

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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Camp By-Law Changes

Pursuant to the continuing effort to secure a group exemption status under the Internal Revenue Service 501c3 regulations and at the request of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) National Treasurer, specific language shall be inserted into, if not already appearing, in the by-laws of each Department and Camp of the SUVCW.

This action is required to become a 501c3 throughout the SUVCW organization. Currently only the National is a 501c3 which allows donations to be tax deductible and certain expenses of accomplishing work within the organization to be tax deductible. Most of the Camps and Departments are currently 501c4. This means no tax deductions are allowed for donations.

To see the exact language that must be inserted into all camp and department by-laws please refer to General Order #18 which can be found on the SUVCW National Website here: <http://www.suvchw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/General-Order-No.-18-Requested-By-Laws-Changes.pdf>

All camps in the Department of Indiana should amend their by-laws and submit them to the department for review and final approval no later than March 1, 2019. I strongly encourage all camps to start working on your by-laws now and submit your amended by-laws well before the deadline. Please submit your amended camp by-laws, preferably in a Word document format, via e-mail attachment, to me (timbeckman@gmail.com) and our Department Secretary, Alan Teller (alan.teller@comcast.net).

If you have any questions concerning the by-law changes and the required language, please do not hesitate to ask.

Ordered this 23rd Day of August, 2018

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Attested:

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