

*Henry C, Veatch Camp 30*  
*Department of California and Pacific*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

Regular meeting of the Camp shall be held at the Black Bear Diner, Gridley, California on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless directed otherwise. Some months will have special events or activities that will take place of a Camp meeting.

**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 1861-1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal Order for the purpose and object 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. The name of this camp shall be the Henry C. Veatch Camp 30 of Gridley, CA, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (hereinafter "SUVCW), hereinafter referred to as Camp 30.

**ARTICLE II – Purpose and Objectives**

Section 1. 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 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. The Henry C, Veatch Camp 30 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 Henry C, Veatch Camp 30, 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 distributed 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 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 any unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any further federal tax code, or (b) by any 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. 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 at all times be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a guardian (i.e., an adult who is 18 years of age or older) when participation in any SUCVW activity.

(b) Unless a designated guardian, at no time will a non-relative SUCVW 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 SUCVW Brothers/Sisters who are 18 years of age or older.

(c) Any SUCVW 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 yet mandatory, it is highly recommended that every SUCVW 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 kind.

(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 Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) 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 serving in a designated Combat Zone outside of the continental United States, shall be exempt from the Camp per capita dues.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, the Camp may, by majority vote, increase or decrease the annual dues assessment, but not below the Department of California and Pacific per capita dues assessment. Any change in dues shall be disseminated by the Camp Commander in the form of a Camp Order not less than 3 months prior to any change. Such change shall not become effective until 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 prior to January following the date upon which the change was agreed to. The Camp Commander shall issue a Camp Order following the change in dues.

Section 3. **Due date.** Annual dues are required and payable by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Brothers who have not paid their dues by this date are in arrears. If the dues are not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be assessed, and an additional Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each month thereafter that the Brother is in arrears. This late fee may be waived by a majority vote of the Camp.

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 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 on 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 locations 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 one-third (1/3) of the membership, excluding Junior and Junior Associates. The Camp 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 the Brothers of the Camp for a special Meeting.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum for regular meetings shall consist of three eligible Brothers, two of whom shall be duly elected officers of the Camp. For Special Meetings a majority of the duly elected Camp officers, or one-third (1/3) of the membership, excluding Junior 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 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, a Holy Bible, and the Camp Charter.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – Delegates**

Section 1. Delegates to Department Encampment. Delegates to the Department Encampment shall be Brothers who are current and Past Camp Commanders in good standing who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy and 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 proceeding the Encampment.

Section 2. **Election of Delegates.** Delegates and an equal number of Alternates shall be elected by a plurality of the Camp at a regular meeting of the Camp at least one month before the January meeting. If for any reason a Delegate once selected is unable to attend the Department Encampment an Alternate Delegate can be assigned to replace that Delegate, as assigned by the Camp Commander or his designee, as head of the Camp's delegation. The Camp Commander shall have the right to appoint Alternates to fill vacancies.

#### **ARTICLE IX - Officers and Elections**

Section 1. Camp officers shall be of two types: elected and appointed. The Elected Officers of the Camp shall be as follows: Commander, Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and Camp Council. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by a single Brother. The Camp Council shall be composed of three (3) Brothers not holding the office of Commander, Secretary or Treasurer (Secretary/Treasurer). The appointed Officer of the camp shall be: Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Counselor,, Historian, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer, Civil Warr Memorials Officer, and Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, these and any other appointed officers, standing committees, or ad hoc committee members shall be appointed by the Camp Commander as he deems necessary and proper. Appointed officers and committee members serve concurrently at the pleasure of the Camp Commander.

Section 2. **Elections.** Camp Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Camp between meetings in October and December inclusive. A majority vote of Brothers Present on the designated election date shall be required to elect all Elected officers. Upon assuming the office of Commander, he shall appoint all other Camp officers.

## **ARTICLE X – Duties of Officers**

Section 1. Elected and appointed Officers are listed in Article IX. The Commander, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall not serve as the Camp Council.

Section 2. Camp Delegates and Camp alternates to the Department Encampment shall be elected yearly by the Camp and shall serve for that year.

Section 3. Annual election of officers shall be held between October and December of each year by a majority of those attending the meeting at which said election is held. The incoming Camp Commander shall subsequently appoint those additional Officers specified by Article IX.

Section 4. Officers shall take office at the conclusion of the installation ceremony conducted by a duly notice Department Officer, or without formal installation but upon giving such oath as may be prescribed by the National Organization. Elected and appointed officers shall be installed not later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Section 5. Officers of the Camp shall serve without bond.

Section 6. **Commander.** The purpose of the office of Camp Commander is to direct and to provide oversight of Camp operations, in order to foster and promote the goals and objectives of the SUVCW. The 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 serve as an ex-officio member) not otherwise herein provided for.

Section 7. **Senior Vice Commander.** The purpose of the office of Camp Senior Vice Commander is to assist the Commander and promote the Order. The Senior Vice Commander shall, in the absence of the Commander, act in his behalf for the conduct of meetings. The Senior Vice Commander shall assist the Commander and perform such duties as may pertain to the good of the Order.

Section 8. **Junior Vice Commander.** The purpose of the office of Camp Junior Vice Commander is to assist with the recruitment and retention of members. Junior Vice Commander shall assist the Commander and perform such duties as may pertain to the good of the Order.

Section 9. **Secretary.** The purpose of the office of Camp Secretary is to keep the minutes of the meetings and to carry on necessary correspondence for the Camp. The Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office including but not limited to the keeping of all books of record, preparation of minutes of meetings, have charge of all camp property not otherwise provided for, make such quarterly and yearly reports as may be specified by the Department or National Organization, and provide a report on membership at each meeting.

Section 10. **Treasurer.** The purpose of the office of Camp Treasurer is to serve as custodian of Camp monies and property, to keep accurate financial records and to prepare periodic financial reports. The Treasurer shall perform all duties pertaining to his office including but not limited to being accountable for receipt and disbursement of Camp funds, the keeping of records pertaining to the Camp funds, make such Monthly or Quarterly reports as may be specified by the Department an National Organizations, and provide a report on the financial position of the Camp at each meeting.

Section 11. **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 in elected Camp offices. The Council shall devise and recommend measures for preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp, settle and dispose of all disputed accounts between the Treasurer and/or Secretary and members of the Camp, upon call of the Commander elect, replacements to vacancies in the offices of Junior Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer, and examine the books, vouchers and other papers of the different officers at the end of each quarter and render a report to the Camp of such reviews.

Section 12. **Authority of Elected Officers.** The final power 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.

Section 13. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of Commander, the Senior Vice Commander shall succeed to that office. If a vacancy should occur in the office of Senior Vice Commander, the Junior Vice Commander shall succeed to that office. If a vacancy should occur in the office of Junior Vice Commander, the Commander shall cause the Camp Council to convene and by a majority vote elect a brother of the Camp to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section 14. The Camp may by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, first giving five days notice by regular certified mail or electronic mail, vacate the position of any elective officer who shall then be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Camp without good cause. Such vacancy shall then be filled by a majority vote of the Council or a majority vote at a specially called meeting.

Section 15. The Camp may impeach and remove from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote any officer for immoral conduct or for any abuse or dishonorable practice of any kind.

## **ARTICLE XI – Duties of Appointed Officers**

Section 1. All Appointed Officers shall perform such duties as may be prescribed in the Constitution and Regulations, and Rituals of the Order or as directed by the Camp Commander.

## **ARTICLE XII – Camp Orders**

Section 1. **Issuance of Orders.** The Commander shall issue Camp Orders as necessary.

## **ARTICLE XIII – 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 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 XIV – 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 XV – Suspension of Bylaws**

Section 1. There shall be no suspension of these Bylaws unless specifically authorized herein.

## **ARTICLE XVI – 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 Rituals 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 XVII – Amendments and Severability**

Section 1. **Amendments; Process.** (a) The Bylaws of this Camp may be amended at any regular or special meeting by an 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 Commander, Secretary, and copies provided to the membership at least 45 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented.

(b) Proposed amendment(s) may be submitted by any Brother of the Camp in good standing. Proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted directly to the Commander, who shall refer the proposed amendment(s) to an ad hoc 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 provision thereof) in these Bylaws shall be found or held as invalid by any act 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.



**BYLAWS  
(AND AMENDMENTS THERETO)  
CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Bylaws having been adopted in the City of Gridley, County of Butte, State of California by the Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, two-thirds of the Brothers concurring, on this 24th day of July, 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/ Owen R. Stiles, Commander  
Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**ATTEST: /s/ Robert L. Trueax, Secretary  
Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

The foregoing Bylaws, as amended, of the Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30, 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**

