terms, but may be re-elected/appointed annually.

***Section 4: At the Annual Camp meeting along with the officers listed in Article III Officers Section 1 to be elected, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Department of Illinois Annual and Mid Term Encampments shall be elected as follows: one (1) at large and one (1) additional for every ten (10) members or major fraction thereof based upon the total membership listed on the Camp Annual Report next proceeding the Encampment. Sitting Camp Commander and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing and having served a full term or having been elected and installed to fill the remainder of a term, are automatic members of the Department Encampment by virtue of their serving as such. The Camp Secretary will complete a Delegate or Alternate Delegate card for all delegates and Camp Commander and Past Camp Commanders prior to the upcoming Department Encampment.

****Section5: The Camp Officer elections shall be held annually between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive. The Camp Commander, Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) shall not serve on the Camp Council.

****Section 6: The newly elected and appointed Camp Officers shall annually be installed at a regular Camp meeting to be held between the first meeting in November and the first meeting in January, inclusive. The Camp shall file a Form 22 Certificate of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (or its replacement) within thirty (30) days of the Camp Installation to the Department of Illinois Secretary. Failure to file the above Form 22 could result in the Camp being suspended.

Article V - Duties of Officers

Section 1: The Camp Commander, in addition to what is required by the National Encampment by-laws and general orders, may determine the order of business, regulate the conduct of members and visitors in the post room, shall have custody of the Camp Charter and general supervision of the furniture. He shall be ex-officio of all committees, shall see that the work and lectures conform as exactly as possible as established by the National SUVCW ritual books.

Section 2: The duties of the other officers shall be as specified in the National SUVCW Camp and Department job description booklet.

Article VI - Classes of Membership

Section 1: Classes of membership shall be consistent with those specified in the National Constitution of the SUVCW and are as follows:

- A) Members: males over 14 years of age and provide documentation proving ancestral lineage.
- B) Junior Members: males under 14 years of age and provide documentation proving ancestral lineage.
- C) Honorary Members: granted by the National Commander in Chief SUVCW.
- D) Life Members: who have paid the requisite fees as established by the National SUVCW

Section 2: Associate Members shall be consistent with those specified in the National Constitution of the SUVCW and are as follows:

- A) Males over 14 years of age who do not meet the qualifications specified in the National Constitution SUVCW of ancestral lineage but otherwise meet the balance of the requirements.
- B) Junior Associates are males under 14 years of age with the same stipulations as listed in Section 2A.
- C) Associate Members may hold any elected or appointed office within this Camp.

Section 3: A) All Junior Member/Junior Associate Members between the ages of 6 – 14 and Member/Member Associates between the ages of 14 – 18 shall be accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian when participating in any SUVCW Camp activity.

B) At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted “one on one” contact with a Brother Junior/Junior Associate between the ages of 6 – 14 and Member/Member Associates between the ages of 14 – 18 unless there are at least two (2) members over the age of 18 present at all times.

C) Any concerns, in good faith, with the above shall be brought to the attention of the local authorities, the Parent or Legal Guardian and the Camp and Department Commanders.

D) It is strongly recommended that every Camp member receive proper training related to protecting minors from all forms of abuse similar to that offered by the Boy Scouts of America.

E) Members are required to comply with all Federal, State and Local Laws pertaining to child abuse and neglect.

Section 4: The John A. Logan Camp #26 will not accept any Junior/Junior Associate members or Member/Member Associates under the age of Eighteen (18).

Article VII - Fees & Dues **

Section 1: Camp dues shall be \$48.00 per year payable in advance.

Section 2: A one time fee of \$10.00 will be collected from new members which is forwarded to the Department of Illinois SUVCW.

Section 3: No fee shall be collected for membership by affiliation.

Section 4: A fee for initiation in the amount of \$25.00 shall be collected prior to membership to defray the cost of membership badge.

**Section 5: Camp dues are due and payable on January 1st of each year and shall be submitted to the Camp Treasurer (Camp Secretary/Treasurer). Dues statements shall be prepared and sent to the Camp membership by the Camp Treasurer (Camp Secretary/Treasurer) in December either by USPS or email. Upon receipt of dues payment, the Camp Treasurer (Camp treasurer/Secretary) will issue a Camp dues card to the paying member. Dues payment not received by March 31 will subject member to being dropped for nonpayment of dues unless prior arrangements have been made.

Article VIII - Fiscal Year

Section 1: The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

Section 2: The Sr. Vice Commander with the Camp Council, shall annually prepare a budget to be presented at the Annual meeting.

Article IX - Committees

Section 1: The following committees shall be appointed by the Camp Commander elect:
See Appendix 1 for job description

- A) Welfare
- B) Nominations
- C) Others as needed

Article X - National Encampment By-Laws

Section 1: The conduct of this Camp, its members and the duties of its Officers are further governed by the constitution, by-laws and general orders of the National Encampment SUVCW, a copy of which shall be in the possession of the Camp Commander and accessible upon request.

Section 2: Any changes in the constitution or by-laws of the National Encampment SUVCW or Department of Illinois SUVCW that conflict with the by-laws of John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW shall automatically be incorporated herein without requiring a vote of the members.

Article XI - Camp By-Laws

Section 1: These by-laws are implemented for the government of the Camp not otherwise covered by other rules and regulations.

Section 2: Amendments to these by-laws will be presented in writing at any Camp business meeting with a brief explanation for the proposed change.

Section 3: When properly seconded, the proposed change will lay over for at least thirty (30) days and the general membership will be notified in writing of the proposed change and date of voting on such change.

Article XII - Order of Business

Section 1: The order of business at each stated meeting shall be as follows unless changed at the discretion of the Camp Commander.

- A) Opening of Camp
- B) Roll call of Officers
- C) Reading and approving of minutes
- D) Treasurers report
- E) Reports of sickness and distress
- F) Reports of visiting committee

- G) Reports of investigating committee
- H) Reading of petitions
 - I) Balloting
 - J) Initiation of candidates
- K) Reports of committees
- L) Reading and disposing of orders, communications and bills
- M) Unfinished Business
- N) New business
- O) Election and installation of Officers
- P) Good of the Order
- Q) Patriotic Instructor report
- R) Memorial service for departed members
- S) Closing ceremony

Article XIII - Camp Activities *

Section 1: All Camp activities under the name of John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW and/or Rockford Zouaves SVR requiring registration or prior commitment (ie parades, local festivals, fairs, reenactments, etc) that promote public attention or interest in the John A. Logan Camp #26 SUVCW or Rockford Zouaves SVR shall be brought before Camp membership at a prior Camp meeting for approval.

Section 2: An approved event should have a sufficient number of members attending to give credence and respect to the order. Appropriate dress (Civil War military uniforms, period civilian dress, business casual or business suits) shall be required at these events if representing the Order

*Added this Article Feb. 1, 2012

+ Article XIV – Seperation, Dissolution & Assets

Section 1: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp Charter, all Camp 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 Camp 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 (6) 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 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 Illinois.

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.

Appendix 1

Duties of Committees

Welfare: Visit those Brothers, sisters and others recommended by the Camp who are sick, home bound or in distress.

Nominations: To prepare a slate of suggested officers for election. Other nominations from the floor are also encouraged. Appointed Officers are selected by the Camp Commander elect.

Other committees maybe appointed as needed at the discretion of the Camp Commander.

Camp Commander

Date

Attest: _____
Camp Secretary

Approved by Department of Illinois Commander on _____, 20__

Dept. Commander

Attest: _____
Dept. Secretary