

Elias Moon Camp#2 SUVCW

Camp By-Laws



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Mission Statement

To keep green the memory of the sacrifice made by Union Veterans so that future generations could enjoy the liberties of a united America.

Good order being essential to the operation of any organization these by-laws are hereby enacted by the membership of Private Elias Moon Camp #2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Article 1 Name

Section 1 This Camp shall be known a Private Elias Moon Camp #2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It shall be located in Snellville, GA and operate under the authority of its' charter dated August 16,2003 granted by the Commander-in -Chief, SUVCW.

Section 2 This camp shall be constituted as provided by the constitution governing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, acting under the authority given by its' charter.

Article 2 Membership

Section 1 This camp supports all types of membership sanctioned by the SUVCW in their constitution and regulations, these types are:
Full Members are members 14 year old and over who can prove lineage.
Associate Members are members 14 years and older who cannot prove lineage.
Junior Members are members between the ages of 8 and 14 years of age.
Honorary members are citizens accorded membership by the National Commander-in-Chief.

Section 2 All members of this camp will be members in good standing with the National Organization of the SUVCW.

Article 3 Meetings

Section 1 Meetings will be scheduled on call of the commander and / or the camp officers. The meeting place is to be the same for every meeting if possible. Members must be notified in writing of the time and location change of any meeting at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the camp commander and must be announced to members in writing with 14 days notice.

Section 2 A minimum of five (5) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for conduct of business.

Section 3 A meeting may be postponed or rescheduled because of inclement weather or other emergency situation by the camp commander, members to be notified by camp officers at the direction of the commander. 14-day notification shall not apply to these situations.

Section 4 Any member in good standing of the Auxiliary of the SUVCW, Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and / or Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic may be admitted to the sessions of the camp.

Section 5 The order of business for all meetings will be in accordance with the SUVCW ritual and ceremonies.

Article 4 Dues and Fees

Section 1 Regular dues for full and associate members shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per calendar year payable on or before January 1. Lifetime members of SUVCW shall be assessed annual dues equal to the Camp dues less the National and Department per capita tax. New members must pay any initiation fee imposed under section 5, article 4.

Section 2 \$1.00 fine will be assessed against any members not wearing their SUVCW membership badge at all meetings. Fines to be deposited to the general fund of the camp.

Section 3 Any member or prospective member on active military duty deployed over seas will have his yearly dues waived. Active military duty members must send a letter to the Camp Secretary by December each year reaffirming his intentions. New Member fees still apply.

Section 4 Junior member's dues and fees are \$5.00 per calendar year payable on or before January 1.

Section 5 No application for membership shall be acted upon unless a) A properly filled out form 3 is submitted and b) the dues and fees are paid. Transfer cards must be accompanied by the transfer fee to be acted upon. A one time \$30 fee will be required for new members. This fee shall be used by the camp to purchase a member badge for the new member and cover the National Initiation fee. If the new member is already in possession of an official membership badge this fee shall be waived. The \$10 initiation fee must still be collected.

Section 6 If a brother is more than a quarter in arrears to the camp, the camp will notify him in writing of this. If the brother becomes more than 2 quarters in arrears, the camp has the right to drop the member and the member will be informed in writing.

Section 7 Dropped members must pay all outstanding dues and fees plus a reinstatement fee of \$10.00 before reinstatement is effective.

Article 5 Officers

Section 1 The officers of this camp shall consist of a Camp Commander, Senior Vice-commander, Junior Vice-commander, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), three members of a Camp Council, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard and Delegate(s).

Section 2 Duties of Officers shall be as described in Section 1 through 6, Article 6 of the Regulations of the SUVCW, most current edition with amendments.

Section 3 The Commander, Senior and Junior Vice-commanders, Camp Council, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) and delegates shall be elective. All other officers are to be appointed by the Camp Commander-elect for the ensuing year.

Section 4 Election of Officers shall be held at the November meeting or the last meeting of the calendar year, provided that the last meeting falls between October 1, and December 31. A majority vote of the members in good standing (dues paid) in attendance shall be required to elect all elective officers, except members of the Camp Council and Delegates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote. Proxy voting is expressly forbidden.

Section 5 Junior members may not hold any elected office in the camp according to SUVCW regulations.

Section 6 Officers may be installed either after the slate of officers is elected or at the first meeting of the New Year, which must convene in January. The installation ceremony is to be officiated by the Department Commander or his designee. All Officers serve for one year or until their successor has been installed.

Section 7 Any vacancy that may occur in an elective office shall be filled temporarily by the next officer in rank.

Article 6 Camp Funds

Section 1 There shall be a General Fund kept by the Treasurer of the Camp.

Section 2 The General Funds of this camp shall consist of all receipts taken in by the Treasurer of this camp. All expenses of this camp, unless otherwise provided for, are to be taken from this fund.

Section 3 Special funds may from time to time be established for specific purposes and goals. All receipts taken in for special funds shall be segregated to a specific fund sub-account by the treasurer. When the purpose or goal is achieved the sub-account shall be closed and any remaining funds transferred to the general fund.

Article 7 Committees

Section 1 A welfare committee shall be appointed by the Camp Commander, which will serve during the year. It will consist of one (1) member for each 10 members of the camp with a minimum of three (3) members: the chairman to be designated by the camp commander.

Section 2 The welfare committee is to assist in maintaining membership in good standing to actively assist in obtaining new members by preparing a list of eligibles and to help create and maintain interest in camp meetings.

Section 3 Camp Guard Unit. The Camp may maintain under its' auspices, a military organization belonging to the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), to serve as a Camp Guard Unit for parade or related duty. Rank of said Guard Unit shall be determined by SVR policy. The organization will report directly to the camp commander, who will task it, evaluate its effectiveness, and disband it when it's work has been completed or the camp can no longer support it. The uniform and regulations shall conform as nearly as possible to the regulations of the Union Army during the Civil War period.

Article 8 Rules of Order

Section 1 It shall be the duty of every brother to properly observe salutes and other ceremonies as prescribed in the ritual, system and order being essential in conducting an orderly meeting.

Section 2 It shall be the duty of every brother to read, understand and follow these by-laws.

Section 3 Robert's Rules of Order shall apply when a question arises which is not covered by our by-laws.

Article 9 Amendments

Section 1 These by-laws may be amended or changed at any regular meeting of the camp; the proposed amendment to be in writing and having been read and/or revised at a minimum of two regular meetings before it is acted upon. A majority vote of camp members in good standing present shall be required to adopt an amendment and it shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Section 2 No by-law may be passed that are in conflict with the by-laws and constitution and regulations of the SUVCW.

Section 3 Amended by-laws will be published and distributed to the membership no later than 90 days after the passage of an amendment.

The By-laws Committee presented these by-laws to the camp for comment, revision and ratification:

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