

**GOV. CRAPO CAMP NO. 145 of FLINT  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**BYLAWS OF THE CAMP**

**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 objectives set forth by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our forefather's 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 the Order shall be the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint, 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 served the Union 1861-1865; to assist in every practicable way in 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 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 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 to 1865; and has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime or 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. Junior Members:** A Junior Member shall be any male less than fourteen (14) years of age who meets the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution of the Order and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Section C: Associates.** There shall be two classes of Associates.

**(a) Associates** are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution of the Order and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

**(b) Junior Associates** are males less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution of the Order and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

**Section D.** Each application for membership, whether it is for Member, Associate, Junior Member or Junior Associate, shall be recommended by a Member or Associate of the Camp who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility and moral character. The Committee shall make a careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application, and shall recommend the election or rejection of the applicant.

**Section E.** A rejected applicant shall not be eligible to apply again for membership until six months have elapsed after such rejection.

**Section F.** Any Brother of the Camp who is three months in arrears in the payment of dues may, by a vote of the Camp, be dropped. Until his name is dropped from the roll, the Camp shall be subject to per capita tax on such Brother. The Camp may reinstate a dropped Brother in the Order on reelection 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 G.** A person holding a Camp Transfer cannot be admitted to the Camp during its sessions unless given permission by vote of the Camp. He is a Brother 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 to membership again only in the same manner as an applicant for original membership.

**Section H.** All persons duly elected by the Camp for membership and having paid the application fee and appropriate dues in full, shall be enrolled into the Camp, and, if possible, initiated as per the Ritual of the Order.

**Section I.** Voting rights are reserved for Members and Associates of the Camp and not applicable to Junior Members or Junior Associates until reaching the age of fourteen and becoming a Members or Associate of the Camp.

**Section J.** A Camp Brother recommending a Junior Member or Junior Associate is responsible to see to it that these Brothers receive copies of *The Banner* and *Michigan's Messenger* and assist in their participation in Camp function and activities.

## **ARTICLE V: DUES & FEES**

**Section A.** Each Brother of the Camp shall be assessed annual dues. Annual dues shall be a minimum of \$20.00 for Members and Associates and a minimum of \$10.00 for Junior Members and Junior Associates. Life Members shall not be assessed National per capita tax or Department per capita tax, per current National Regulations and Department Bylaws. Life Members shall be responsible for their Camp portion of annual per capita tax. Annual dues shall become payable 01 January of each year. During a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) quarter 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

membership will increase or decrease the level of dues required of each Brother for the New Year using this report as its basis for decision. New Brothers 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.** Dues payments are required by the 31 January, if not received by 31 March or arrangements made, acceptable to the Camp Council, all Camp correspondence will be discontinued, and will be provided upon receipt of the appropriate payment for dues.

**Section C.** An Application Fee, as reviewed and set annually by the Camp Council, shall be assessed each new member upon election into 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, Secretary, Treasurer, Members of the Camp Council, and Camp Delegate and Alternate Delegates to the Department Encampment. The Camp Council shall be composed of three brothers of the Camp not holding the office of Commander, Secretary, or Treasurer. The Appointed Officers of the Camp shall be Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Counselor, Historian, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Graves Registration Officer, GAR Records Officer and Civil War Memorials Officer.

**Section B.** The elected Camp Officers shall be elected at a regular or special meeting of the Camp during the first meeting in October and the last meeting in December. A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers with the exception of Camp Council, Delegate and Alternate, which shall be elected by a plurality vote. The Camp Commander shall appoint the non-elected Camp Officers.

**Section C.** The Camp Officers shall be installed at a Camp meeting between the first meeting in November and the first meeting of January by a person designated by the Department Commander.

**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 may by a 2/3 vote, first giving five days’ notice by mail, vacate the position of any elective officer who shall have been absent from six consecutive regular Camp meetings without good cause and such vacancies 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 any officer for immoral conduct or for any abuse or dishonorable practice of any kind.

**Section G.** No Junior Member or Junior Associate of the Camp shall hold an elected or appointed office of the Camp.

#### **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 however 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, approve all orders of requisitions made on the Camp 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 meet after their installation, amongst themselves and elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. 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 disbursements of the coming year and, by the November meeting, the fees and dues payable as of 01 January of the following year. Based on the Treasurer's Report of Delinquent Brothers, Camp Council shall follow up Treasurer's notifications regarding dues arrearage to ensure the Camp does not incur per capita liability beyond expected membership reimbursement. This later activity shall begin following the Treasurer's 01 March *Notification to Delinquent Brothers*.

**Section D.** The Camp Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office, keep all books of record, submit a duplicate annual report to the Department Secretary, per the 'Camp Report Dates' guideline as published by the National Organization, upon forms prescribed by the Order and furnished by the Department Secretary, showing all gains or losses in membership and the total membership; and forwarding said report along with the per capita tax to the Department Secretary by the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) of April. He shall ensure that a copy of this report is placed in the Camp's file. He shall submit a duplicate Camp Status Report by the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the next month following a change to the Camp's membership upon forms prescribed by the Order. He shall ensure that a copy of this report is placed in the Camp's file. He shall draw requisitions upon the Camp Treasurer for expenditure of money, upon Camp Vouchers, and submit same to the Camp Commander for his approval.

**Section E.** The Camp Treasurer shall be accountable for receipt and disbursement of Camp funds and have charge of its property not otherwise provided for; keep the accounts between the Camp and its members; collect all moneys due the Camp, giving in all cases receipts therefore; notify all brothers in arrears by 01 February that they are delinquent, provide a monthly and annual financial report to the Camp membership and the fund balance in his hands. He shall make an annual financial report through the Camp Secretary to the Department Treasurer. He shall exhibit the account books of the Camp to any elected Camp officer upon reasonable request; file all tax and other financial reports required of the Camp; cause an non-accounting basis audit to be performed on an annual basis; shall provide completed dues notices, in contrasting color, to be sent by the Secretary with the minutes of the last Camp meeting of the year; and perform all duties that are incident to the office of Treasurer.

**Section F.** The Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Guide, Guard, Color Bearer and Counselor shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or directed by the Commander.

**Section G.** All Officers of the Camp shall upon their retirement from office turn over to their successor all property of the Camp within thirty (30) days after leaving office.

### **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

**Section A.** Regular meetings of the Camp shall be held quarterly throughout the year, as a minimum. 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.** The Camp Commander with the consent of the Camp Council may call special meetings of the Camp.

**Section C.** Notification of Regular and Special meetings to members 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 10 days' notice shall be given to members for either Regular or Special meetings.

**Section D.** The Camp Commander with the consent of the Camp Council may call special meetings of the elected Camp Officers. All business conducted at said meeting shall require ratification by the Camp membership at the next Regular or Special membership 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 members a minimum of 2 days before the scheduled meeting.

**Section F.** A minimum of 1/4 of the Camp's membership shall be required to be present in order to conduct business at a Regular or Special membership meeting of the Camp. At no time during a meeting of the Camp, shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at the meeting. All matters brought before the Camp at a Regular or Special membership 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, Delegate and Alternate.

**Section G.** Any member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Women'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 sessions of the Camp.

**Section H.** *All meetings* of the Camp shall have the United States Flag and the Camp Charter displayed.

**Section I.** *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.

#### **ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES**

**Section A.** Standing Committees of the Camp shall be as follows: Membership, Memorial Day and Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Program and Publicity, GAR Records, Civil War Memorials, Graves Registration, Patriotic Instruction, Bylaws, History, and Welfare.

**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. The Camp Commander shall define duties and responsibilities of the Special Committees.

**Section C.** Each Standing Committee of the Camp shall consist of a maximum of five brothers unless otherwise stated. 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 new brother applications. The Junior Vice Commander shall chair the Committee.

**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 and Remembrance Days by the Camp. The Camp Chaplain shall chair the Committee.

**Section G.** The Program and Publicity Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of arranging special programs, speakers, etc. for the quarterly Camp meetings and for the general publicity of the Camp and the Order. The Camp Commander at the January Camp meeting shall appoint the Committee Chairman.

**Section H.** 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 Camp Patriotic Instructor shall chair the Committee.

**Section I.** The Bylaws Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of annually reviewing the Bylaws of the Camp and the drafting thereof of any necessary changes to be voted on by the Camp membership. The Camp Senior Vice Commander shall chair the Bylaws Committee.

**Section J.** The Graves Registration Committee shall seek and identify all graves of Civil War veterans in the geographical boundary of the Camp. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Camp any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War grave. The Committee shall be chaired by the Graves Registration Officer.

**Section K.** The GAR Records Committee shall seek, locate, catalog, and promote preservation of all surviving GAR records in the geographical boundary of the Camp. The GAR Records Officer shall chair the Committee.

**Section L.** The Civil War Memorials Committee shall seek and identify all monuments and memorials dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic in the geographical boundary of the Camp. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Camp any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War monument or memorial. The GAR Memorials Officer shall chair the Committee.

**Section M.** The purpose of the History Committee shall be to identify and preserve historical and biographical material pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Gov. Crapo Post No. 145, and their Respective memberships. The Camp Historian shall chair the committee.

**Section N.** The Camp will have a Welfare Committee to be appointed by the Camp Commander who shall serve during the year. This Committee shall consist of one member for each ten (10) members of the Camp with a minimum of three (3); the Chairman to be designated by the Camp Commander. It shall be the duty of the Welfare Committee to assist in maintaining the membership upon a good standing basis of each member; to actively assist in obtaining new members by preparing a list of those eligible; to suggest to the Camp means of creating and maintaining interest in its meetings and such other matters as may be of value to the Camp; and to assist members of the Camp requiring aid in obtaining employment.

#### **ARTICLE X: BOOKKEEPING**

**Section A.** The fiscal year of the Camp shall begin on 01 January and end on 31 December 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 by the members of the Camp Council; the results of which shall be reported to the Camp Membership.

**Section C.** All Camp funds shall be deposited in a reliable depository as the Camp Council may direct. The Camp shall have a checking and savings account. The Camp Treasurer and Camp Commander may disburse funds from the checking account. Neither the Camp Treasurer nor the Camp Commander may disburse checking account funds in excess of \$100.00 for any one single item without written approval on a Camp voucher. In the case of the Camp Treasurer, approval shall be secured from the Camp Commander or the Chairman of the Camp Council. In the case of the Camp Commander, approval shall be secured from the Chairman of the Camp Council. Neither the Camp

Treasurer nor the Camp Commander may withdraw or transfer funds from the savings account without written approval on a Camp voucher from the Chairman of the Camp Council.

**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 limited to, long distance telephone costs, postage and mileage.

**Section E.** The Camp shall use the cash method of accounting as regards all bookkeeping.

#### **ARTICLE XI: DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Disciplinary activities are addressed and governed by the National Constitution and Regulations (“C&R”) in Chapter V (General Regulations), Article VI (Discipline).

#### **ARTICLE XII: CAMP GUARD**

**Section A.** The Camp may have a Camp Guard composed of Brothers of the Camp. The name of said unit shall be the “Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 Camp Guard.” The Camp Guard will be governed according to the National Constitution and Regulations (“C&R”), Chapter I (Camps), Article XIII (Camp Guard).

#### **ARTICLE XIII: CAMP AWARDS**

**Section A.** Authorization for a Camp award is provided. The award shall be known as the *John W. Campbell Memorial 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 1/2" x 11") description of the service provided, to the Camp Secretary no later than 1 month prior to the January meeting of the Camp. Recipients of the award shall be announced and a certificate presented at the meeting. Up to two recipients may be selected for the award in any one year.

**Section B.** Authorization for a Camp recruiting award is provided. The award shall be known as the *Harry L. Lamphere / Donald W. Moline Award*. The award shall be conferred by the Camp Commander upon any Brother who has brought two or more new brothers to the Camp. Recommendations for recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with the names of the brothers they have recruited, to the Camp Secretary no later than 1 month prior to the January meeting of the Camp. Recipients of the award shall be announced and a certificate presented at the meeting.

**Section C.** Authorization for a Camp graves registration award is provided. The award shall be known as the *Governor Henry Crapo Award*. The award shall be conferred by the Camp Commander upon any Brother or Member of an Allied Order who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Camp Commander, including the Graves Registration Officer as chairperson, has through their actions and/or deeds exhibited exemplary dedication and service to perpetuate the memory of the Boys in Blue, in the area of Graves Registration 1 month prior to the January meeting of the Camp. The recipient of the award shall be announced and a certificate presented at the meeting. Only one recipient may be selected for this award in any one year.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**Section 1.** The Camp Commander may issue "Camp Orders" and may issue "Official Circulars," all attested by the Camp Secretary.

**Section 2. Camp Orders.**

- a) The Camp Commander shall promulgate his Camp Orders and communicate with the membership in a publication to be known as the *Camp Fire and Post Room* ©.
- b) These Orders shall be printed and distributed at least four times yearly, and sufficient quantities be provided to supply one copy to every member of the Camp.
- c) At such time as the *Camp Fire and Post Room* © may not be published, the Camp Commander may issue and promulgate his Camp Orders and communicate with the membership in writing in any other effective manner.

**ARTICLE XV: INCLUSION OF NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT 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:

1. Constitution, Regulations and Policies of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Bylaws of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**ARTICLE XVI: DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS**

In the case of the surrender or forfeiture of the Camp Charter, all Camp property and funds shall be turned over to the Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and shall be held by it as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within 6 months of disbandment or surrender of the Camp's charter without the written consent of the Department is prohibited. The property and funds of the Camp shall not be divided among its Brothers.

**ARTICLE XVII: SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS**

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

**ARTICLE XVIII: BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

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

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



**BYLAWS CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Gov. Crapo Camp Bylaws Committee:

Donald W. Shaw, Senior Vice Camp Commander  
David F. Wallace, PDC, Junior Vice Commander  
Robert W. May, Past Camp Commander  
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Camp Commander, Ex Officio

The foregoing Bylaws were adopted in Flint, Michigan, on the 18th day of March, 2010, by the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and shall become effective upon the approval of the Commander of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander,  
Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lloyd D. Lamphere, Sr., Secretary,  
Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145

The foregoing Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Bylaws are found to be in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and are hereby approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dale Aurand, Commander,  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald L. Jacobs, Secretary,  
Department of Michigan, SUVCW



## **BYLAWS GUIDELINES**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF CAMP PUBLICATION:**

**SECTION 1:** The Camp Publication will be known as *Camp Fire and Post Room*, and be copyrighted.

**SECTION 2:** The Camp Publication will be managed and produced by a Camp Editor, to be appointed annually at the time of Camp Elections by the Camp Commander. The Camp Commander, at the request of the Camp Editor, may appoint an Assistant Camp Editor.

**SECTION 3:** The Camp Publication will be a minimum of two (2) printed pages front and back, not to exceed six (6) printed pages front and back, except by the specific waiver of the Camp Commander after consultation with the Camp Council.

**SECTION 4:** The Camp Publication will be published and distributed to the Brothers of the Camp by the Camp Editor bimonthly on a schedule of: January-February, March-April, May-June, July-August, September-October, and November-December. In accordance with other provisions of these Bylaws, the Camp Publication will be mailed to the Brothers of the Camp no later than 2 weeks prior to a scheduled meeting and no later than the first day of the publishing month when no meeting is scheduled.

**SECTION 5:** The following Elected Officers of the Camp will be responsible for contributing articles of interest regarding their office to the Camp Editor prior to each scheduled publication date: Camp Commander, Camp Senior Vice Commander, Camp Junior Vice Commander, Camp Secretary, and Camp Treasurer. In addition, the following Appointed Camp Officers will be responsible for contributing articles of interest regarding their office prior to each publication date: Camp Patriotic Instructor, Camp Chaplain. Articles will be submitted to the Camp Editor at least two (2) weeks prior to scheduled publication.

### **ANNUAL MUSTER DAY/BEAN SOUP AND MUSTER PROGRAM:**

Annual Muster Day can be observed on the first Saturday following the Lincoln Tomb ceremony (Springfield, IL) to commemorate the day Lincoln made his first call for troops. On the designated day, the members of the Camp will assemble, in stated or special meeting, and renew their pledge of allegiance to our country and its flag and in like manner pledge themselves anew to support and carryout the objects and principles of the Order. A special effort should be made to secure the presence of every Brother in the Camp, to the end that "Annual Muster Day" shall be a "Rally Day" of the organization.

Public exercises, including a "Bean Soup and Campfire" program, may be arranged and it is recommended that invitations shall be extended to those eligible to and not included in our membership, to all war veterans, to patriotic societies, and to public officials. The exercises will include addresses of a patriotic nature noting the founding date of the Grand Army of the Republic (April 6th), Lincoln's Death Day (April 15th), U.S. Grant's birthday (April 27th), and in regard to the work of the Order and the value of membership in it.

The renewal of the obligation should be made by members of the Camp in concert on each Annual Muster Day. During the renewal of the obligation the Chaplain shall read that portion of the Ritual assigned to him with the exception that the words "renewal of your" shall be placed in front of "obligation." The obligation will be repeated in the prescribed form, with the exception that the last paragraph shall be rendered as follows before "So help me God": "This obligation I voluntarily renew and promise to fulfill on my honor as a man and as a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

**EASTERN MICHIGAN GAR REGIONAL ASSOCIATION:**

The Camp shall participate in the voluntary association of the Camps, SVR Units, Tents and Corps of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, within the Department of Michigan known as the *Eastern Michigan GAR Regional Association*. The purpose of the *Eastern Michigan GAR Regional Association* is to commemorate our forefather's deeds and to promote the fraternal bonds that exist among the members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.