

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
CURTENIUS GUARD CAMP 17  
LANSING/SUNFIELD**



**BYLAWS**

*(As Amended July 31, 2018 and  
Approved by the Department Commander July 31, 2018)*

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**PREAMBLE**

We, the descendants of the soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the Army and Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865, have joined this Patriotic and Fraternal Order for the purposes and objects set forth by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our forefathers' deeds, render loyal service to our country and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this body of the Order shall be LANSING/SUNFIELD CURTENIUS GUARD CAMP #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereafter referred to as the Camp.

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Camp shall be to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union from 1861-1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country and the love and honor of our flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of, our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights and impartial justice for all.

**ARTICLE III: PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

Section A. The Camp shall not be conducted for profit.

Section B. The Camp, being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, shall not introduce, discuss, or foster sectarian or partisan topics.

**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

Section A. Member: A Member shall be any male descendant, whether through lineal or collateral line, not less than fourteen years of age, who can document blood

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relation to a soldier, sailor, marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service, who was regularly mustered and served honorably in or was honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865: and who has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime and who has or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

Section B: Associate: An Associate shall be any male of sound character, not less than fourteen years of age who cannot document ancestral lineage to a Union Veteran of the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865; who has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime and, who has never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America. The number of Associates shall not exceed 1/3 of the total roster of the Camp at the time of any election. At no time during a Regular or Special meeting of the Camp shall business be transacted if the total number of Associates in attendance exceeds 49% of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

Section C. Junior: A Junior shall be any male descendant, whether through lineal or collateral line, at least six years of age but less than fourteen years of age who is a blood relative of a soldier, sailor, marine or member of the Revenue Cutter service who was regularly mustered and served in, was 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 of 1861 to 1865; who has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who has, and whose ancestor through whom membership is claimed, never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States of America. Each Junior shall have a sponsor who is a Member of the Camp and who personally supervises the Junior during meetings and other activities of the Order. Juniors may not hold any elected office. Juniors shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates the Camp may elect to the Department Encampment. Per capita tax shall not be imposed on Juniors. Additional further restrictions may be imposed on Juniors and provide for their organization in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution & Regulations of the Order.

Section D: Junior Associate: The Camp will allow Junior Associates per the terms and conditions of the National Regulations and Department Bylaws.

Section E. Each applicant shall be recommended by a Member of the Camp who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility and moral character.

Section F. A rejected application shall not be eligible to apply until six months have elapsed after such rejection.

Section G. When a Junior becomes fourteen years of age, he shall become a Member automatically, without submittal of a new application and without payment of a new application fee. When a Junior Associate becomes fourteen years of age, he shall become an Associate, respectively automatically, without submittal of a new application and without payment of a new application fee.

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Section H. Any Member, Associate, Junior, or Junior Associate of the Camp who is in arrears in the payment of dues may, by a vote of the Camp, be dropped per National Regulations. A dropped Member, Associate, Junior, or Junior Associate may be reinstated in the Order on reelection by the Camp after payment of such dues, reinstatement fee or indebtedness to the Camp as it may prescribe. If the Camp is no longer in existence, the sum to be paid shall be fixed by the Department Commander and paid to the Department.

Section I. A person holding a Camp Transfer Card cannot be admitted to the Camp during its sessions unless given permission by vote of the Camp. He is a Member of the Order for purposes of discipline only, and shall be considered honorably discharged if his Transfer Card is not deposited with and accepted by the Camp within a year. A Brother thus discharged can be admitted again only in the same manner as an original applicant.

Section J. I. All applicants shall be duly elected by the Camp.

**ARTICLE V: DUES & FEES**

Section A. Each Member and Associate of the Camp shall be assessed annual dues. Annual dues shall be, at a minimum, the total of the National and Department per capita assessments. Annual dues shall become payable January 1st of each year. During the November meeting of each year, a report shall be given by the Camp Treasurer, stating the planned operating expenses of the Camp for the new year. The Camp will increase or decrease the level of dues required of each Member and Associate for the new year using this report as its basis for decision. Applicants initiated into the Camp during months other than January shall be subject to a prorated dues structure based on the number of months remaining in the calendar year.

Section B. At the November meeting each year, the Treasurer shall recommend the dues rate for the next year. He shall further recommend a penalty for those paying their dues after the deadline of January 31st. The amount of these rates is subject to the approval of the Camp.

Section C. Each Junior or Junior Associate may be assessed annual dues of \$5.00. The annual dues shall become payable January 1st of each year. The first year dues for a new Junior or Junior Associate initiated into the Camp during a month other than January shall be prorated on the basis of the number of months remaining in the calendar year. When a Junior or Junior Associate automatically becomes a Member, his dues that year shall be prorated on the basis of the number of months he is a Junior or Junior Associate and the number of months he is a Member.

Section D. An application fee of \$15.00 shall be assessed each applicant upon induction into the Camp. The National Application Fee of \$5.00 and a copy of the new application shall be sent immediately to the Department Secretary upon acceptance of the applicant by the Camp.

**ARTICLE VI: CAMP OFFICERS**

Section A. Camp officers shall be of two types: elected and appointed. The elected officers shall be Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander,

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Secretary, Treasurer, Camp Council, and Camp Delegates and Alternates to the Department Encampment. The Camp Council shall be composed of three members of the Camp not holding the office of Commander, Secretary, or Treasurer. The appointed officers of the Camp shall be Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Historian, Signals Officer, Graves Registration Officer, G.A.R. Memorials Officer, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Counselor, and Junior Coordinator.

Section B. The elected Camp officers shall be elected at a regular or special meeting during the last quarter of the calendar year. A majority vote of those present and entitled to vote shall be required to elect all elective offices with the exception of Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates, which shall be elected by a plurality vote. The Camp Commander shall appoint all other Camp officers.

Section C. A person designated by the Department Commander shall install the Camp officers at a Camp meeting between November and January, inclusive. A Camp officer shall serve until his successor is installed.

Section D. If a vacancy should occur in any elected office, the Camp Council shall convene and, by a majority vote of said Council, elect a Brother of the Camp to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term. If a vacancy should occur in any appointed office, the Camp Commander may appoint another Brother of the Camp to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section E. The Camp by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Camp, first giving five days notice by mail, may vacate the position of any elective officer who shall have been absent from six consecutive regular Camp meetings without good cause, and such vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies.

Section F. The Camp may impeach and remove from office, by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Camp, any officer for immoral conduct or for any abuse in office or dishonorable practice of any kind.

**ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF CAMP OFFICERS**

Section A. The Camp Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Camp. He shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject, to an appeal to the Camp. It shall be his duty to detail all officers and appoint all committees (of which he shall be a member ex-officio) not otherwise provided for, and approve all orders or requisitions made on the Treasurer or Camp Council for appropriations of money, or any property of the Camp, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Section B. The Camp Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander shall assist the Commander and shall perform such duties as pertain to their offices.

Section C. The Camp Council shall devise and recommend measures for preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp; make its investments, leases and other contracts; secure a place of meeting; settle and dispose of all disputed accounts between the Treasurer and members of the Camp; examine the books, vouchers and other papers of the different officers, and at the end of each quarter render a complete report showing its transactions and the financial condition of the Camp. The Council shall also render assistance to the Treasurer in determining expected revenues and

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disbursements for the coming year, and by the November meeting, the fees and dues payable as of January 1st of the following year. Based on the Treasurer's report of delinquent Brothers, Camp Council shall follow up on the Treasurer's notifications regarding dues arrearage to ensure the Camp does not incur per capita liability beyond expected reimbursement. This later activity shall begin following the Treasurer's March 1st notification to delinquent Brothers.

Section D. The Camp Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office; keep all books of record; make duplicate Status Reports, on the prescribed forms, updating the membership of the Camp, at prescribed intervals, including copies of new applications, and forward them to the Department Secretary; he shall make Annual Reports, upon the prescribed forms, on or before the 30th day of April (in duplicate) each year showing the membership status of the Camp and including the Annual per capita assessment and forward them to the Department Secretary; he shall keep a file copy of all reports made to the Department. He shall draw all requisitions upon the Treasurer for the expenditure of money, upon the order of the Camp, and submit the same to the Commander for approval, keeping a book for that purpose.

Section E. The Camp Treasurer shall be accountable for the receipt and disbursement of Camp funds and have charge of its property not otherwise provided for; keep the accounts between the Camp and its Brothers; collect all moneys due the Camp, giving in all cases receipts therefore; notify all brothers in arrears by March 1st that they are delinquent; provide monthly, quarterly and yearly financial reports to the Camp membership and the fund balance in his hands. He shall enter the required financial data in annual reports with membership information from the Camp Secretary and submit the reports with the per capita tax to the Department Treasurer. The Camp Treasurer shall exhibit the account books of the Camp and all securities, vouchers, papers and financial documents of the Camp to any elected Camp officer upon reasonable request; file all tax and other financial reports required of the Camp; cause an audit to be performed on an annual basis. He shall provide a dues notice on contrasting color paper, to be sent by the Secretary with the minutes of the last meeting of the year; and perform all the duties that are incident to the office of Treasurer.

Section F. The Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Historian, Signals Officers, Graves Registration Officer, Memorials and Monuments Officer, Guide, Guard, Color Bearer and Counselor shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution & Regulations or directed by the Commander.

Section G. The Junior/Junior Associate Coordinator shall organize programs for Juniors and Junior Associates in keeping with the purposes of the Order, arrange participation by Juniors in Camp activities and perform other such duties as directed by the Commander.

Section H. Each officer of the Camp, upon his retirement from office, shall turn over to his successor all property of the Camp within thirty (30) days after leaving office except as provided in Section I of this Article.

Section I. In January of each year, the Camp Commander and the Camp Secretary shall turn over to the Camp Historian pertinent Camp records dated for the previous year. Similarly, the Camp Treasurer shall turn over to the Camp Historian all financial records dated for the previous year upon completion of the annual financial

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report and audit. The Camp Historian shall inventory and incorporate all such information into the Camps historical records and provide pertinent copies to the current Camp Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

Section A. Regular meetings of the Camp shall be held each May 30th and on the last Tuesday of each January, March, July, September, and November. The meeting of the Camp shall be at such time and place as chosen by the Camp Commander and approved by the Camp Council. All regular meetings of the Camp shall be held within the boundaries of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section B. Special meetings of the Camp may be called by the Camp Commander with the consent of the Camp Council.

Section C. Notification of Regular and Special meetings shall be the responsibility of the Camp Secretary. He shall provide written notice, including agenda, of the meeting within three days of his receipt of the appropriate order from the Camp Commander or Camp Council. A minimum of ten days notice shall be given to Brothers for either Regular or Special meetings.

Section D. Special meetings of the elected Camp officers may be called by the Camp Commander with the consent of the Camp Council. All business conducted at said meeting shall require ratification by the Camp at the next Regular or Special meeting of the Camp.

Section E. Postponement or cancellation of a meeting shall be the responsibility of the Camp Commander, provided that a written notice of explanation, if possible, or a verbal notice of explanation via telephone, is delivered to all Brothers a minimum of two (2) days before the scheduled meeting.

Section F. A quorum shall consist of those present and eligible to vote, provided that this number is not less than ten, and provided further that Associates in attendance do not exceed 49 percent of the roster of those present pursuant to ARTICLE IV, Section B of these By Laws. All matters brought before the Camp at a Regular or Special meeting shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at said meeting with one exception, that being the election of the Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates.

Section G. Any member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic may be admitted to the meetings of the Camp.

Section H. The United States flag, the Camp flag, and the Camp Charter shall be displayed at each meeting of the Camp.

Section G. All meetings of the Camp shall be conducted by the guidelines of the Ritual of the Order and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, in that order.

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**ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES**

Section A. Standing Committees of the Camp shall be as follows: Membership, Memorial Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Program and Publicity, G.A.R. Memorial and Grave Registration, Patriotic Instruction, Bylaws and Military Affairs.

Section B. Special Committees may be created by action of the Camp Commander and shall be for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Duties and responsibilities of the special committees shall be defined by the Camp Commander.

Section C. The Camp Commander shall annually appoint committee memberships.

Section D. The Camp Commander shall serve as ex-officio on all Standing and Special Committees unless otherwise noted.

Section E. The Membership Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of increasing the Camp's membership, for preparing and placing advertisements, and for transmitting, reviewing and processing all applications. The Committee shall be chaired by the Junior Vice Commander.

Section F. The Memorial Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of making and coordinating all arrangements necessary for the appropriate observance of Memorial Day (May 30th) and Remembrance Day (November 19th) by the Camp. The Committee shall also plan appropriate exercises for the observance of Union Defender's Day (February 12th). The Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Chaplain.

Section G. The Program and Publicity Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of arranging programs and speakers for the regular Camp meetings and for the general publicity of the Camp and the Order.

Section H. The G.A.R. Memorial and Grave Registration Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of (1) research. Identification and condition assessment of all existing G.A.R. memorials, Halls and gravesites within the geographic boundaries of the Camp, and (2) preparation of a document photographically documenting the same. The Camp Graves Registration Officer and the Camp G.A.R. Memorials Officer shall serve as Co-Chairmen and coordinate the work of the Committee.

Section I. The Patriotic Instruction Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of (1) preparation and periodic update of standardized presentations, geared to junior and senior high school-aged children, on the flag, patriotism, citizenship and the Order, and (2) making all necessary arrangements for preparation and presentation to area schools. The Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Patriotic Instructor.

Section J. The Bylaws Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of annually reviewing the Bylaws of the Camp and the drafting of any necessary changes to be voted on by the Camp Membership. The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Senior Vice Commander.



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Section K The Military Affairs Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of (1) increasing the Camp's membership in the Camp Guard, (2) advising the Camp on all matters relating to appropriate era military dress, mannerisms and formalities associated with Camp ceremonies, parades and activities, (3) assisting the members in obtaining appropriate uniforms, (4) election of the Camp's commissioned and non-commissioned officers, and (5) establishment and maintenance of communication and coordination channels between the Camp Guard, S.V.R. and local Civil War reenactment organizations. The Military Affairs Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Commander.

**ARTICLE X: FINANCES**

Section A. The fiscal year of the Camp shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st of each year.

Section B. Annual financial statements of the Camp, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, shall be prepared shortly after the end of each fiscal year. All financial statements and records shall be subject to an annual audit, the results of which shall be reported to the Camp Council and Camp Commander.

Section C. All Camp funds shall be deposited in reliable depositories as the Camp Council may direct. The Camp shall have a checking account and a savings account. The Camp Treasurer and the Camp Commander may disperse funds from the checking account. Neither the Treasurer nor the Camp Commander may disperse checking account funds in excess of \$50.00 for any single item without written approval, except that the Treasurer may pay per capita assessments and hall rental on a regular basis. In the case of the Treasurer, approval shall be secured from the Commander or the Chairman of the Camp Council. In the case of the Commander, approval shall be secured from the chairman of the Camp Council. Approval may be given verbally, but must be followed with a letter or e-mail to confirm the verbal approval, and filed with appropriate records of the transaction. The Treasurer is authorized to make transfers from the savings account to the checking account in order to pay the pre-authorized payments noted above.

Section D. Camp officers may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of their respective office, provided, however, that a written request is presented to and approved by the Camp Commander. In the case of a request from the Camp Commander, approval for reimbursement of expenses must be secured from the Camp Council. Typical expenses would include, but not be limited to long distance telephone costs, postage, and mileage.

**ARTICLE XI: DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Section A. The Camp Commander shall have original jurisdiction over charges preferred against Brothers of the Camp by other Brothers of the Camp.

Section B. Charges may be preferred for violation of obligation or the doing of anything tending to injure a veteran or Brother of the Order or the Order itself.

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Section C. Charges shall be made in writing and shall be addressed to the Camp Commander. A copy of the charges shall be delivered to the accused at the same time.

Section D. Upon Filing of such charges, the Camp Commander shall appoint a Trial Commissioner who shall give at least ten days notice to the party preferring the charges and to the accused by registered mail and shall state in said notice the time and place of the hearing. The Commissioner shall have the power to postpone or continue the hearing, subpoena witnesses and shall impartially ascertain all the facts relative to the issue and make a report, with his recommendations in writing, to the Camp Commander and to the party making the charge and the accused. The Camp Commander shall then decide the issue after giving the party making the charges and the accused at least ten day's time to file objections to the Trial Commissioners report.

Section E. The sentence may be a reprimand, suspension from the rights and privileges for a given period of time, or expulsion from the Order. In addition, the convicted Brother may be required to reimburse the cost of the trial incurred by the Camp.

Section F. An appeal shall lie from the Camp to the Department of Michigan and shall be addressed to the Department Commander. On appeal, a written transcript of all proceedings embodying the evidence, with original documents or certified copies thereof, shall be transmitted with the appeal. Notice of the appeal shall be given to the opposite party who shall be entitled to file objections in writing, accompanied by written argument, and both parties shall be entitled to an oral hearing upon appeal, unless the Michigan Department court on appeals shall determine otherwise.

Section G. Charges preferred against the Camp Commander by a Brother of the Camp shall be made in writing and addressed to the Camp Council and a copy delivered to the Camp Commander. The Camp Council shall then appoint a Trial Commissioner and decide the issue based on the Trial Commissioner's report.

**ARTICLE XII: CAMP GUARD**

Section A. The Camp may have an independent military organization (Camp Guard) composed of Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section B. Commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Camp's military organization shall be elected by the Camp's Military Affairs Committee for a period of three years. Each elected officer shall be responsible for becoming reasonably familiar with the duties and responsibilities associated with his respective rank (as outlined by the Committee) and for securing the appropriate uniform requirements.

Section C. Elected Commissioned and noncommissioned officers may resign their elected positions at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to the Military Affairs Committee. Elected commissioned and noncommissioned officers may be removed from their positions within 120 days of their election by the Military Affairs Committee based on the officer' lack of commitment to learn his respective responsibilities or to obtain his appropriate uniform.

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Section D. The Military Affairs Committee shall develop the rank structure of the Camp's military organization in a manner not contradictory to the rules and regulations of the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section E. The Camp also may use, in conjunction with or in the absence of its Camp Guard, the services of members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and/or local Civil War Reenactment organizations in its Camps ceremonial functions.

**ARTICLE XIII: CAMP AWARD**

Authorization for a Camp award is provided. The award shall be known as the Samuel W. Grinnell Award. The award shall be conferred by the Camp Commander upon any Brother who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Camp Commander, has through his words, actions and/or deeds exhibited exemplary dedication and service to the Camp and Order. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one-page (8 ½" x 11") description of the service provided, to the Camp Secretary, no later than two months prior to the January meeting of the Camp. Recipients of the award shall be announced and a certificate presented at this meeting. Up to two recipients may be selected for the award in any one year.

**ARTICLE XIV: INCLUSION OF STATE AND NATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the following rules and regulations, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto:

Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

Bylaws of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW.

**ARTICLE XV: DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETTS (Amended July 31, 2018)**

Section 1 – Organization. The Camp shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the Curtenius Guard Camp #17. The Camp is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Michigan. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Section 2 - Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes. No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these by-laws, the unincorporated association

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shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3 - Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets. In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Camp Charter, all Camp property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to his duly authorized representative and shall become the property of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 4: All property of the Camp shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Camp Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Camp shall not be divided among its members.

Section 5: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of the State of Michigan.

Section 6 - Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(03 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

**ARTICLE XVI: SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS**

There shall be no suspension of these Bylaws during any meeting of the Camp.

**ARTICLE XVII: BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**


Section A. These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Camp by a 2/3 vote of the members present at a meeting; provided, however, that a copy of the proposed amendment had been submitted in writing to the Camp at the previous Camp meeting.

Section B. All Bylaws heretofore adopted by the Camp are hereby repealed.

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BYLAWS CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Bylaws were amended in Sunfield, Michigan on July 31, 2018, at the regular meeting of the Camp, having first been published to the membership of the Camp at the January, 2018 regular Camp meeting and published in the minutes of said meeting.

  
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Mark H. Hoffman, Commander  
Curtenius Guard Camp #17  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War


Date 7/31/18

Attest

  
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Harold E. Holcomb, Secretary  
Curtenius Guard Camp #17  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War


Date July 31, 2018

The foregoing Bylaws of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, amended on July 31, 2018, were found to be in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and also with the Bylaws of the Department of Michigan and are hereby approved.

  
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Robert R. Payne, Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Date July 31, 2018

Attest

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Denney, Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Date 03 Aug 18