

**Sgt. William Pittenger, Camp #21,
(Old San Diego County, California)
Department of California and the Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

By-laws

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Preamble

We, the descendants of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines who served the Armed Forces of United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 - 1865, have joined this Patriotic and Fraternal Order for the purposes and objectives set forth by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our forefather's deeds, render loyal service to our ~~county~~ Country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the Flag of the United States of America.

Article I

Name

The name of the Camp shall be: Sgt. William Pittenger, Camp 21, Old San Diego County, Department of California and the Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereinafter referred to as the Camp.

Article II Organization

The Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21 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 Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, 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 Purpose

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 1861-1865, to assist in every practicable way in 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 war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our great nation, 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 and of equal rights and impartial justice for all.

Article IV Prohibited Activities

Section A. The Camp shall not be conducted for profit.

Section B. The Camp shall be strictly nonsectarian and nonpartisan and shall not introduce, discuss or foster sectarian or partisan topics.

Article V 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 VI Membership

Section A. Member: A member shall be any male descendent, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age, who can document blood relation to a Soldier, Sailor, Marine, or member of the Revenue Cutter Service who was regularly mustered and served honorably in, or was honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865, and who has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime or who has, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States.

Section B. Associate: An Associate shall be any male of sound character, not less than fourteen years of age, who cannot document ancestral lineage to a Union Veteran of the War of Rebellion of 1861-1865 but meets all other qualifications for membership as specified in Section A preceding of this Article. An Associate Member shall be ineligible to serve as Commander or as Vice Commander of the Camp but shall have all rights and privileges of membership of the Camp.

Section C. Juniors and Junior Associates: (1) The Camp may admit Juniors to membership. Juniors shall be males at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation. Juniors may not hold any elected office nor serve in any appointive office of the Camp. (2) "Junior Associates" are hereby authorized as a part of the membership of this Camp, subject to the same regulations as specified for Juniors. Associates are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, but otherwise meet the requirements of membership established by the National Organization.

Section D. 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:

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

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

Section E: Each applicant for membership in the Camp shall be recommended by a Member of the SUVCW who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility and moral character.

Section F: Each application for membership shall be reviewed, investigated and voted upon at the next regular or special meeting of the Camp following receipt of the application. A simple majority vote shall be sufficient for approval of membership.

Section G: A rejected applicant shall not be eligible again for membership until six months have elapsed after such rejection.

Section H: Any member of the Camp who is arrears in the payment of dues/per capita taxes by 1 March of any given year shall be dropped from the roll of membership. A dropped Member may be reinstated upon reapplication and re-election by the Camp after payment of such dues, reinstatement fee or indebtedness to the Camp as it may prescribe.

Section I: Any person presenting a valid Transfer Form from another Camp of the Order or as a Member-at Large of the Order shall be admitted to the membership of the Camp.

Article VII Dues and Fees

Section A: Each Member and Associate of the Camp shall be assessed annual dues, effective 1 January 2003, in the amount of \$12.00 plus whatever dues assessments or per capita taxes may be specified from time to time by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or by the Department of California and Pacific. Annual dues shall be due and payable by each 31st. December for the following calendar/fiscal year.

Section B: Each new Member or Associate of the Camp will, upon application to the Camp, pay a registration or initiation fee of \$2.00 to the Camp in addition to any registration fee that may be specified by the Department and/or the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section C: There shall be no "Transfer-in" for Members or Associates transferring their membership to the Camp from any other Camp, any Department-at-large Camp, or from the National At-Large Membership.

Section D: New Members or Associates of the Camp, regardless of when they join the Camp, shall receive a full year's membership lasting until the anniversary month of their joining the Camp. At the first anniversary of Camp membership, the new Member's or Associate's dues anniversary date will be adjusted to expire on the 31st. December following if six months or more distant or to expire on the second 31st. December following if less than six months distant from the membership anniversary date. Adjustments will be made based upon the number of months needed to adjust times one-twelfth the total dues and per capita tax (Camp, Department and National) then in effect.

Article VIII Camp Officers

Section A: Elected Officers of the Camp, shall be one Commander, one Senior Vice Commander, one Junior Vice Commander, one Secretary, one Treasurer, and three members of a Camp Council. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. The Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall be ineligible for election to or service on the Camp Council while serving in said offices.

Section B: Appointed Officers of the Camp shall be one Chaplain, one Patriotic Instructor, one Guide, one Guard, one Color Bearer, and – if there should exist a Chapter of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War associated with and sponsored by the Camp – an Auxiliary Liaison Officer. The Camp Commander shall appoint these non-elective officers.

Section C: Camp Delegates and Camp Alternate Delegates to and for Department Encampments shall be elected as required by the Camp and shall serve only for the Encampment for which needed.

Section D: All elective officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those attending the meeting at which said election is held. Regular, annual elections shall be held each December.

Section E: Elected officers of the camp shall take office at the conclusion of the December meeting, with or without formal installation but upon giving such oath as may be prescribed by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section F: Officers of the Camp shall serve without bond.

Section G: If a vacancy should occur in an elected office, the Camp Council shall convene and, by majority vote, elect a brother of the Camp to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section H: The Camp may by a 2/3 vote first giving five days notice by mail, vacate the position of any elective officer who shall have been absent from 3 consecutive regular Camp meetings without good cause. Such vacancies shall be filled in the manner specified by Section G. preceding.

Section I: The Camp may impeach and remove from office by a 2/3 vote any officer for immoral conduct or for any abuse or dishonorable practice of any kind.

Article IX Duties of Camp Officers

Section A: The Camp Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Camp. He shall decide all questions of order without debate subject, however, to an appeal to the Camp. It shall be his duty to detail all officers and appoint all committees (of which he shall be a member ex-officio) not otherwise provided for.

Section B: The Senior Vice Commander shall, in the absence of the Commander, act in his stead for the conduct of meetings. The Senior Vice Commander and the Junior Vice Commander shall assist the Commander and perform such duties as may pertain to their offices.

Section C: The Camp Secretary and Treasurer, or Secretary/Treasurer if the offices are combined, shall perform all duties pertaining to those offices, keep all books of record, be accountable for receipt and disbursement of Camp Funds, have charge of all Camp

property not otherwise provided for, make such reports as may be specified by Department or National Organizations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, provide reports of membership and financial position at each meeting, receive all funds for the Camp giving receipt in each case, file all tax and other financial reports as may be required, provide notice of arrears and dues, and other such duties as may pertain to the offices.

Section D: The Chaplain, Color Bearer, Patriotic Instructor, Guide and Guard shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution or Ritual of the Order, as directed by the Commander

Section E: The Camp Council shall devise and recommend measures for the preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp settle and dispose of all disputed accounts between the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer and members of the Camp elect replacements to vacant elected officers examine the books, vouchers and other papers of the different officers and at the end of each quarter render a complete report of such audits.

Section F: All officers of the Camp, upon their retirement from office, shall turn over to their successor all property of the Camp within 30days after leaving office.

Article X Meetings

Section A: Regular meetings of the Camp shall be held on the 2nd. Saturday of each even numbered month at a time and location(s) to be announced but within the boundaries of the State of California.

Section B: Special meetings of the Camp may be called by the Camp Commander with the consent of the Camp Council.

Section C: A minimum of 10 days written notice shall be given of each regular and special meeting. Such notice shall be responsibility of the Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer.

Section D: Postponement or cancellation of a meeting shall be the responsibility of the Commander and shall be advised verbally or telephonically or via e-mail to all members a minimum of 2 days prior to the meeting.

Section E: A Quorum for the conduct of business at any meeting shall consist of 5 Members. All matters brought before the Camp at a Regular or Special Meeting shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and entitled to vote with the exception of removal or impeachment of elected Camp Officers which shall require a 2/3 vote.

Section F: The Flag of the United States of America and the Camp Charter shall be displayed at all meetings.

Section G: All meetings of the Camp shall commence with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Section H: All meetings of the Camp shall be conducted in a business-like manner and under the guidelines of the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The Camp may conduct its meetings in accordance with the Ritual of the Order.

Article XI Bookkeeping

Section A: The fiscal year of the Camp shall be from 1 January through 31 December inclusive

Section B: All funds of the Camp shall be deposited in a reliable depository insured by the FDIC. All such accounts shall have two authorized signature but only one signature shall be required for the deposit, transfer or disbursement of funds. Authorized signatures for accounts of the Camp shall be the Treasurer and Secretary unless said offices are combined in a single individual in which case the authorized signatures shall be the Secretary/Treasurer and Commander.

Section C: Approval of Disbursements. The forwarding of required payments such as per capita taxes and application fees to the Department and/or the National Organizations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be made promptly and per schedule by the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer. All other disbursements of Camp funds shall require the approval of the Camp in meeting assembled with the exception of “emergency” payments which shall require the approval of the Camp Council..

Section D: Camp Officers may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of their respective office. Such reimbursement shall be limited to actual expenditures and shall be reimbursable only upon presentation of a written request with receipts (or copies of the same) attached to the Camp Commander for presentation for approval at a meeting of the Camp. Typical expenses would include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and copying charges.

Section E: Donations of Expenses shall be handled in the same manner as reimbursements as specified by Section D. preceding with the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer issuing a receipt for the actual value in lieu of reimbursement.

Article XII Disciplinary Action

Section A: Offenses subject to disciplinary action shall be addressed in accordance with the National Constitution and Regulations.

Article XIII Inclusion of Department and National Rules & Regulations

Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the following rules and regulations and any subsequent amendments or modifications there to:

1. Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
3. Bylaws of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Where these Camp Bylaws are silent or in conflict with the above Department and/or National documents, then the referenced Department and/or National documents shall govern.

Article XIV
Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

Section A: 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 B: 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 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 California State Archives.

Section 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.

Article XV
Suspension of Bylaws

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

Article XVI
Amendments to Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Camp by a 2/3 vote of the Members present at a meeting, provided however, that a copy of the proposed amendment had been submitted in writing to the Camp membership at the previous meeting. Before becoming effective, however, all Bylaws and Bylaws Amendments must be approved by the Commander of the Department of California & Pacific.

BYLAWS (AND AMENDMENTS THERETO) CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Bylaws having been adopted in the County of San Diego, State of California, by the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, two-thirds of the Brothers concurring, on 26 August 1995.

Pursuant to the Amendments and Severability Article, these Bylaws have been amended as included herein, and those Amendments adopted in the County of San Diego, State of California by the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, two-thirds of the Brothers concurring, on 14 December 1996, 5 April 1997, 13 February 1999, 10 July 2002, 11 October 2003, and on this 11th day of August, 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/ John C. Finch, Commander
Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No.21
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**ATTEST: /s/ John A. May, Secretary-Treasurer
Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

The foregoing Bylaws, as amended, of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, 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**

