



Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Minutes of the Special Department Encampment 14 October 2023

Open Encampment. Commander Robert Amsler called to order a Special Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at 10:00 am, Saturday, 14 October 2023, at Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Chaplain Mark Coplin gave the invocation. Commander Robert Amsler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ten members were present, meeting quorum: DC Robert Amsler, SVC Robert Aubuchon, JVC Mark Coplin, Sec-Trea Dale Crandell, Council Gary Scheel, PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Donald Palmer, PDC Walter Busch, PDC Randal Burd, and CC Pete Oetting.

Orders and Communications. Encampment reviewed orders and communications relevant to the Special Department Encampment.

1. General Order #2, 10 August 2023: Membership Qualifications Ratification.
2. Department Order #5, 6 September 2023: Special Department Encampment.
3. National Secretary email, 5 Sep 2023: Clarification on GO #2.

New Business

1. *Membership Qualifications Ratification.* Commander Robert Amsler reviewed the proposed amendments and purpose of the Special Department Encampment: vote to ratify or reject recommended amendments to the SUVCW Constitution presented in General Order #2, Series 2023-2024, 10 August 2023: General Order of Membership Qualifications Ratification.

➤ *Motion by Walter Busch, seconded by Randal Burd, to approve General Order #2 amendments to the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations (C&R). Nine for, one against; approved by 2/3 majority.*

2. *Adjourn.*

➤ *Motion by Ed Krieser, seconded by Randal Burd, to adjourn. Approved.*

Close Encampment. Commander Robert Amsler closed the Special Encampment at 10:30 am. Chaplain Mark Coplin gave the benediction.

Prepared by,

Dale Crandell, PDC
Department Secretary



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Agenda
Special Department Encampment
14 October 2023

Open Encampment

- a. Call to Order
- b. Invocation
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Roll Call

Communications

- a. General Order #2, 10 Aug 2023
- b. Department Order #5, 6 Sep 2023
- c. National Secretary email, 5 Sep 2023

New Business

- a. Membership Qualifications Ratification

Close Encampment

- a. Benediction
- b. Adjourn



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General Order #2 (Amendment)
Series 2023 – 2024

10 August 2023

General Order on Membership
Qualifications Ratification

1. The 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War passed the following change to the SUVCW Constitution, which must be ratified by more than 50% of the Departments.

- a. Recommendation 1: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article III, Eligibility to Membership, is hereby amended to read as follows:

All male descendants, for the purpose of this Constitution, and all Regulations, Orders, and other official acts of the National Organization; Departments and Camps “male” is defined as a person who was biologically male at birth, whether through lineal or collateral lineages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

- b. Recommendation 2The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Section 2, Subsections (a) and (b) are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.

1. Associates are males, a person who was biologically male at birth, at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements of membership established by the National Organization.
2. Junior Associates are males being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

c. Recommendation 3: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Membership, is hereby amended to add a new Section 6 to read as follows:

Section 6. A Brother who has been duly elected to membership in the Order shall not be subsequently disqualified from membership or be discharged from the Order solely because of that Brother's change in gender or sexual identification.

d. Recommendation 4: The Regulations of the Order are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter III, Article X, Junior Associates, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Junior Associates shall being a person who was biologically male at birth, at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet ancestor service (blood relative) qualifications stipulated in Article III on the Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

Recommendation 5 Refer to the Program & Policy during 142nd National Encampment

e. ~~Recommendation 5. It is recommended that Form 3, Membership Application, be amended so that the declaration in Part II, Application Information and Declaration, be amended to read as follows:~~

~~I declare that I am a male being a person who was biologically male at birth, and that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and, if accepted, I will obey and support the National Constitution of the Order, the Bylaws of the Department and the Bylaws of the Camp.~~

2. All Departments will see that this General Order is disseminated throughout. There cannot be any changes made to the items presented as this is the wording accepted by the 142nd National Encampment. It is strictly a For or Against Ratification vote.

3. Once the vote has been taken the Department Commander through the Department Secretary will notify IN WRITING the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary of the result of said vote. As soon as the 51 percent of the Departments ratify these changes will be in effect.

So Ordered on the 10th Day of August 2023

Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Peter J. Hritsko Jr

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Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Submitted 10 August 2023

attest:

Daniel W Murray

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6
Series 2023-2024
8 September 2023

2023-2024 Department Business Meetings (revision 2)

This Department Order #6 revises Department Order #4. Please note the October business meeting is rescheduled to follow the Special Department Encampment that starts at 10:00 am, Saturday, 14 October 2023.

In accordance with the Department Bylaws, Article II, the Department Commander shall schedule regular business meetings in October and March; and give notice of the date, time, and location.

Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Date: Saturday, 9 March 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

Per Department Policy 402, all elected officers, staff officers, and committee chairs should attend and submit written reports to the Department Commander and Department Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the business meeting (7 October 2023 and 2 March 2024). Per Department Policy 100, all officers must wear their membership badge.

All camps are encouraged to send representatives to business meetings, and all members in good standing may vote. Per Department Policy 401, all members must present their membership card when requested. All members are encouraged to wear their membership badge.

Ordered this 8th Day of September 2023,

Attest:

Robert J. Amsler, Jr., PDC
Commander
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dale Crandell, PDC
Secretary-Treasurer
Department of Missouri
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dale Crandell

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Subject: FW: Clarification on GO #2

Forwarding voting instructions on the proposed SUVCW Constitution amendments.

In FC&L,

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Subject: Clarification on GO #2

Brothers,

Regarding GO #2,

The action at the National Encampment and wording of General Order #2 means each Department takes one vote as to whether or not to ratify the entire package.

The recommendations are not to be voted on upon individually. There will be one vote on the entire issue, NOT the individual recommendations.

In F, C & L,

Daniel Murray
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War