

**By-Laws of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Texas
Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey, Camp 5**

PREAMBLE

We the descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the American Civil War of 1861 to 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal order, for the purpose and objects in these by-laws set forth; and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our father's deeds; to render loyal service to our country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect and honor to the flag.

**ARTICLE I
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 "Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp 5, Department of Texas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." The camp is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Louisiana. 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. The camp is located in Shreveport, Louisiana. The camp was named in honor of Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey, of "Bailey's Dam" fame.

**ARTICLE II
Camp Operations**

Section 1. The camp shall meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings will be held at the Hamilton/South Caddo Branch Library located at 2111 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, LA. Meetings will commence at 6 p.m. and end by 6:50 p.m. The Camp may propose and vote, on a case-by-case basis, to refrain from holding a monthly meeting or to approve an alternate meeting date, time and/or location, provided that such vote occur at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Camp, and that the approved changes be communicated to all members of the camp at least one week prior to the changed meeting.

Section 2. The camp shall conduct itself with regards to all matters of business, duties of officers, elections, etc. in accordance with the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department / Camp Job Descriptions and other guidance as provided by the National Encampment.

Section 3. In addition to national guidance, the following items shall apply to Camp Officers:

- a) The terms of Camp Officers shall be approximately one year, running from the second meeting of each year through the first meeting of the next year. Installation of new officers shall take place during the first meeting of each year.
- b) Associate Members may be elected to any camp office.

Section 4. In addition to national guidance, the following items shall apply to Camp Membership:

- a) The camp shall recognize all forms of membership permitted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Constitution and Regulations, including Associates, Junior Members and Junior Associates.

Section 5. 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 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 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.

ARTICLE III Camp Regulations

Section 1. In addition to national guidance, the following regulations shall apply to Camp:

- a) The name of the Camp Newsletter shall be at the discretion of the Commander but shall not conflict with the name of the Department Newsletter or any other newsletter published by a camp in the department. It shall be published as close to quarterly as possible in the most expedient way possible. Publication of the

newsletter, shall be the responsibility of the Commander. He shall at his discretion appoint an editor to handle the day to day operation and publication of the newsletter.

- b) Camp dues are established at \$16.00, per regular or associate member and \$5.00, per additional family or junior member. Dues may be adjusted annually by vote of the Camp. Life members of the SUVCW who are in good standing are exempt from Camp dues, and may have their Department dues covered by the Camp.

ARTICLE IV

Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

Section 1. In the case of the 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 via the Commander of the Department of Texas acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for 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 2. 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 3. 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 Archives and Special Collections at Louisiana State University at Shreveport (LSUS).

Section 4. 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(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 V

Amendments of these By-laws

Section 1. Amendments to these By-laws may be made by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a scheduled camp meeting, providing that prior to the meeting, the camp membership has been informed that amendments will be proposed at the meeting.

No amendments shall be made which are in conflict with "Constitution of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans" or other rules and regulations the thereof.

Section 2. The following amendments have been made to these by-laws:

Added to Article II, Section 1, "Camp Operations," the final sentence "The Camp may propose and vote, on a case-by-case basis, to refrain from holding a monthly meeting or to approve an alternate meeting date, time and/or location, provided that such vote occur at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Camp, and that the approved changes be communicated to all members of the camp at least one week prior to the changed meeting." (Approved by Camp membership Wednesday, April 10, 2019).

Added to Article III, Section 1, Subsection b, the final sentence "Life members of the SUVCW who are in good standing are exempt from Camp dues, and may have their Department dues covered by the Camp." (Approved by Camp membership Wednesday, April 10, 2019).

ARTICLE VI Acceptance

In accordance with CHAPTER I Camps, ARTICLE IX By-laws, of the Constitution of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans these By-laws will be presented to the Secretary for the Department of Texas for approval and acceptance.

Edition Date: This document was reviewed and confirmed by a unanimous vote of the members present at a regular meeting on August 08, 2018. Amendments noted above were inserted April 10, 2019 and will be presented for member approval and acceptance at the May 2019 Camp meeting.

Attested by:

(signed) Tony "Bo" Vets II
Commander
Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey, Camp 5

(signed) John Andrew Prime
Secretary-Treasurer-Historian
Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey, Camp 5