

General George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Bylaws

ARTICLE I

Name and Authority

The name of this organization shall be **Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War** (Camp) of Riverside & Inland Empire, California, and shall exercise the power and authority and take the jurisdiction conferred upon it by its Charter and the Constitution and Regulations.

ARTICLE II

Organization

The Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18 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 Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18, 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 III

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 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 IV

Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

Section 1: 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: 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: 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: 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 V

Purpose and Objects

The purpose and objects of this Camp shall be as stated in Article II of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ARTICLE VI

Religion and Politics

The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited.

ARTICLE VII

Juniors and Associates

Section 1: As permitted by the Department Bylaws, the Camp welcomes Junior Members, Associates, and Junior Associates. The Camp places no further restrictions than those contained in the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Department Bylaws.

Section 2: Juniors and Associate Juniors; 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 VIII

Meetings

Section 1: Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Camp shall generally be held on the 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month, at location(s) to be announced but within the boundaries of the State of California.

Section 2: Quorum. Five (5) members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Officers

Section 1: Officers. The officers of this Camp shall be as stated in Chapter I, Article IV of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In addition, the Camp Commander may appoint any other officer he deems necessary for the advancement of the Order.

Section 2: Election and Installation. The annual election of officers shall be conducted at the last regular meeting of the Camp held in December. Officers shall assume office on January 1 following their election. The officers shall be formally installed at the first regular meeting of the Camp held in February. The Department Commander or his representative shall serve as the Installing Officer.

ARTICLE X

Finances

Section 1: Application Fee. Each first-time applicant for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall pay an Application Fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) plus any required National and Department Application Fees.

Section 2: Annual Dues. Annual Dues shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) plus any required Per Capita. First-time applicants for membership shall pay the full Annual Dues, and at his first renewal his Annual Dues will be pro-rated based upon the date of his membership acceptance. Life Members (prior to December 31, 2001) are not subject to Annual Dues. Junior Members and Junior Associates are not subject to Annual Dues until their fourteenth (14th) birthday.

Section 3: Initiation Fee. Applicants for Junior Membership or Junior Associate, may at their option, pay an Initiation Fee for the purpose of acquiring a membership badge as supplied by the National Quartermaster. The Initiation Fee shall be equal to the current price established by the National Quartermaster for a membership badge.

ARTICLE VIII

Incorporation of National Constitution and Regulations and Department Bylaws

Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the Constitution and Regulations 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 (Department Bylaws), as from time-to-time may be amended or modified. Where these Bylaws are silent or in conflict with the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, or the Bylaws of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Constitution and Regulations or the Department Bylaws shall govern.

ARTICLE IX

Suspension of Bylaws

There shall be no suspension of these Bylaws during any meeting of the Camp.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

All proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Camp Commander. He shall cause such proposed amendments to be published in Camp Orders at least

thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendments will be considered for adoption. Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a regular meeting of the Camp, and shall be effective when approved by the Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

BYLAWS (AND AMENDMENTS THERETO) CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Bylaws having been adopted in the City of Riverside, County of Riverside, State of California by the General George Stoneman Camp No. 18, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, two-thirds of the Brothers concurring, on this 16th day of June, 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/ Stephen E. Doyle, Commander
General George Stoneman Camp No. 18
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**ATTEST: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco III, Secretary-Treasurer
General George Stoneman Camp No. 18
Department of California and Pacific
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The foregoing Bylaws, as amended, of the General George Stoneman Camp No. 18, 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 28th 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**

