

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

Adopted September 2, 2009

Amended February 1, 2012\*

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Amended Feb. 1, 2017 per CinC GO #11 (2017)

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.

**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 aboe shall be brought to the attention of the local authorities, the Parent or Legal Guardian and the Cap 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## 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.

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Camp Commander

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Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp Secretary

Approved by Department of Illinois Commander on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Dept. Commander

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dept. Secretary