

**Generals Sedgwick - Granger Camp No. 17**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**CAMP BYLAWS**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the descendants of Soldiers, Sailors, or Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service 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 purpose and objects in this Constitution 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.

**Article I**  
**NAME**

Section 1. NAME. The name of this Camp shall be the "Generals Sedgwick - Granger Camp No. 17 of Santa Ana, California," Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (hereinafter, "SUVCW"), hereinafter referred to as the Camp.

**Article II**  
**PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

Section 1. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES. The purpose of this Camp shall be to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who served the Union from 12 April 1861 to 9 April 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 impartial justice for all.

## **Article III ORGANIZATION**

Section 1. CAMP ORGANIZATION. The Generals Sedgwick - Granger Camp No. 17 shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the Generals Sedgwick - Granger Camp No. 17, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Camp is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of California. 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.

## **Article IV ACTIVITIES NOT IN FURTHERANCE OF EXEMPT PURPOSE**

Section 1. EXEMPT PURPOSE. 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 Bylaws, 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 V PROTECTION OF JUNIORS AND JUNIOR ASSOCIATES**

Section 1. JUNIORS AND JUNIOR ASSOCIATES; PROTECTION OF MEMBERS. It is the intention of this Camp to properly safeguard the youth within our Order. To that extent:

(a) All Junior and Junior Associates shall be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a guardian (i.e., an adult who is 18 years of age or older) when participating in any SUVCW/SVR activity.

(b) Unless a designated guardian, at no time will a non-relative SUVCW/SVR Brother be permitted one-on-one contact with a Junior or Junior Associate. Any non-relative interaction with a Junior or Junior Associate must include, at all times, at least two SUVCW/ASUVCW Brothers/Sisters who are 18 years of age or older.

(c) Any SUVCW Brother who witnesses or, in good faith, suspects any type of physical,

mental or sexual abuse of any Junior or Junior Associate, shall immediately report such suspicion to local law enforcement first, and to the Camp Commander immediately thereafter. The Camp Commander shall notify Camp elected officers.

(d) Although not mandatory, it is highly suggested that every SUVCW Brother who is 18 years of age or older, who may have contact with a Junior or Junior Associate, should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type.

(e) All SUVCW Brothers must comply with all applicable Local, State and Federal laws pertaining to child abuse.

## **Article VI MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES**

Section 1. ANNUAL DUES. Each Brother of the Camp shall be assessed annual dues. The amount of said dues shall be a minimum of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for Members and Associates per annum, and a minimum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for Juniors and Junior Associates per annum. Brothers serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, while stationed outside of the District of Columbia or any State, territory, or possession of the United States, shall be exempt from annual Camp per capita dues.

Section 2. ANNUAL DUES; AMOUNT. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, the Camp may, by majority vote, increase or decrease the annual dues assessment. Any change in dues shall be disseminated by the Camp Commander in the form of Camp Orders not less than three months prior to any change. Any change in dues shall not become effective until the January following the date upon which the change was agreed to. When two-thirds (2/3) of the Camp Brothers voting determine that a change in the amount of dues is immediately in order, and essential for the continued operation of the Camp, the Camp shall declare the urgency to make such change, and the reasons therefore, to be included in the Camp Minutes. Such change in dues shall become effective immediately, upon the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of those voting, unless the Camp, at the same time, establishes another date which is prior to January following the date upon which the change was agreed to. The Camp Commander shall issue Camp Orders following the change in dues.

Section 3. DUE DATE. Annual dues are required and payable by March 31 of each year. Brothers who have not paid their dues by this date are in arrears. Brothers will be issued a Honorable Discharge if dues are not paid by March 31 of each year unless other arrangements have been made.

Section 4. PRORATED DUES. New Brothers initiated into the Camp during a month other than January shall be assessed a prorated dues amount. Such prorated amount shall be calculated on a quarterly basis. New Brothers who join the Camp by applying via the online electronic application form maintained by the National Organization, or otherwise applying via the National Organization, shall have their initial dues applied as appropriate, based upon when they applied via the National Organization.

## **Article VII MEETINGS**

Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS. The Camp Commander shall annually between January and February, inclusively, propose Regular Camp meeting dates, times, and places for the calendar year; provided, however, they are approved by the Camp no later than the end of February each year.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings for extraordinary cause may be convened by the Camp Commander with the consent of a majority of the elected Camp Officers, or on petition of a majority of the Camp elected officers. Special meetings shall also be called on the written request of 33% of the membership, excluding Juniors and Junior Associates. The Secretary shall certify the current number of members for purposes of this Section. The purpose of the special meeting shall be stated in the call, and no other business may be transacted at any special meeting other than that for which it was specifically called. Except in cases of emergency, a minimum of ten (10) days notice shall be given to Brothers for a special meeting.

Section 3. QUORUM. A quorum for regular meetings shall consist of five (5) eligible voting members, three of whom shall be duly elected officers of the Camp. For special meetings a majority of the duly elected Camp officers or 33% of the membership, excluding Juniors and Junior Associates, shall constitute a quorum. At no time during a meeting of this Camp shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine percent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

Section 4. FLAGS AND CHARTER. All meetings of the Camp shall have, at a minimum, the following items displayed, unless it is not practical: the United States Flag, the Camp Flag, the Holy Bible, and the Camp Charter.

## **Article VIII DELEGATES**

Section 1. DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT DELEGATES. Delegates to the Department Encampment shall be members of the Camp who are: current and Past Camp Commanders in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, all current and Past Department Commanders, all current and Past Commanders-in-Chief, one Delegate for the Camp membership-at-large, and one additional Delegate for every ten members, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment.

Section 2. ELECTION OF DELEGATES. Delegates, and an equal number of Alternates, shall be elected by a plurality vote of the Camp at a regular meeting of the Camp. between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive. If for any reason a Delegate is unable to attend the Department Encampment, an Alternate Delegate shall replace that Delegate, as assigned by the Camp Commander, or his designee, as head of the Camp's delegation. Any vacancies in delegate representation needing to be filled beyond the Alternate

Delegates shall be filled by a vote of Delegates from this Camp in attendance at the Encampment; the Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies.

## **Article IX OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1. CAMP OFFICERS; TYPES. Camp Officers shall be of two types: elected and appointed. The Elected Officers of the Camp shall be as follows: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members of the Camp Council. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by a single Brother. The Camp Council shall be composed of three Brothers of the Camp not holding the office of Commander, Secretary, or Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer). The Appointed Officers of the Camp shall be: Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Counselor, Historian, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer, the Civil War Memorials Officer, GAR Highway Officer, Newsletter Editor, and Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, these, and any other appointive officers, standing committee, or ad hoc committee members, shall be appointed by the Camp Commander, as he deems necessary and proper. Appointed officers and committee members serve a concurrent term with the Camp Commander, and at his pleasure.

Section 2. ELECTIONS. The elected Camp Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Camp between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive, the date to be determined by a majority vote of the Camp members present, at no later than the meeting previous to that at which the election is to be held. A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers; provided, however, the Members of the Camp Council shall be elected by plurality vote. On assuming office, the Commander shall appoint all other Camp officers.

## **Article X DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS**

Section 1. COMMANDER. The purpose of the Office of Camp Commander is to conduct the meetings of the Camp, and to direct and to provide oversight of Camp operations in order to foster and promote the goals and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2. SENIOR VICE COMMANDER. The purpose of the Office of Camp Senior Vice Commander is to assist the Commander and promote the Order, and to conduct the meetings of the Camp in the absence of the Commander.

Section 3. JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER. The purpose of the office of Camp Junior Vice Commander is to assist with the recruitment and retention of members, and to conduct the meetings of the Camp in the absence of the Commander and the Senior Vice Commander.

Section 4. SECRETARY. The purpose of the Office of Secretary is to keep the minutes of the meetings and to carry on necessary correspondence for the Camp, and to assist the Camp Commander to ensure that all required Camp Reports are submitted in a timely fashion.

Section 5. TREASURER. The purpose of the Office of Treasurer is to serve as custodian of Camp monies and property, to keep accurate financial records and to prepare periodic financial reports, and to assist the Camp Commander and Camp Secretary to ensure that all required Camp Reports and funds are submitted in a timely fashion.

Section 6. COUNCIL. The purpose of the three-member Camp Council is to devise and recommend measures to help ensure the financial stability of the Camp and to fill vacancies which may occur in elected Camp offices.

Section 7. AUTHORITY OF ELECTED OFFICERS. The final power and authority of the Camp shall be vested in the Camp membership. Between Camp meetings, the elected Camp officers shall collectively manage the affairs of the Camp, carrying out the directives and directions of the Camp membership, consistent with the governing documents of this Camp.

## **Article XI DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Section 1. DUTIES. The duties of the Camp Appointed Officers shall be consistent with the duties of those defined for Camp Appointed Officers in the National Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## **Article XII CAMP ORDERS**

Section 1. ISSUANCE OF ORDERS. The Camp Commander shall issue Camp Orders as necessary, and as a notification to the Camp and Department upon the death of a Camp Brother. Camp Orders shall be disseminated to all Camp Brothers directly or by publication in the Camp newsletter if one is published.

## **Article XIII COMMITTEES**

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. There may be six (6) or more Standing Committees of this Camp formed, with examples as follows: Membership, Graves and War Memorials, Bylaws, History, and Visitation.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. The Standing Committee on Membership shall be responsible for investigating applications for membership that are received by the Camp, and shall recommend, to the entire Camp, the election or rejection of the applicant. The Committee shall be composed of the Junior Vice Committee, who shall chair the Committee, the Camp Secretary, and a member-at-large who shall be appointed by the Camp Commander.

Section 3. GRAVES AND WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE. The purpose of the Standing Committee on Graves and War Memorials shall be to seek, identify and record graves and memorials to Union and Confederate Civil War Soldiers, to secure veteran headstones from the Federal government, and to seek and identify all monuments and memorials dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Camp any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War monument or memorial.

Section 4. BYLAWS COMMITTEE. The Standing Committee on Bylaws shall periodically review Camp Bylaws, Department Bylaws, and the National Constitution and Regulations, bringing necessary revisions to the attention of the Camp membership. The Committee shall also have general oversight jurisdiction with respect to issues associated with the National Constitution and Regulations, Department Bylaws and Regulations, Camp Bylaws and Regulations, special rules of order, standing rules, and parliamentary procedure.

Section 5. HISTORY COMMITTEE. The purpose of the Standing Committee on History shall be to identify and preserve historical and biographical material pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their respective membership, as well as all associated organizations and the Allied Orders. The Committee shall also have general oversight jurisdiction with respect to issues associated with the history of the Allied Orders. This Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Historian.

Section 6. VISITATIONS COMMITTEE. The purpose of the Standing Committee on Visitations shall be to identify and report on sick, injured, or bereaved members and their families. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that suitable measures of compassion and comfort are undertaken, for example, by sending cards, flowers, or the undertaking of other appropriate actions.

## **Article XIV CAMP AWARDS**

Section 1. WALTER L. DAVIS OUTSTANDING CAMP BROTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD. The Camp Commander may award this perpetual rotating award trophy each year to the Camp Brother who the Commander may determine to have contributed the most outstanding service to the Camp, and who best upheld and demonstrated the principals and values of the Order.

## **Article XV SEPARATION, DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS**

Section 1. SURRENDER OF CAMP CHARTER. 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 Department of California and Pacific, 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. CAMP PROPERTY; CHARITABLE TRUST.** 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 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.

**Section 3. PROPERTY AND FUNDS; ALLIED ORDERS.** 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 California State Archives.

**Section 4. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION.** 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.

## **Article XVI INCLUSION OF DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Section 1. INCLUSION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.** Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the following rules and regulations, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto: the Constitution, Regulations, and National Policies of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and, the Bylaws of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## **Article XVII SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS**

**Section 1. SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS.** There shall be no suspension of these Bylaws, unless specifically authorized herein.

## **Article XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Section 1. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.** The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the SUVCW Constitution and



Regulations, National Policies, guidelines established by the Ritual of the Order, or with any legally adopted rules of the Order.

Section 2. PARLIAMENTARIAN. The Camp Counselor shall keep in his possession Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, for his use as parliamentarian.

## **Article XIX AMENDMENTS AND SEVERABILITY**

Section 1. AMENDMENTS; PROCESS. (a) The Bylaws of this Camp may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting; provided, however, that a copy of the proposed amendment(s) has been filed with the Camp Commander, Camp Secretary, and copies provided to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented.

(b) Proposed amendments may be submitted by any Brother of the Camp. Proposed amendments shall be submitted directly to the Camp Commander, who shall refer the proposed amendment(s) to the Camp Committee on Bylaws for appropriate findings, actions, and recommendations.

(c) When multiple amendments are being considered by the Camp, the Committee on Bylaws shall recommend the order of consideration. When two or more conflicting amendments are proposed, if one is adopted, the others shall not be considered.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE; WRITTEN APPROVAL REQUIRED. Before becoming effective, any amendments to these Bylaws shall require the written approval of the Commander of the Department of California and Pacific.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any Article (or provisions thereof) in these Bylaws shall be found or held as invalid by any act of law, by any court of competent jurisdiction, by a conflict in the Department Bylaws, the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, or National Policies, or for any other legitimate reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of these Bylaws, and to this end the provisions of these Bylaws are severable, all other provisions remaining in full force and effect.

Section 4. PREVIOUS BYLAWS REPEALED. Any and all Camp Bylaws and Regulations heretofore in existence are hereby repealed in their entirety.

## **BYLAWS (AND AMENDMENTS THERETO) CERTIFICATION**

Section 1. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS. The foregoing Bylaws having been adopted in the City of Tustin, County of Orange, State of California by the Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, two-thirds of the Brothers concurring, on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of

our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-third, and approved by Department Commander LinnP. Hoadley on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-third.

Pursuant to the Amendments and Severability Article, these Bylaws have been Amended as included herein, and those Amendments adopted in the City of Santa Ana, County of Orange, State of California by the Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, two-thirds of the Brothers concurring on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second.

**/s/ George T. Dore, Commander  
Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**ATTEST: /s/ Terry Shaw, Secretary-Treasurer  
Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

The foregoing Bylaws, as amended, of the Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are found to be in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Department Bylaws of the Department of California and Pacific, and are hereby approved by me on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-third.

**/s/ Dean A. Enderlin (PDC), Commander  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**ATTEST: /s/ Owen R. Stiles (PCC), Secretary-Treasurer  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

