

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

**Adopted Sept. 2, 2009
Amended February 1, 2012**

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

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
Sections 1 and 2 will be for one year terms,
but may be re-elected/appointed annually.

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.

Article V - Duties of Officers - Con't.

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 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 SUVCW and are as follows:

- A) Males over 14 years of age who do not meet the qualifications specified in the National Constitution of the 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 of these by-laws.
- C) Associate members may hold any elected or appointed office within this camp.

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 cost of membership badge.

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:

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

*See appendix 1

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 minutes
- D) treasurers report
- E) reports of sickness and distress
- F) reports of visiting committee
- G) reports of investigating committees
- H) reading of petitions
 - I) balloting
- J) initiating 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 SUCVW and/or Rockford Zouaves SVR requiring registration or prior commitment (i.e.: parades, local festivals, fairs, reenactments, etc) that promote public attention or interest in the John A. Logan Camp #26 SUCVW or Rockford Zouaves SVR shall be brought before Camp membership at a prior Camp meeting for approval.

Article XIII - Camp Activities - Con't.

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.

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 discession of the Camp Commander.

Approved by Dept. of Illinois Commander _____ 20__

Dept. Commander

Attest: _____
Dept. Secretary