



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI



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Brothers of the Department of Missouri:

Upon digitizing the By-laws for Westport Camp #64, it was discovered that the recent suggested revisions to add junior associates and differentiate them from juniors may not have been adequate in updating the by-laws depending on how each camp's by-laws were written. Therefore, each camp will be required to review their by-laws and determine if additional revisions are required. If revisions to the camp's by-laws are required, the proposed amendments should be in writing for all camp members to review at an upcoming camp meeting. Article XVII Section A of Westport Camp's By-laws states, "These by-laws may be amended at any meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Department Commander, and the camp membership at the last Camp meeting." Each camp may have the same wording, but please check to be sure. If the proposed amendments are approved by the Camp, it is then the Department Commander who gives them the final approval.

Although not all of the camp's by-laws may be written the same, an approved updated copy of Westport Camp #64's By-laws will be sent to all Camp Commanders and Secretaries for review as a guide for the amendment process. Within Westport's By-laws, the highlighted items are those that have been amended to include junior associates and differentiate them from juniors. With today's available technology, it is suggested that each camp submit a digital version (preferably using Microsoft Word) of the by-laws to its members and the Department Commander. These may be attached to an email and sent to the camp's members and the Department Commander for review prior to the next meeting. For those without access to computers, printed copies should be made available. Once approved by the camp members, the date of approval and Camp Commander's signature may be entered on the last page and resubmitted to the Department Commander for final approval. Although it would be convenient to have all of the Camps' By-laws approved by the Department Commander by the October 2009 department meeting, a more realistic goal would be to have this task completed by 28 Feb 2010.

Ordered this 7th day of August 2009,

Attest:

Brian V. Smarker, Commander
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Walter E. Busch, PDC, Secretary
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