

# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **Centennial Camp 100**

**Denver, Colorado**



## **MEMBER HANDBOOK**

This handbook is intended to provide the member with basic information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in general and Centennial Camp 100 in particular. Many Camp activities and functions of the Camp can be confusing to new members and some older members who are not as active as they would like. This handbook will serve as a ready reference to many areas of Camp administration and should answer frequently asked questions. New editions of this publication will be issued as needed to keep it updated. Suggested additions should be brought to the attention of the Camp Commander.

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## **Section 1**

# **INTRODUCTION TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a volunteer, non-profit [501(c)4], charitable, fraternal, patriotic and educational organization similar to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which was the largest Union Civil War veterans' organization. The SUVCW is officially recognized as the GAR's legal successor, receiving its Congressional Charter in 1954 (Public Law 605).

### ***A Brief History of the SUVCW***

The SUVCW was founded on November 12, 1881, as the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. by GAR member Maj. August P. Davis of Pittsburgh. The new cadet corps expanded rapidly, training in military drill and tactics. As the GAR's male auxiliary, it also added support to the GAR's efforts for veteran preference in public service hiring and pension benefits. It petitioned Congress to protect the Flag against disrespectful practices.

In 1898, during the Spanish American War, several companies of Sons of Veterans were raised for service. However, a Congressional bill to make the Order a trained military reserve never got out of committee. The Order then elected to become a patriotic education society and changed its name to "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) was created within the organization, keeping the uniformed, military aspect of the Order alive. SVR units served with the U.S. Army during World War I. In recent years, the SVR mission has been historic, ceremonial and commemorative. While some re-enactors belong to the SUVCW and the SVR, these are not re-enactor organizations.

Prior to disbanding and before the death of its last member, the GAR officially designated the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as its successor and heir to its remaining property

### ***Purpose and Objects***

- To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865;
- To assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;
- To cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war;

- To teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag;
- To oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union;
- And to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

### ***Membership Requirements***

Membership in the SUVCW is open to male descendants (sons, grandsons, great grandsons, nephews, grand nephews, great grand nephews, etc.) of soldiers, sailors, or marines who were mustered into Federal service and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service during the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865. Member applicants must be at least 14 years of age and must not have been convicted of any heinous or notorious crime (felony). In addition, the applicant and his ancestor(s), through whom eligibility is claimed, must not have ever borne arms against the U.S. Government. Male descendants, ages 6-14, may join as Juniors with the same stipulations stated above.

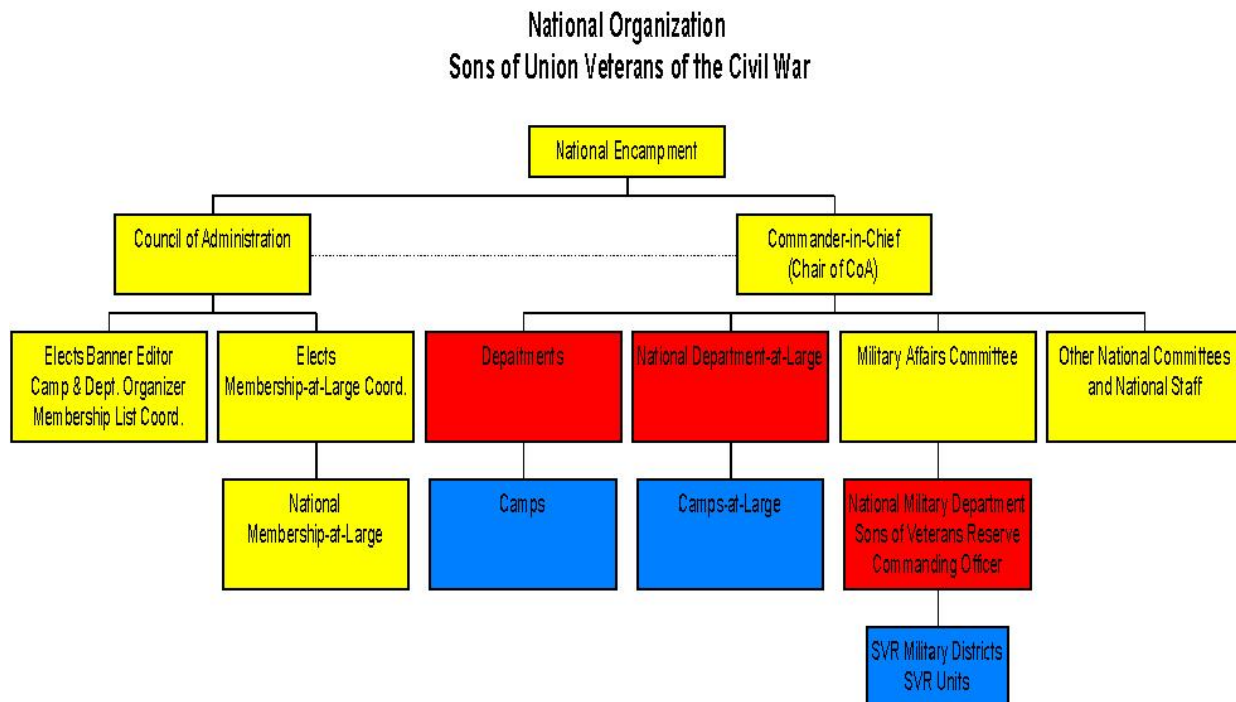
Those who do not have a Union ancestor, but who still wish to support the Order, may join as an Associate. The Associate has the same privileges as a Member/Junior, in that he can vote at camp elections and hold Camp office. Up to 33% of a Camp's total membership may consist of Associates. Associates must be at least 14 years of age and have never borne arms against the U.S. Government. Junior Associate memberships are available for those aged 6-14 without a Union ancestor.

Membership forms may be downloaded from the National Website at <http://suvchw.org/ftp/form3fi.pdf> .

## Section 2

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The SUVCW has three levels of organization as outlined below:



### ***National (yellow)***

The highest governing body of the SUVCW is the National Encampment, chaired by an officer of the corporation, whose title is Commander-in-Chief. Officers and Departmental representatives convene annually at the National Encampment, usually in August, to conduct corporate business and to elect officers.

### ***Departments (red)***

The SUVCW has 26 state-level organizations (Departments), representing 36 states and over 200 local chapters (Camps) across the country. A National Membership-at-Large is also available for those who live in states that are not yet served by a local Camp.

### ***Camps (blue)***

Local chapters of the Order are known as Camps. They are the backbone of the SUVCW. Some may be as small as to have only the constitutionally required minimum, others may be quite large. Most fall somewhere in between. Each Camp has a name and a number.

## **Section 3**

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

The National Encampment is the supreme governing body of the Order. When the National Encampment is not in session, the business of the Order is carried out by the Council of Administration. The Council of Administration consists of the elected National Officers, five elected council members and the Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief.

#### ***Officers***

Officers for the National Organization are elected by the membership (through their delegates) at the National Encampment. Those officers elected are the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, and five members of the Council of Administration.

The Commander-in-Chief appoints staff officers to assist him. These staff officers include The *Banner* Editor, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, National Chaplain, National Chief of Staff, National Civil War Memorials Officer, National Counselor, National GAR Highway Officer, National GAR records Officer, National Graves Registration Officer, National Historian, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, National Patriotic Instructor, and a Washington DC Representative. A complete description of the duties and responsibilities of the National Officers is included in the National Constitution and Regulations.

#### ***Standing and Special Committees***

Standing committees manage the various programs of the Order. The Commander-in-Chief appoints committee members and each committee reports its activities to the Council of Administration. A list of standing committees and their functions is in the National Constitution and Regulations. Special Committees are established to manage short term projects and are announced in General Orders.

#### ***National Headquarters***

The National Headquarters is located at Harrisburg, PA. An Executive Director, who is a paid administrator of the organization, manages the Headquarters.

#### ***The Banner***

The *Banner* is the official publication of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, containing news of activities in the various Departments, at the National level, and other items of interest to the membership. This magazine is published quarterly and mailed to all members in good standing. The subscription is included in your annual dues. If you should have problems in



receiving your copy, contact the Camp Commander who will work with National HQ to rectify the problem.

***Constitution & Regulations***

The National Constitution & Regulations can be found on the National Website at <http://suvchw.org/ftp/BlueBook2011.pdf>

Also on the National Website (suvchw.org) you can find:

- A list of National Officers & Committees
- General Orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief

## **Section 4**

### **DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO & WYOMING**

A Department consists of three or more Camps in a particular state or geographical area. Our Department is the **Department of Colorado & Wyoming** and has responsibility for all camps in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana and Idaho. Currently, it is comprised of the following Camps:

Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City, UT  
Chapman-Compliment Camp 2, Billings, MT  
Legion of the West Camp 7, Grand Junction, CO  
Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Durango, CO  
Centennial Camp 100, Denver, CO

The Department Encampment is held each June. At the encampment, officers and Camps report on their activities during the past year, necessary business is transacted and officers for the coming year are elected.

#### ***Officers***

The Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary-Treasurer, and three members of the Department Council are the elected officers. The Department Commander appoints staff officers as necessary that mirror those on the National Staff. Job descriptions for Department Officers can be found on the National Website.

#### ***Western Tribune***

The Department's Newsletter, the *Western Tribune*, is an electronic publication and is posted on the Department Website. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Camp Commander. The Camp will arrange to get you a copy of the Newsletter. All Brothers are encouraged to submit articles of interest to the Editor.

#### ***By-Laws***

The Department By-Laws can be found on the Department Website at <http://suvcw.org/co/deptcowy.html>

#### ***Department Orders***

Also on the Department Website you can find Department Orders issued by the Department Commander.

## **Section 5**

### **CENTENNIAL CAMP 100**

Our Camp is **Centennial Camp 100**. Its membership area extends along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains from Colorado Springs, CO to Laramie, WY. The Department of CO & WY does not allow *at-large* members. Each member must be assigned to one of the existing Camps, usually the one closest to their residence, but they may request assignment to any Camp in the Department.

#### ***Officers***

Camp Officers are installed at the Annual Membership meeting in January. Elected officers are the Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and three members of the Camp Council. Appointed officers include the Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Graves Registration Officer, Historian, Signals Officer, and others as needed. Job Descriptions for all Camp Officer positions can be found on the National Website.

#### ***Meetings***

The Camp meets in regular session four times per year in January, April, July, and October. Special meetings may be called as necessary. Meetings are held at Bennett's Bar-B-Que (3700 Peoria St, Aurora, CO 80239) unless another meeting site is specified.

#### ***Membership/Recruiting***

Unlike many organizations, membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is through the Camp rather than the National Organization. Regardless of where you submitted your application it found its way to the Camp. The membership Committee reviewed it to verify you met all the qualifications for membership and made a recommendation to the Camp. The Camp then voted to elect you to membership. Only after being elected could you be initiated. All who belong to the Order are referred to as **Brothers**. Although they are often used interchangeably, there is a legal distinction between the terms "member" and "Brother". While all are Brothers, members are those with lineage to a Union Veteran and those elected to Honorary Membership by the National Encampment.

Recruiting is the responsibility of each member. We all have a circle of family, friends, acquaintances, co-workers, etc. which form a ready-made recruiting pool. If you know of someone who would make a good candidate, try to interest them in membership. Provide them with an application and point them to the National and Camp Websites. Applications can be downloaded from the National Website (use the standard application rather than the internet

application). Those still trying to document their ancestor's service can join as an Associate and transition to a Regular Member when they obtain the requisite documentation. The Camp Junior Vice Commander oversees membership and recruiting.

### ***Dues and Fees***

Camp dues are set at the annual membership meeting in January. They are currently \$40.00 per year, due January 1<sup>st</sup> and payable by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Your dues includes dues due to the National Organization and the Department. The National portion of your dues includes an annual subscription to the ***Banner***. Dues notices usually go out after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and reminders are made in the meeting announcements.

If your dues are not received by 1 March, you run the risk of being dropped for non-payment. This is because the Camp must send in the Department and National dues along with a roster of members in good standing with its annual report by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. If there is a problem or oversight, please contact the Camp Commander or Treasurer so that arrangements can be made. Of course, it may be that you intend not to renew your membership. If that is the case, a heads-up is always appreciated. If your membership is terminated you may be reinstated by vote of the Camp upon payment of the annual dues and a reinstatement fee.

The only fees imposed by the Camp are the Nationally mandated Application and Reinstatement fees. These are one-time fees and are currently \$10.00 each.

### ***Transfer***

If you move out of the area you are eligible for a transfer card which will be issued upon request. Transfer cards are valid for one year during which you remain a member of the order. If the transfer card is not deposited with a new camp within the year period you will be discharged from the SUVCW.

### ***Honorable Discharge***

If you are in good standing and terminate your membership you are eligible for an Honorable Discharge Certificate. In accordance with the Constitution, this must be requested in writing (email is fine).

### ***Address Change***

Be sure to inform the Camp Commander or Secretary if you change your address, email or phone number. This ensures we have correct information on the roster. We also send a notice to National so that your ***Banner*** subscription is uninterrupted.

### ***Death/Illness***

The death of a member is a very difficult time for the camp. It is at such time that the camp wishes to not only pay tribute to the memory of the departed Brother but to provide a source of support to his family. When a Brother dies the Camp memorializes him at the next meeting and places his name on the memorial page of the Camp website. As many Brothers as possible will attend the funeral. His name is also forwarded to the Department and National Chaplains and is listed in the **Banner**. Often the Camp does not learn of the death until long after the event. Please include notification of the Camp in your planning. We are also interested in knowing of any serious illness. The SUVCW has a tradition of looking after the welfare of its Brothers. We will endeavor to provide what assistance we may if only to include you in our thoughts and prayers.

### ***Life Membership***

Throughout its history the SUVCW has established a number of Life membership programs. All Life memberships are through the National Organization, Departments and Camps are not allowed to create their own programs. The fees for the current Life Member program are:

#### **FEE SCHEDULE**

Under 40	1,000.00
41-50	700.00
51-60	500.00
61-70	300.00
71 plus	230.00

Life members are exempt from paying National dues. Department and Camp dues are not exempt. However, the Camp has elected to pay the Department & Camp dues for each Life member. Life Member applications can be downloaded from the National Website at <http://suvchw.org/ftp/form09fi.pdf>

### ***Dual Membership***

Brothers are allowed to join more than one camp. This is known as dual membership. You must apply and be elected to each Camp. You must also pay the National, Department and Camp dues to each Camp.

### ***Uniforms***

For many years in its history the SUVCW, like the GAR, had a prescribed uniform. Basically, it was the current US Army uniform with appropriate SUV insignia. Today there is no prescribed SUV uniform. Many Camps adopt a uniform or uniform item. We have not. Brothers are free to wear uniforms or uniform items (caps, vests, etc.) as they wish. The Department of Michigan sells an SUV cap badge and a blazer crest. Order through their website at <http://www.suvcwmi.org/>.

## **Section 6 Camp Committees**

The Camp Commander appoints all committee chairmen. He may appoint individual members or permit the chairman to select his committee. The proper use of committees prevents the overloading of camp officers, encourages participation by all members and helps to develop future camp officers. This is most effective when care is taken to have each member working on activities, which relate to his own personal interests. The designation of committees is at the discretion of the camp and is governed by its individual needs.

### ***Membership Committee***

This is the only standing committee established by the Camp by-Laws. It is chaired by the Junior Vice Commander and reviews all membership applications.

### ***Other Committees***

The Camp establishes other committees as the need arises. No special committees are currently established.

### ***Project Officers***

In lieu of a formal committee, the Camp Commander may appoint a Project Officer to manage various Camp activities. The only project currently managed by a Project Officer is the Riverside GAR Monument and Veterans Memorial Walkway.

If you see a need for a committee or would like to like to work on a project, please contact the Camp Commander.

## **Section 7**

### **Camp Activities**

Camp activities correspond to the purposes for which the SUVCW was established. They are largely driven by the interests of the Brothers. Many of these activities are coordinated by a Camp Officer or Project Officer. If you are interested in superintending one of these activities please contact the Camp Commander.

#### **Graves Registration Activities:**

The goal of the SUVCW National Grave Registration Project is to locate the final resting places of all Union Civil War Veterans, and enter that information into the National Graves Registration Database. This activity is coordinated by the Camp Graves Registration Officer (GRO) and is well suited for individual participation as well as a well as a group effort. Participation can be as simple as walking a cemetery and documenting the graves of those civil war veterans marked with a government headstone. Those with more time may want to search cemetery records to identify veterans whose grave is marked by a private stone or whose grave is not marked at all. Careful note should be made of any government stone that is damaged, defaced or so worn as to be unreadable. Keep the Camp GRO informed of all your results.

A graves registration form is available on the national website:

<http://suvchw.org/ftp/gravform-fi.pdf>

The National Graves Registration Database is also on the website:

<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/>

#### **Headstone Dedication:**

When a civil war veteran's unmarked grave is found the Camp can pursue obtaining a government headstone. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will provide a headstone at government expense for qualified veterans. However, they have specific requirements that must be met before the stone is provided. One of these requirements is that the stone be requested by a next-of-kin. Consequently, this activity is time consuming and requires a fair amount of genealogical research to locate a family member. If we are successful in obtaining a stone, the Camp will perform a dedication ceremony to honor the veteran. If you're interested in researching an unmarked grave, please contact the Camp Commander or Graves Registration Officer.

#### **Last Soldier Project:**

Closely related to graves registration activities, the goal of the Last Soldier Project is to locate and appropriately mark the final resting place of the last

Civil War Soldier buried in each county. This is another project that can be worked on individually, at least in its initial stages. Once a county's Last Soldier is located, the Camp can raise funds to place an appropriate plaque at the grave site and conduct a memorial ceremony. If you are interested in doing research on this project please contact the Camp Commander.

### **ROTC Medal Program:**

This program promotes the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship by honoring deserving cadets with the Order's ROTC Medal. Our definition of a deserving cadet is one that "***shows a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership.***" Both Senior (College) and Junior (High School) ROTC units are eligible to participate in this program. Currently, we participate with three area Junior ROTC units. Additional units can be added as funds are available. If you are interested in representing the Camp by presenting a medal please contact the Camp Commander.

An application for the award is on the national website:

<http://suvchw.org/ftp/form7.pdf>

### **Eagle Scout Recognition Program:**

One of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War many goals and purposes is to reward young men who achieve the status of Eagle Scout with a special congratulatory letter and color *Certificate of Commendation*, suitable for framing. While we encourage any young man searching for that special community service project to look to us for inspiration on projects relating to the Civil War, we offer this certificate with no "strings attached" other than you must be an Eagle. If you would like to volunteer to present a certificate or know a Scout Troop that would like to participate please contact the Camp Commander.

An application for the Eagle Scout Certificate is on the national website:

[http://suvchw.org/eagle/eagle\\_application.pdf](http://suvchw.org/eagle/eagle_application.pdf)

### **Civil War Monuments & Memorials Program:**

The goal of this program is to identify GAR monuments and Civil War-related memorials erected by other parties. Activities involve physically searching out and inspecting each and every memorial that can be found. The object is to create a catalog or database of these monuments/memorials and more importantly, identify any professional restoration work that may be necessary - due to the effects of nature or vandalism. Information that is collected will become dated information over the years so we should continue to regularly inspect memorials so that our data remains current. Another important aspect of this project, is to contact the public authorities and private property owners tied to the sites that Gar memorials stand on, and inform them of the GAR - SUVCW Deed of Conveyance. Notice of the SUVCW's legal interests should



HELP end the Practice of removing and/or selling any Civil War cannon from these memorials. Results of this activities are reported through the Department Civil War Memorials Officer to the National Civil War Memorials Committee. If you are interested in this activity please contact the Camp Commander.

A form to asses and catalog these memorials is on the national website:  
<http://suvchw.org/ftp/memorial-fi.pdf>

### **Riverside Cemetery GAR Monument and Veterans Memorial Walkway Project:**

This has been the signature Camp project for a number of years. Section 27 in Denver's historic Riverside Cemetery was purchased in the 1880s by the Denver area GAR Posts to provide a resting place for their comrades. Although there is a flagpole, there is no monument to the GAR in Section 27. This project consists of constructing a raised platform around the flagpole, placing a suitable monument and connecting the platform to the road with a walkway of memorial bricks. The project has been designed and approved by the Fairmount Cemetery Co. We are now in the fundraising phase. If you are interested in helping with the fundraising campaign, please contact the Camp Commander or the Riverside Memorial Project Officer.

A brick donation form can be downloaded from the Camp's website:  
[http://www.suvchwco100.org/Images/Brick\\_Donor\\_Form.pdf](http://www.suvchwco100.org/Images/Brick_Donor_Form.pdf)

### **Civil War Sesquicentennial Projects:**

The sesquicentennial of the Civil War (2011 – 2015) offers a golden opportunity to develop activities highlighting the Civil War. Educational talks at schools of civic groups, essay contests, demonstrations and displays are possible ideas. Anyone with an idea for a project or actively work on and activity, please contact the Camp Commander.

### **Educational Activities:**

Educational activities touch almost all the purposes & objects of the SUVCW. There are many opportunities to participate in educational activities such as: being a guest speaker at schools & community groups (talking about any aspect of the Civil War, the GAR, SUVCW, patriotism, citizenship, etc.); participating in history day programs, developing a display for schools, libraries, community centers, etc.; and many others. Given enough interest the Camp can adopt a school. Please discuss your interests in the area with the Camp Commander or Patriotic Instructor.

### **Grand Army of the Republic Records Project:**

The goal of this effort is to locate the records of the more than 8600 local Posts of the GAR and to document their repositories. There were more than 113 GAR Posts in the GAR Department of Colorado & Wyoming. As the GAR Comrades

died off and their Posts disbanded their records quite often placed in local repositories, given to chapters of an Allied Order other veterans organizations or left with family members. The Department has an ongoing effort to write histories of these Posts. Along the same lines, we are also interested in locating the records of inactive SUVCW Camps. If your interests lie in either of these areas please contact the Camp Commander or Camp Historian.

**Reenacting and Living History Activities:**

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) is the military and ceremonial arm of the SUVCW. It operates independently of camps and departments. At the present time, there is no SVR unit active in the Department of Colorado & Wyoming. If you are interested in joining the SVR see the national website: <http://suvcw.org/svr/svr.htm>. Many Brothers are members of non-SUVCW sponsored living history or reenacting groups such as the 1<sup>st</sup> Colorado Volunteers and the Castle Rock Civil War Unit. The Camp Commander can put you in touch with these groups.

**Reporting Your Activities:**

As you participate in any activity on an individual basis, please remember to keep the Camp Commander or appropriate Camp Officer informed of your progress. This ensures that you are properly credited in the Commander's & Patriotic Instructor's annual reports. Taken together everyone's efforts form a large part of the Camp's history.

## **Section 8**

### **Camp Finances and Fundraising**

#### **Tax Exempt Status:**

The Camp is a 501(c)4 exempt organization. We operate under a Group Exemptions issued to the National Organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Although it has not always been true in the past, at the present time donations to the Camp, Department & National Organization are *not* tax deductible. The National Organization is in the process of converting our tax exempt status to a 501(c)3 organization. When this is approved contributions will again be tax deductible.

#### **Centennial Camp 100 Charitable Fund:**

This fund is separate from the Camp's general fund and is organized and operated under the rules that apply to 501(c)3 exempt organizations. It is used exclusively to fund the charitable, educational or literary activities of the Camp. Contributions to this fund are treated by the IRS as contributions to a 501(c)3 organizations and are tax deductible. The IRS although recognizing the deductibility of contributions it does not issue a separate determination letter for such funds unless they actually apply and are approved for 501(c)3 status. Therefore, contributors basically have to take our word that their contributions are deductible. Many large contributors, foundations and corporations do not contribute to such funds.

#### **Camp Revenue:**

Currently, \$14.00 of your annual dues goes to the Camp's general fund. Except for donations, this is our only source of revenue. The general fund is used mainly to pay for supplies (membership badges & rituals) and miscellaneous camp expenses. Very little is left to fund projects & activities.

#### **Fundraising:**

Fundraising is not the favorite activity of most Camp Brothers. It takes work, persistence and time. And, absent a benefactor with deep pockets, the only way we can fund major projects. Most fundraising activities fall into three categories: selling, begging, & hosting events where participants make a donation to attend.

- Selling: This is where we find a product, add a mark-up and convince people to buy it. An example is our Riverside Memorial Bricks (see below). The only way we get serious money is to have a lot of Brothers participate – the public is not exactly beating down our door to see what's on offer.

- Begging: Well, not begging exactly. More like asking people for donations. An example is gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble at Christmas time. The key is to do a lot of events and being lucky choosing the date & time.

- Hosting Events: Typical events in this category might include pancake breakfasts, spaghetti suppers, golf tournaments, guns shows, 5-10k runs and the like. If well planned, the events can generate a decent revenue. The downside is they usually involve some type of sponsorship, lots of publicity and cash outlays up front.

We are actively seeking fundraising ideas and volunteers to participate on a committee to evaluate and plan fundraising activities. Contact the Camp Commander if you are interested. If any Brother has sales, marketing or fundraising talent or experience we would appreciate your help.

### **Ongoing Fundraising Projects:**

**Riverside Memorial Bricks** – These are engraved paver bricks that will be used to create the memorial walkway in Section 27 at Riverside Cemetery. We are offering individuals and organizations an opportunity to memorialize a Civil War veteran ancestor, unit or any other military veteran or unit of any time period with a memorial brick. Bricks are \$30.00 and a donation form can be downloaded or printed from the Camp's website at [http://www.suvcwco100.org/Images/Brick\\_Donor\\_Form.pdf](http://www.suvcwco100.org/Images/Brick_Donor_Form.pdf). Larger bricks are available to major donors and sponsors for larger donations.

**Book Drawing** – Brothers can donate Civil War themed books which will be used as prizes in a drawing at Camp meetings.

**Goodsearch** – Goodsearch.com is a fundraising program sponsored by yahoo. It costs us nothing and we earn money as long as participants select Centennial Camp 100 as their charity. Here is an explanation of the service available from Goodsearch:

- **Goodsearch:** Search the Internet with their patent-protected, Yahoo!-powered search engine (just like you'd search on any other search engine), and they'll donate about a penny for nearly all searches to your selected cause.
- **Goodshop:** Shop at one of their more than 2,800 participating stores (from Amazon to Zazzle) and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to your cause at no cost to you. Oh, and by the way, there's a big added bonus here too. Goodshop lists more than 100,000 coupons and deals so you could save money while doing good!
- **Gooddining:** Dine at one of their 10,000 participating restaurants around the country and a percentage of what you spend will go to your cause – again at no cost to you.

- **Good-to-go add-ons:**The GoodShop To-Go Button, GoodApp Toolbar and Goodsearch Plug-in all install in less than 30 seconds and help you to earn donations for your favorite cause when you shop and search even when you don't visit Goodsearch first!

To access Goodsearch just go to [goodsearch.com](http://goodsearch.com) and select Centennial Camp 100 as your charity. You don't have to be a member of the Camp to participate. It's open to anyone – family, friends, neighbors , co-workers, acquaintances. In fact, the more participants the more money we make. If you register (not required) the site will track how much you've raised for the Camp. Go here to learn more about the program and its rules: <http://www.goodsearch.com/faq>.

## **Section 9**

### **Other Affiliated and/or "like-minded" Organizations**

#### **Allied Orders of the G.A.R.:**

The Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the GAR, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with the SUVCW constitute the Allied Orders of the GAR.

**The Women's Relief Corps** - The National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc., is a patriotic organization whose express purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Descent from a Civil war ancestor is not a requirement for membership. Local organizations are known as Corps. There are no Corps active in the Department of Colorado & Wyoming at the present time. At-Large memberships are available. For more information see their website at: <http://suvchw.org/WRC/index.htm>.

**Ladies of the GAR** - The Ladies of the G.A.R. is the oldest Women's hereditary organization in the United States. The original objectives of the organization included promotion of patriotism and loyalty to the Union, participation in community service, with great emphasis on education and preservation of Civil War history. Ladies must be a blood kin relative 10 years of age or older, of an honorably discharged Union soldier, Sailor, or Marine of the Civil War 1861-1865, as well as ex-army Nurses. Local organizations are known as Circles. There are no active Circles in Colorado & Wyoming. At-Large memberships are available. For more information see their website at: <http://suvchw.org/LGAR/Home.html>.

**Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War** - The Daughters of Union Veterans is a patriotic organization whose purpose is to spread widely the teachings of patriotism, that those who dwell in this broad land of ours will so live that, in peace or in war, there shall be no stain on "The Flag Our Fathers Saved." Descent from a Civil war ancestor is a requirement for membership. Local organizations are known as Tents. There are three Tents active in the Department of Colorado & Wyoming at the present time: Tent 6 in Ft Collins, CO, Tent 21 in Cheyenne, WY, and Tent 23 in Sterling, CO At-Large memberships are available. For more information see their website at: <http://www.duvchw.org/>.

**Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War** - The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strives to assist the Sons of Union Veterans in keeping alive the memories of our ancestors and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union; to aid in caring for helpless

and disabled Veterans; and to properly observe Memorial Day. Lineal or collateral descent from a Civil War ancestor is a membership requirement except that mothers, wives, widows, daughters & legally adopted daughters of members (not Associates) of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in good standing are eligible. Local organizations are known as Auxiliaries. There are no active auxiliaries in the Department of Colorado & Wyoming at the present time. For more information see their website at:  
<http://www.asuvcw.org/>.

**Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States** - For more information see their website at:  
<http://suvvw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>.

**National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865** - For more information see their website at:  
[http://www.nsdu.org/wc/default.asp?info=791490112\\_1](http://www.nsdu.org/wc/default.asp?info=791490112_1).

**Links to Our Confederate Cousins** – See <http://suvvw.org/reb.htm>.

# **Appendix A Camp Bylaws**

## **CAMP BY-LAWS**

### **CENTENNIAL CAMP 100**

#### **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

##### **PREAMBLE**

We, the male descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal order, for the purposes and objects set forth; and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our fathers' deeds; to render loyal service to our Country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.

**THEREFORE:** We the members, have adopted the following as our by-laws as a guide to the conduct of the meetings of the Camp and members thereof, and in relation to the general welfare of the Camp, the Department, and the Order at large, to wit.

##### **ARTICLE I**

###### **Name**

This Camp shall be known as Centennial Camp 100, located in Denver, Colorado in the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

##### **ARTICLE II**

###### **Meetings**

**SECTION 1.** Meetings shall be held quarterly, normally during the months of January, April, July, and October, at a time and place designated by the Camp Commander.

**SECTION 2.** The Annual Meeting of Centennial Camp 100 shall be in January of each year. The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be the installation of officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and other business that may arise.

**SECTION 3.** Special meetings may be called by the Camp Commander or Camp Council. Special meetings or postponement of regularly scheduled meetings shall have at least three days' notice (except in the case of an emergency) and will be in writing, by phone or by email.

**SECTION 4.** A quorum shall be the smaller of: a simple majority of the brothers reported present and entitled to vote or 7 brothers in good standing. At least one elected officer must be included in a quorum.



## **ARTICLE III**

### **Committees**

SECTION 1. Membership Committee. The membership Committee shall be chaired by the Junior Vice Commander and review all applications for membership, and report on the eligibility of said applicants.

SECTION 2. Other Committees. The Camp Commander, with Camp approval, may appoint such Committees as may be necessary from time to time, to carry out the work of the organization. The Commander may appoint Project Officers as necessary.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern Centennial Camp 100 in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming or the Constitution and Regulations of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Finance**

SECTION 1. Dues and Fees. Camp dues shall be set at the Annual Meeting, and payable prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The dues amount shall include all Department and National per capita amounts. Life members and Real Sons are exempt from dues. The only fees assessed by the Camp are the Application and Reinstatement Fees. These fees shall be set in accordance with the National Constitution & Regulations.

SECTION 2. General Fund. Except as provided in Section 3, all monies collected for the operation of the Camp shall be deposited in a General Fund. This fund will be kept in a checking account in an insured financial institution.

SECTION 3. Centennial Camp 100 Charitable Fund. In accordance with Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, there is established a separate charitable activities fund. This fund shall be known as the "Centennial Camp 100 Charitable Fund". This fund shall be organized to meet the requirements of Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code and will be used exclusively to fund the charitable, educational or literary activities of the Camp in accordance with the purposes set forth in the Congressional Charter (36 U.S.C. 2003) of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Projects supported by this fund must be approved by a majority vote of the Camp members present and eligible to vote. Upon dissolution of the fund, any remaining balance will be donated to a similarly organized fund of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, SUVCW; the SUVCW National organization; or the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. Upon dissolution of the Camp, any remaining balance in this fund will be disposed of as required by the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW with the provision that it not be used to support the general purposes of the organization.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## **Membership**

SECTION 1. All prospective candidates whose applications have been accepted by the Membership Committee shall be subject to a vote by the membership of the Camp. Balloting for new brothers shall be done by any appropriate means. At least 80% of the voting brothers in good standing; who are present, must cast an affirmative vote for acceptance as a new member.

SECTION 2. Unless prohibited by the By-Laws of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, the Camp will allow for the admission of Juniors, Associates and Junior Associates subject to the applicable provisions of the National Constitution & Regulations.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Amendment of By-Laws**

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this camp by a two-thirds vote of all members in good standing present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at least thirty days in advance.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Suspension of By-Laws**

Any By-Law may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Brothers present and voting at any regular or special meeting except Articles I & V.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Rescission of Previous By-Laws**

Upon approval by the Department Commander all previous revisions of these By-Laws are rescinded.

Approved by Centennial Camp 100 assembled in regular session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2012.

*James M. Barker*

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Commander

ATTEST:

*Walter Weart*

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Secretary

Approved on 23 June 2012

*Eric D. Richhart*

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