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**BY-LAWS OF MISSOURI DIVISION, SONS  
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**ARTICLE I.**

**Name of Division.**

This Division shall be known as designated in the charter thereof, "Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, of the United States of America."

**ARTICLE II.**

**Meetings—Quorum.**

Section 1. One annual meeting of this Division shall be held within one calendar year, the time and place of same to be designated by the encampment, and whenever feasible, with the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, provided, however, the time of such meeting shall be fixed on a date between January 1st and July 1st. Due notice of said meeting shall be given each Camp at least four weeks prior to the time named.

Sec. 2. A majority of the members accredited and present shall constitute a quorum.

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**ARTICLE III.**

**Members of Encampment.**

The membership of the Division Encampment shall be constituted as follows:

First—Its own elective and appointed officers (except aides), and its sitting Camp Commanders.

Second—All its past Commanders-in-Chief, Constitutional Life Members, Past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders, and Past Camp Commanders in good standing who shall have served for a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of the term.

Third—The delegates elected by ballot by the several Camps of the Division, as follows: One delegate for each Camp, whatever its membership, and additional delegates in the ratio of one for every 50 members or major fraction thereof, based upon the reports of the quarter next preceding the encampment, in good standing.

**ARTICLE IV.**

**Officers—Term.**

Section 1. The elective officers of this Division shall be a Division Commander,

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Senior and Junior Vice Division Commander, three members of the Division Council, Secretary-Treasurer, and Delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief, as follows: One delegate from this Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every 500 members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the reports next preceding their election.

Sec. 2. The officers and delegates of this Division shall be elected (unless the encampment by a two-thirds vote determines upon the Australian system of balloting) by roll call of the Camps in their numerical order, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of the Division Council delegates and alternatives, wherein a plurality shall elect.

Sec. 3. On assuming office, the Division Commander shall appoint a Division Counselor, Division Chaplain, Division Patriotic Instructor, and a Division Organizer, and he may appoint such special aides as he may deem necessary for carrying out the ritualistic work of the encampment.

Sec. 4. Vacancies in delegate representation to the Commandery-in-chief of En-

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campments at the time such encampments are held, may be filled by the Division Commander, or by the chairman of the delegation. The Division Commander, however, in all instances having the priority of right to so appoint.

Sec. 5. The Division Commander shall have power to remove all appointive officers, and the encampment may, by a two-thirds' vote, declare vacant the position of any elective officer for cause.

Sec. 6. Any vacancy that may occur in the elective officers of the Division shall be filled temporarily by the next officer in rank. Such vacancies shall be filled permanently by the Division Council, which shall convene for that purpose within 30 days after the occurrence of such vacancy.

Sec. 7. The term of office of all the elective officers shall be for a period of one year, except the Secretary-Treasurer, which shall be for two years; but all officers shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 8. No member shall be eligible to election for any office at any meeting of the Division unless present at such meeting.

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ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The duties of all Division officers shall be as defined in the Constitution and Laws, and the Ritual of the Order, and in these by-laws, and as indicated by the books and blanks supplied by the Commander-in-chief.

Sec. 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform all the duties of the Division Secretary and Treasurer as prescribed in the constitution and laws of the order. He shall, before the Division encampment, prepare a roll of all brothers entitled to vote therein, and shall keep on file a complete list of all the officers, together with proper addresses of Camps, Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic and kindred organizations with which correspondence may be conducted. He shall be also the official correspondent of the Division to the "Banner," and as such provide means of collecting items of interest to the order, and of various Camps, and arrange same for publication.

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end of each quarter. Said tax shall be payable in four equal installments, and forwarded with the Camp reports, for the quarters ending with the last days of the months of March, June, September and December; provided, that no Camp shall be required to pay a per capita tax on any member for the quarter in which he was mustered.

Sec. 4. No money shall be expended for any purpose other than for actual carrying on the work of the Division unless appropriated by the encampment, or approved by the Division Council.

Sec. 5. The Division Secretary-Treasurer shall receive an annual fee of sixteen cents per capita, payable quarterly, and based upon the members in good standing, as compiled by his reports to the Division Commander at the close of each quarter.

Sec. 6. The compensation of all other officers, elective or appointive, of the Division, for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective positions, shall be the good will of its members or gratis, except where actual expenses, such as transportation or other necessary outlay,

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ARTICLE VI.

Finances.

Section 1. The charter fee for Camps instituted in this Division shall be \$25.00, which shall entitle the Camps to a complete Camp packet. New Camps shall be mustered by some officer detailed by the Division Commander, without additional expense to the Camp mustered: Provided, however, when a Camp is organized at a place where suitable arrangements can be made by the Division Commander for mustering the same without expense to the Division, he may, at his own discretion, refund to the Camps as a nucleus for its treasury or to its organizer a portion of the charter fee, not to exceed \$10.00.

Sec. 2. A member elect shall pay, before his initiation, a fee in an amount to be fixed by the Camp, but not less than \$1.00, which fee shall accompany the application. Fifty cents of such amount shall be paid to the Division, and forwarded with the Camp reports.

Sec. 3. The Division shall assess a per capita tax of \$1.00 per annum on each member as reported in good standing at the

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shall have been incurred while performing some special business or regular duty. Such officer, or officers, shall, upon the approval of the Division Council, be remunerated for such expenditure.

Sec. 7. The Division Commander and Division Secretary-Treasurer shall give bond in amounts to be fixed by the Division Council, in an acceptable surety company. They shall be liable on their bonds for the funds and property of the Division remaining in their possession until their successors have been properly installed, qualified, given bond and receipted for money and property. The fee for such bond shall be paid out of the funds of the Division.

Sec. 8. There shall be appropriated out of the funds of the Division, annually, and just before the encampment, and made payable to the Division Secretary-Treasurer, eight dollars and fifty cents for a Past Division Commander's badge, to be presented to the retiring Division Commander at the encampment.

ARTICLE VII.

Orders—Letters.

The Division Commander shall, from

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time to time, issue or publish letters, circulars, general or special orders, as the business of the Division requires, and they shall, together with the consolidated quarterly reports of the Camp Secretaries and Treasurers, as compiled by the Division Secretary-Treasurer, to be distributed as follows: Two copies to each Camp Commander, and one to each and every Division officer, Past Division Commanders, in good standing, the Commander-in-chief and National Secretary, the Commander of each Division, the commanding officer of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, and other kindred organizations of the Department of Missouri.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### Committees.

Section 1. The standing committees of the Division Encampment shall consist of five members each, as provided in the order of business hereinafter set forth.

Committee on Credentials.  
 Committee on Constitution and Laws.  
 Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.  
 Committee on Resolutions.  
 Committee on Officers' Reports.  
 Committee on Press.  
 Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Sec. 2. Special committees may be appointed by the Division Commander in such number on each committee as occasion may demand.

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#### ARTICLE IX.

##### Order of Business.

1. Opening of Encampment.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Appointments of Committees on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Roll Call of Members as Recorded.
6. Appointment of Committees—
  - (a) On Constitution, Rules and Regulations.
  - (b) On Ritual and Ceremonies.
  - (c) On Resolutions.
  - (d) On Reports of Officers.
  - (e) On Press.
  - (f) On Fraternal Relations.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reception and Reference of Communications. (All communications should be submitted in writing and be referred to the proper committees without debate.)
9. Unfinished Business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. New Business.
12. Nomination of Officers.
13. Election and Installation of Officers.

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This order of business may be transposed by two-thirds' vote, except that the election and installation shall not be held until all other business has been completed.

At the second and each succeeding session the minutes of the preceding session shall be read immediately after the opening ceremonies.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### Amendments.

Section 1. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any stated meeting of the Division by a majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to vote.

Sec. 2. All proposed amendments to these by-laws shall be submitted in writing by Camps, its members, or members of the encampment to the Division Commander, at least thirty days prior to the meeting thereof, and the same be the subject of an order or circular, and a copy mailed to all entitled to vote at the encampment, at least fifteen days prior to the date of meeting.

Sec. 3. All by-laws, or parts of by-laws, which have been adopted by this Division,

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contravening or conflicting herewith, shall be considered as repealed from and after the date of approval of these by-laws.

Sec. 4. These by-laws, and any amendments thereof, shall be in force from and after the date of their approval by the Commander-in-chief.

FRED'K R. BALSINGER,  
 EDWARD BRANDLE,  
 IRA A. HENRICKS,  
 E. O. BEAL,  
 W. E. FRANCIS.

Committee on By-Laws.

Headquarters Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Kansas City, Mo., May 12, 1914.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing are the by-laws adopted by the Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in encampment assembled at Sedalia, Mo., May 12th, 1914.

DARIUS A. BROWN,  
 Division Commander.

Attest:

WALTER L. BOBE,

Division Secretary-Treasurer.

Headquarters Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A

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Aspinwall, Pa., June 10th, 1914.

The foregoing amendments to the by-laws of the Missouri Division are approved.

JOHN E. SAUTTER,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.



The following is a list of the Commanders and their Secretaries who have faithfully, though with various success, served the Division in their respective capacities from its origin in 1884 to the present time:

Commanders.	Secretaries.
1884 Chas. S. Crysler, Independence	J. J. Speaker, Independence
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1886 J. J. Speaker, Independence	Ed. Wolyerton, Independence
1887 A. H. Vandivert, Bethany	S. F. Church, Bethany
1888 E. R. Durham, Bethany	S. F. Church, Bethany
1889 R. Loebenstein, Warrensburg	Geo. A. Cook, Warrensburg
1890 H. J. Kline, St. Joseph	F. Newdorff, St. Joseph
1891 B. W. Frauenthal, St. Louis	M. R. Moore, St. Louis
1892 E. W. Raymond, St. Louis	James B. Patrick, St. Louis
1893 F. E. Ernst, St. Joseph	E. M. Hanson, St. Joseph
1894 Edw. L. Gottschalk, St. Louis	Ben Prack, St. Louis
1895 W. J. Zimmerschied, Sedalia	J. H. Hieronymus, Sedalia
1896 Manley Wren, Bethany	Ed. Skinner, Bethany
1897 E. E. Schoening, St. Louis	Fred'k W. Miller, St. Louis
1898 J. W. S. Dillon, Grant City	W. V. Hauber, Grant City

1899 Ben Prack, St. Louis	Ludwig Hesse, St. Louis
1900 Oscar R. Fries, St. Louis	Peter F. Bobe, St. Louis
1901 Fred'k W. Miller, St. Louis	Geo. J. Sand, Jr., St. Louis
1902 S. Ed. Blumer, Cape Girardeau	Herman Rabich, Cape Girardeau
1903 Herman Rabich, Cape Girardeau	Gust Schultz, Cape Girardeau
1904 Edw. A. Hoberg, St. Louis	Fred Uthoff, Jr., St. Louis
1905 Hy. P. Kesselring, Melrose	Jno. C. Berthold, Kirkwood
1906 A. G. Gerdel, St. Louis	Oliver Bobe, St. Louis
1907 Wm. Schneider, St. Louis	Jno. C. Berthold, Kirkwood
1908 Wm. Schneider, St. Louis	John C. Berthold, Kirkwood
1909 Nicholas Iwig, St. Louis	Arthur Hunnius, St. Louis
1910 John N. Hutchinson, St. Louis	William Heintz, St. Louis
1911 C. C. Behnke, St. Louis	Walter L. Bobe, St. Louis
1912 C. C. Wippo, St. Louis	Walter L. Bobe, St. Louis
1913 Darius A. Brown, Kansas City	Walter L. Bobe, St. Louis
1914 William G. Helm, St. Louis	Walter L. Bobe, St. Louis