

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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Special Department Order No. 1

Series 2009-2010

Brothers of the Department of Ohio;

This Special Department Order is issued pursuant to Article 10, sections 1 and 2 of the By-Laws of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pertaining to amendments to the By-Laws of the Ohio Department.

Following the close of the Department of Ohio Mid-Winter Meeting, Saturday, January 16, 2010, at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial Building in Columbus, Ohio, a Department of Ohio Special Meeting will be held for the purpose of amending Article 8 of the Department By-Laws.

The national organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Constitution now allows Departments to accept Junior Associates if provided for in the Department By-Laws. If adopted this proposed change to the Ohio Department By-Laws would authorize Junior Associates in the Ohio Department.

Without a change to our current Department By-Laws Camps in the Department of Ohio cannot accept Junior Associates. If this proposed amendment is approved those camps desiring to accept Junior Associates will be able to do so if their camp By-Laws are then amended to provide for Junior Associates.



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REFERENCE TO SPECIAL ORDER #1

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JUNIOR ASSOCIATES
&
ARTICLE 8 MEMBERSHIP

October 27, 2009

Brothers,

The Special Meeting will be held following the close of the Mid-Winter Meeting, Saturday, January 16, 2009.
Franklin County Veterans Memorial Building
300 West Broad Street
Room 201
Columbus, OH 43215

9:30 A.M. Council Meeting
10:00 A.M. Mid-Winter Meeting
15 Minute Break followed by the Special Meeting

JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

An Amendment to the National SUVCW Constitution to allow Junior Associates was adopted at the Special National Encampment held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This Amendment was then sent to the departments for ratification. It was ratified by the departments and is now part of the SUVCW Constitution.
(Revised August 2009, Louisville, Kentucky)

The part of the National SUVCW Constitution we are now concerned with is Article VII Section 3 which gives departments the authority to allow junior associates within their department. However, the Department of Ohio By-Laws must specifically state that the department authorizes junior associates. If the department By-Laws do not specifically authorize junior associates then camps within the department cannot authorize junior associates.

What we want to do is amend the By-Laws to specifically authorize junior associates. Once that is done camps within the department can amend their By-Laws to authorize junior associates. If the department By-Laws are not amended the camps will not be allowed to have junior associates.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be to present for adoption an amendment to the Ohio Department By-Laws authorizing junior associates. If the amendment is approved by the Special Encampment then camps will be authorized to amend their by-Laws so they can accept junior associates. If the amendment fails then camps in Ohio will not be allowed to have junior associates.

OHIO BY-LAWS ARTICLE 8 MEMBERSHIP

.Special Order #1 explains this proposed amendment to the Ohio By-Laws.

Proposed Amendment: Change the name of Article 8 from Member At Large to Membership and add new section 1 and number the remaining sections in proper sequence.

I urge all Camps and Members to attend this Special Meeting to vote on this amendment.
I also urge all Camp Commanders to read and explain Special Order #1. If you are changing command, please pass this onto the new administration.

Your In,
Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Robert W. Davis

Commander

Proposed Amendment relating to membership in the Ohio Department.

Change the name of Article 8 from Member at Large to Membership and add a new section 1 and renumber in proper sequence the existing sections relating to membership-at-large.

**ARTICLE 8
Membership**

Section 1. Membership in the Ohio Department shall be in compliance with the membership requirements established in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Constitution.

(a) Members.

Males at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

(b) Junior Members.

Males less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Sons of Union veterans of the Civil War Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation.

(c) Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.

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

(2) The Department may accept Junior Associates and individual camps within the Department may accept Junior associates if their Camp By-Laws provide for Junior Associates.

So ordered this 22nd day of October, 2009

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Robert W. Davis

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