

**GEORGE G. MEADE CAMP NO. 5
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. This Camp shall be known as George G. Meade Camp No. 5

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

Section 1. The stated meeting of the Camp shall be at the call of the Camp Commander with notice sent to all members.

Section 2. The location of the meeting shall be at the call of the Camp Commander with notice sent to all members.

Section 3. A special meeting may be convened by the order of the Camp Commander with the consent of Camp Council, providing no less than seven (7) days notice be given to all members. No business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting was called.

Section 4. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the Camp shall be of three classes:

- a. Lineal/Collateral(6 to 14 years for Juniors), Male descendants no less than fourteen (14) years of age, that are a blood relative of a soldier, sailor, marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service who was honorably discharged from or perished in the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65.**
- b. Life Members; In accordance with National Regulations.**
- c. Associates; Not of Lineal/Collateral decendancy. Associates are permitted in the Camp provided that the number of Associates in the Camp shall not exceed one third (1/3) of the total membership of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of the Camp can business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine (49) per cent of the total attendance at said meeting. Associates are permitted to serve in any Office, elected or appointed in the Camp.**

ARTICLE IV – DUES AND FEES

Section 1. Dues for all Brothers shall be set by the Camp Council with the approval of the membership.

Section 2. Should the Per Capita Tax be increased by the Department or the National Order, the amount of the increase shall be automatically applicable to all Brothers and shall be so levied in period said increase is due and payable, after being approved by Camp Council and the membership.

Section 3. The application fee for membership shall be set by the Camp Council with the approval of the membership.

ARTICLE V – ARREARAGES

Section 1. Any Brother who has failed to pay his dues for the year by April 1 of that year shall be considered in arrears for dues.

Section 2. No Brother shall be permitted to vote, or take part in the business of the Camp who is in arrears for dues.

Section 3. Any Brother who is in arrears for dues may be dropped from the rolls of the Camp upon the recommendation of the Camp Treasurer and the approval of the membership.

Section 4. A dropped Brother may be reinstated in the Order on reelection by the Camp after paying such dues, reinstatement fees, or indebtedness to the Camp as it may prescribe.

ARTICLE VI – VOTING

Section 1. All Brothers in good standing shall be permitted an equal voice and vote on all questions and shall be eligible to hold any office in Camp.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The nomination and election of Officers of the Camp shall conform to the conditions of the National Constitution and Regulations and be held on the first meeting date of December each year; installation may be held on the same date.

Section 2. The Camp Commander, Senior Vice Camp Commander, Junior Vice Camp Commander, Camp Secretary, Camp Treasurer and the required number of delegates and alternates to the Department Encampment shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The offices of Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer may be concurrently held by one Brother.

Section 3. There should be three (3) members of Camp Council elected as following – One (1) for one (1) year, one (1) for two (2) years, and one (1) for three (3) and thereafter each year, one (1) will be elected for a period of three years.

- Section 4.** No proxy votes shall be accepted for any office.
- Section 5.** Any vacancy which may occur for any office shall be filled temporarily by the next officer in rank. The balance of any such term shall be filled by a special election.
- Section 6.** Any Officer who misses six (6) consecutive meetings shall vacate his Office.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1.** 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 or 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 2.** The Senior Vice Camp Commander and Junior Vice Camp Commander shall assist the Camp Commander. The Senior Vice Camp Commander shall be responsible for promoting programs promulgated by the orders of the Camp Commander. The Junior Vice Camp Commander shall be responsible for promoting membership and organization under the direction of the Camp Commander.
- Section 3.** The Camp Council shall devise and recommend measures for preserving and increasing funds of the Camp; shall make its investments, leases and other contracts; secure a place of meeting; and dispose of all disputed accounts between the Camp Treasurer and members of the Camp; examine and pass upon all accounts and bill incurred by any Officer or Committee of the Camp; examine the books, vouchers and other papers of the different Officers; and shall by April 15, render a complete report showing its transactions and the financial condition of the Camp.
- Section 4.** The Camp Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his Office, keep all books of record, shall make duplicate yearly reports to the Department Secretary on or before the thirtieth (30) day of April upon the forms prescribed by the Order and furnished by the Department Secretary, showing all gains and losses in membership and the total membership, one copy of which shall be forwarded together with the per capita tax covering the entire membership due from the Camp to the Department Headquarters on or before the thirtieth (30) day of April, the other to be placed on file in the Camp. He shall draw all requisitions upon the Camp Treasurer for the expenditure of money, upon the order of the Camp and submit the same to the

Camp Commander for his approval, keeping a book for that purpose.

Section 5. The Camp Treasurer shall pay out of the said funds upon requisition in due form from the Camp Secretary, approved by the Camp Commander; shall keep the accounts between the Camp and its members; shall collect all monies due the Camp, therefore; shall notify all members in arrears; and at the next stated meeting after the close of the month, render to the Camp a detailed account of the transactions of the month and the money balance in his hand. He shall make a yearly report to the Department Treasurer and shall perform all other such duties as pertains to his Office.

Section 6. The Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Guide, Color Bearer and Guard shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or indicated by official blank forms, or directed by the Camp Commander. The Patriotic Instructor will also serve on the Memorial Day Committee as Chairman or Co-Chairman.

Section 7. No Officer shall receive any compensation for his services.

ARTICLE IX – FUNDS

Section 1. The funds of this Camp shall be placed in an interest bearing account.

Section 2. Should checking account have a larger amount of money than might be needed, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Camp Council, may invest this money in a AAA Savings Account.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

Section 1. All committees shall be appointed by the Camp Commander

ARTICLE XI – RECORDING DEVICES

Section 1. No recording devices shall be allowed in the Camp for the purpose of recording the minutes or any other transactions except by the Camp Secretary if he so desires, and with the approval of the majority of the members. These tapes shall not be transferable.

ARTICLE XII – JUNIORS

Section 1. Juniors shall be males at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the National Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2. Juniors may not vote nor hold any elected office of the Camp.

- Section 3. Juniors shall not be counted in determining the number of delegates the Camp may have at the Department Encampment.**
- Section 4. The Camp shall not impose any fee on Juniors with the exception of the membership badge and any fee required by the Department and/or National Organization.**
- Section 5. Except as herein limited, Juniors enjoy all rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.**

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. All amendments to these By-Laws must be made in writing and read on two (2) consecutive meeting nights. Action on any amendment shall be taken the next meeting after the last reading, notice being made to the membership. A majority of those voting shall be sufficient to make an amendment a part of the By-Laws.**
- Section 2. These By-Laws and/or any amendments herein shall be effective after being adopted by the Camp and upon approval by the Department Commander.**
- Section 3. Anything not covered by these By-Laws should be covered by the Department of Maryland By-Laws and/or the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order.**
- Section 4. Any and all By-Laws heretofore adopted by this Camp are hereby repealed.**

Approved:

Camp Commander	Date
Camp Secretary	Date
Department Commander	Date