

By-laws
Of
Irish Brigade, Camp No. 4
Department of the Chesapeake
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Preamble

We the members of the Irish Brigade Camp No. 4, who are the descendants of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who served the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the purposes set forth in the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order, and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our fathers' deeds, to render loyal service to our communities and our Country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to our Nation's flag.

Article I

Organization Name, Number and Jurisdiction

Section 1. The Camp Unit 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 the IRISH BRIGADE CAMP NUMBER 4, DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR. The Camp is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State (Commonwealth) of Virginia. The 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 2. 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 distributable 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 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 by corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3. Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets:

- (A) In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp, all Camp property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of the 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, and organization exempt from taxes under section 501 (c) 3 of the internal Revenue Code.

- (B) All property of the Camp shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of the 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 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 shall not be divided among its members.
- (C) 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 Virginia.
- (D) 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.

Section 4. It shall act under the authority of its Charter, as approved by the Department of the Chesapeake, and granted from the National Organization, and serve the central Virginia region.

Section 5. The Camp reserves to itself the right, as granted under Chapter I, Article V, Section 6 of the National Constitution and Regulations, to arrange its members who reside in different communities into divisions or sections corresponding to such communities; it may give each division or section a distinctive name, prescribe its organization and delegate to it such work of the Camp in that community as the Camp may specify. Once that division or section reaches a level where it can be self sustaining, both financially and in its number of members, it shall be encouraged, but not required, to apply for its own Camp Charter.

Article II Meetings

Section 1. The Camp shall meet monthly.

Section 2. The Camp Commander or his designee shall determine the place of meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Camp may be convened by the Camp Commander with approval of the Camp Council; and, shall be convened by the Camp Commander upon petition of five members, provided that not less than ten (10) days notice stating the purpose of said meeting shall be given to all members.

Section 4. Meetings that must be postponed due to weather conditions will be announced to the membership electronically. Members will be notified of alternate meeting dates for those meetings that must be postponed.

Section 5. Meetings shall be conducted using the Order of Business as shown in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonies and business conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.

Article III Dues and Fees

Section 1. Camp dues rates shall be reviewed and fixed by a majority of the members present and voting at the last regular meeting prior to the dues notice being issued.

Section 2. Dues payable to the Camp shall be the Camp dues, plus the annual assessments and per-capita taxes due the Department and the National Organization.

Section 3. Dues for Life Members will be the same as the amount determined in Chapter V, Article VIII plus the per-capita tax due the Department less any disbursements received the previous fiscal year from the National Organization Life Member Fund.

Section 4. Dues and fees for Associates shall be the same as those for Members.

Section 5. Dues for Junior Members and Junior Associates shall be the amount determined in Section 1.

Section 6. Dues notices shall be issued during the month of December each year. Payment shall be due during the first quarter for the membership year.

Section 7. Members whose annual dues, as determined in Chapter I, Article II, *Section 3*, are late shall pay a fine of two dollars (\$2.00) per quarter or portion thereof.

Section 8. New members shall pay an amount equal the amount determined in Chapter I, Article XI, *Section 1* plus a fifteen-dollar (\$15.00) initiation fee.

Section 9. The Camp dues and Department and National Organization annual assessments and per-capita taxes paid by new members shall be pro-rated by quarter to the quarter in which the Camp first pays assessments and taxes for the new member. The difference between the amount collected and the expenses incurred for the new member will be applied toward the next year's dues, assessments and taxes for said member.

Section 10. A member transferring to the Camp shall pay the balance of the annual assessments, if the funds are not transferred from the member's former Camp, and a fifteen-dollar (\$15.00) transfer fee.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Camp, elective and appointive, shall consist of those required by the National Constitution and Regulations, the Department By-laws and such additional as may be provided for by the Camp By-laws or action of the Camp.

Section 2. The Officers shall perform such duties as set forth in the National Constitution and Regulations, the Department By-laws and as may hereafter be specified.

Section 3. All Officers, except the Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer, shall be elected and/or appointed for a period of one (1) year. The Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer shall each be elected for two (2) year terms. The Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer offices may be elected as a single office known as the Camp Secretary-Treasurer for a term of two (2) years.

Section 4. There will be no salary or other compensation paid to any Camp Officer either elected or appointed. Out-of-pocket expenses expended in the conduct of official Camp business, including telephone toll charges, postage, printing costs, etc., but excluding personal expenses, transportation, hotel or per diem expenses, may be reimbursed by the Treasurer after receipts are presented and the reimbursement has been approved by the Camp Council.

Article V Orders

Section 1. The Camp Commander shall issue at least four (4) Camp Orders each year. These Orders will include, but are not limited to, the announcement of Camp election results, the announcement of Memorial Day observances, the annual dues notice and the notice of Camp elections. Excluding the dues notice, which will be issued as an independent Order, the Orders may be in the form of a newsletter issued to each member.

Section 2. The Camp Commander shall issue Special Orders on the death of a Camp Officer, Past Camp Commander, Department Officer or Past Department Commander.

Article VI Finances

Section 1. The Camp Treasurer in cooperation with the Camp Secretary shall submit the per-capita tax and assessments to the Department according to the schedule established by the Department and the National Organization.

Section 2. The depository for all Camp funds shall be a federally insured institution whose deposits are fully insured to the amount of the deposit.

Article VII Special Funds

Section 1. There shall be created a Camp Permanent Fund, which will be known as the "Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Endowment Fund."

Section 2. In addition to funds raised by the Camp Patriotic Instructor, a Camp tax shall be levied against all income to the Camp, with the exception of funds collected to pay the per-capita tax and assessments due the Department and National Organization or monies raised or donated for a special purpose or project, and added to the Camp Permanent Fund. This levy will be two (2) percent.

Section 3. The principle of the Camp Permanent Fund shall remain intact but may be subject to Camp disposition by giving notice of such intent to the Camp Officers and Past Camp Commanders in good standing. Said notice must be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting where it shall be voted on by Camp membership. Three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present and voting shall be required to expend any portion of the said principle.

Section 4. Additional special funds may be established upon approval of the Camp Council and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting.

Article VIII Committees

Section 1. The Camp Commander may appoint such committees as are designated in the National Constitution and Regulations and whose duties and responsibilities are fully explained therein. He may also appoint such committees as needed to conduct the business of the Camp, provided, however, no committee shall be permitted without prior approval of the Camp to incur any expenses in the name of the Camp.

Section 2. The Committee Chairman shall be responsible to report in writing to the Camp Commander, as directed by the Commander as to content and frequency.

Section 3. The term of appointment for each committee shall be the same as the appointing Camp Commander, unless otherwise specified.

Article IX Bonding

Section 1. The Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer, or Camp Secretary-Treasurer, shall be bonded in amount determined by the Camp Council.

Section 2. Additional Officers of the Camp may be bonded, if the Camp Council determines the need.

Article X Budget

Section 1. The Camp Council shall prepare and present at the last regular meeting prior to the end of the fiscal year a budget of the amounts required to conduct the affairs of the Camp.

Section 2. The budget shall include an appropriation to conduct the business of the Camp of which the Camp Secretary shall receive an amount to cover postage and necessary stationary or forms for the conduct of Camp business.

Section 3. The budget shall be voted on by the members present and voting, and requires a simple majority vote for adoption.

Article XI Camp Elections and Installation

Section 1. The election of Officers of the Camp shall be held at the last Camp meeting between the first week of October and the last week in December.

Section 2. Installation shall be at the same meeting unless otherwise designated by a vote of those present. The Installing Officer shall be a member in good standing in the Order and, unless appointed by the Department Commander, shall be named by the Camp Commander-Elect.

Article XII Associates

Section 1. In accordance with Chapter I, Article IX of the National Constitution and Regulations and Article XII of the Department By-laws, provision is hereby made for Associates in the Camp. Said Associates, in addition to being governed by the aforementioned articles, shall be permitted to serve in any elected office and/or as Memorial Day Committee Chairman, and are entitled to all other privileges of membership including the right to vote.

Section 2. The number of Associates in the Camp may not exceed one-third (1/3) of the Camp membership at the time of acceptance into the Order.

Article XIII Juniors, Junior Associates, and Underage Members

Section 1: In accordance with Article VII of the Constitution of the Order, provision is herewith made for Junior and Junior Associate Members in the Camp. Said members will be governed by the Constitution and Regulations, and are entitled to all privileges of membership afforded to their status of membership.

Section 2: The Camp retains the right to choose whether to establish a Junior and Junior Associate Membership program, or refrain from doing so.

Section 3: There shall be two classes of Junior Membership:

- (A) Junior Members shall be male descendants who are at least six (6) years of age, But less than fourteen (14) years of age, who meet the requirements stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution and Regulations, and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation. Article X of the Constitution and Regulations shall govern them. Junior Members may not hold any elected office in the Camp, and may not have voting rights within the Camp.
- (B) Junior Associate Members shall be non-descendent males, who are at least eight (8) Years of age, but less than fourteen (14) years of age, who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution and Regulations, and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, but otherwise meet the requirements for membership, as established by the National Organization. Junior Associates may not hold any elected office in the Camp, and may not have voting rights within the camp.

Section 4: The combined number of Associate, Junior and Junior Associates in the Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at time of election. At no time during the meeting of the Camp shall business be conducted if the number of eligible voting Associate Members in attendance exceeds forty-nine percent (49%) of the total attendance at said meeting.

Section 5: Underage Male Members between the ages of fourteen (14) to seventeen (17) Years old may be Hereditary Members, or Associate members.

Section 6: All Brothers under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by a parent, or person designated as a legal guardian (e.g.: Grandfather, Uncle, or male sibling 18 years of age or older), preferably one who is a Member or Associate of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, or its Auxiliary, when participating in any SUVCW meeting or activity.

Section 7: At no time will a non-related Adult Brother be permitted “one-on-one” contact with a Brother under the age of eighteen (18). Any interaction with a Brother under eighteen (18) by non-relative members or associates must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age of eighteen (18) at all times.

Section 8: Any adult or youth Brother who witnesses, or suspects in good faith, any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any Brother under the age of eighteen (18), will immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first, and the Camp and Department Commanders immediately.

Section 9: Every Brother over the age of eighteen (18) who may have any contact with a young Brother under the age of eighteen (18) should complete available training related to protecting children from abuse of any type, such as the free, 30-minute “Youth Protection Training” available online from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), which is good for two (2)

years. While training is not a requirement, it is very highly recommended by the Camp that all Brothers complete the training, which is used as a tool to protect our Brothers, both young and old alike.

Section 10: Ultimately, all Brothers need to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws pertaining to child protection and abuse, and comply with Commander-In- Chief General Order #22, Series 2013-2014, dated 15 June 2014, pertaining to working with Members under the age of eighteen (18).

Article XIV
Additions, Alterations, Suspensions of By-laws and Amendments

Section 1. These By-laws may be altered and/or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided at least twenty-five (25) days notice of any proposed addition, alteration and/or amendment shall be sent to each member of the Camp. The notice may be a part of the Camp Commander's Orders, Camp Newsletter or electronic communication.

Section 2. These By-laws or a section thereof may be suspended for a single meeting to expedite the Camp's business if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided the suspension is not in conflict with the National Constitution and Regulations or Department By-laws.

Section 3. The assembled members present and voting at a regularly scheduled Camp meeting may give the Camp Secretary permission to change National Constitution and Regulations article and section numbers included in the Camp By-laws to conform to newly numbered articles and sections without prior notice being sent to the membership. A simple majority of votes is necessary to approve the change.

Section 4. The assembled members present and voting at a regularly scheduled Camp meeting may give the Camp Secretary permission to change Department By-law article and section numbers included in the Camp By-laws to conform to newly numbered articles and sections without prior notice being sent to the membership. A simple majority of votes is necessary to approve the change.

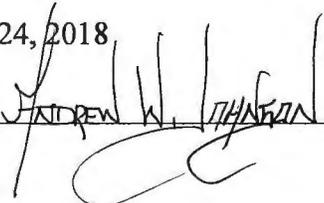
Section 5. These By-laws and/or any additions, alterations, and/or amendments, herein after adopted, shall be effective immediately after approval by the Department Commander.

March 24, 2018: Amended to include verbiage required by C-in-C General Order #18.

Date of Camp Commander approval: March 24, 2018

Signature of Camp Commander:

Date: March 24, 2018



Signature of Camp Secretary-Treasurer:
Date: 3/27/18

Thomas L. DePese

Approved by Department of the Chesapeake Commander: W. Faron Taylor

Signature of Department Commander:

W. Faron Taylor

Date: March 28, 2018