

**COL. HANS C. HEG CAMP #15
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR**

By-Laws



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Wind Lake, Wisconsin

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Preamble

We, having organized as a camp of the SUVCW, Department of Wisconsin, at Wind Lake, do hereby declare as our object for so associating, to keep green in our minds and to perpetuate the memory and history of the heroes who fought to preserve the Union in the American Civil War of 1861-1865. We solemnly pledge to render loyal service to our country, promote Citizenship, bring honor to the Flag, and do therefore select as a proper title for our camp, the name of Col. Hans C. Heg



Colonel Hans Christian Heg's portrait during the early part of the Civil War

Heg was born at Hagestad in the community of Lierbyen in Lier, Buskerud, Norway on December 21, 1829. He was the eldest of the four children of an innkeeper. His father, Even Hansen Heg (1790-1850), moved his family to America in 1840, settling in the Muskego Settlement in Wisconsin. Hans Heg was eleven years old when his family arrived in Muskego. He soon earned a reputation for himself as being a gifted boy.

At twenty years old, lured by the discovery of gold in the Sacramento Valley, he and three friends joined the army of "Forty-Niners". He spent the next two years prospecting for gold in California. Upon the death of his father, he returned to the Muskego area in 1851. He married Gunhild Einong, daughter of a Norwegian immigrant. Heg became a rising young politician who found slavery abhorrent. He naturally became an ardent member of the Free Soil Party. Heg was a major in the 4th Wisconsin Militia and served as Wisconsin State Prison Commissioner. He was the first Norwegian born candidate elected state-wide in Wisconsin.

He soon joined the recently formed Republican Party. He was an outspoken anti-slavery activist and a leader of Wisconsin's Wide Awakes, an anti-slave catcher militia.

ARTICLE IX — COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. A welfare committee shall be appointed by the Camp Commander which will serve during the year. It will consist of one (1) member for each ten (10) members of the Camp with a minimum of three (3) members; the chairman to be designated by the Camp Commander.

SECTION 2. The welfare committee is to assist in maintaining the membership in good standing, actively assist in rendering aid to Brothers in need, and to foster Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty among the Camp Brothers and their families.

SECTION 3. Camp Guard Unit. The Camp may maintain under its auspices, a military organization independent of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), to serve as a Camp Guard Unit for parade or related duty. Rank of said Guard Unit shall be determined by the Commander, but will not exceed Captain at any time.

The organization will report directly to the Camp Commander (unless otherwise designated), who will task it, evaluate its effectiveness, and disband it when its work has been completed or the Camp can no longer support it.

The uniform and regulations shall conform as nearly as practicable to the regulations of the Union Army during the Civil War period or cur-

The above By-laws having been presented and read at two regular meetings of the Camp, were adopted by the members in good standing present, May 3, 2018.

Camp Commander: *Robert F. Koenecke*

Date: 6/02/2018

Dept. Commander: *Brian D. McManus*

Date: 6/02/2018

ARTICLE VIII— CAMP FUNDS

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Fund kept by the Treasurer of the Camp.

SECTION 2. The General Funds of this Camp shall consist of all receipts taken in by the Treasurer of this Camp and all expenses of this Camp, unless otherwise provided for, are to be taken out of this fund. All Camp funds not designated for specific purposes shall be kept liquid in a Camp checking account. The account shall not drop below \$500 unless authorized by the Camp Council.

SECTION 3. Special funds may from time to time be established for specific purposes or goals. All receipts taken in for Special Funds shall be segregated to a specific fund sub-account by the Treasurer. When the purpose or goal is achieved the sub-account shall be closed and any remaining funds transferred to the General Fund.

SECTION 4. A fixed amount of Camp funds may be budgeted for charitable contributions to other organizations or worthy causes each fiscal year. Funds to support ongoing SUVCW projects such as ROTC awards, Eagle Scout awards and flags, should be regularly budgeted items and not classified as donations.

ARTICLE VIII — RULES OF ORDER

Military service

With the outbreak of the Civil War, Heg was appointed by Governor Alexander Randall as colonel of the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Regiment. Appealing to all young "Norsemen," he said, "the government of our adopted country is in danger. It is our duty as brave and intelligent citizens to extend our hands in defense of the cause of our Country and of our homes." The 15th Wisconsin was called the Scandinavian Regiment since its soldiers were almost all immigrants from Norway, with some from Denmark and Sweden. It was the only all Scandinavian regiment in the Union Army. On 8 October 1862, Colonel Heg led his regiment into its first action at the Battle of Perryville. Despite being under fire while being driven back several miles by the enemy, the 15th Wisconsin suffered few casualties and no fatalities. However, one of those hurt was Colonel Heg, who was injured when his horse fell.

Heg commanded the regiment during the Battle of Stones River. In response to his conduct at Stones River, Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans placed Colonel Heg in command of the newly formed 3rd Brigade of the 1st Division, XX Corps, Army of the Cumberland, on 1 May 1863.

On 19 September 1863, Colonel Heg led his brigade at the Battle of Chickamauga, where he was mortally wounded. Heg "was shot through the bowels and died the next day." Upon hearing of Heg's death, Rosecrans expressed regret, saying he had intended to promote Heg to Brigadier General. As it was, Colonel Heg was the highest-ranked Wisconsin soldier killed in combat during the Civil War.

Heg is buried at the Norway Lutheran Church Cemetery in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

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 Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 15, Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Camp is organized as an unincorporated association under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. 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.

Acting under the authority of the SUVCW Commander-in-Chief, and the Wisconsin Department Commander, Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 15's date of rank is January 21, 2015.

ARTICLE II —

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 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 —

Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets:

Section 1: 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 via the Department Commander of Wisconsin 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

Guard and Delegate(s).

SECTION 2. Duties of the officers shall be as described in Sections 1 through 6 in Article VI of the current Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with amendments.

SECTION 3. The Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer), Delegates and Camp Council members shall be elective. All other officers are to be appointed by the Camp Commander-elect for the ensuing year.

SECTION 4. Election of officers shall be held at the November meeting or the last meeting of the calendar year. A majority vote of the members in good standing (dues paid) in attendance shall be required to elect all elective officers, except the members of the Camp Council and all Delegates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote. The immediate Past Camp Commander shall automatically become a member of the Camp Council for one year, unless duly elected to a different Camp Officer position. Proxy voting is expressly forbidden.

SECTION 5. Junior members may not hold any elected office in the Camp per SUVCW regulations. Junior members may hold appointed offices at the Camp Commander's discretion.

SECTION 6. Officers may be installed either after the slate of officers are elected or at the first meeting of the new year if held before January 15th, at the discretion of the Past Commander.

The installation ceremony to be officiated by the Department Commander or his designee. All officers serve for one year or until their successor has been installed.

SECTION 7. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office shall be filled temporarily by the next officer in rank. Such vacancies shall be filled for the un-expired term by the Camp Council.

SECTION 8. No member can serve as Camp Commander for a period of more than three (3) consecutive terms unless no other member is willing to run for the office.

ARTICLE VI — CAMP FUNDS

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Fund kept by the Treasurer of the Camp.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, or Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic may be admitted to the sessions of the Camp.

ARTICLE VI — DUES AND FEES

SECTION 1. Regular dues shall be as set by the Camp Council payable per calendar year on or before January 31. New members must pay any initiation or application fees imposed in Section 4. Dues paid after January 31st shall be assessed a \$5.00 late payment fee.

SECTION 2. Any member or prospective member on active military duty may have his yearly dues waived subject to SUVCW and Department of Wisconsin regulations.

SECTION 3. Junior and Junior Associate members shall be permitted membership in accordance with all SUVCW and Department of Wisconsin regulations regarding members under the age of 18. Junior members must be in the presence of two (2) members at any event unless escorted by a family member or legal guardian. Junior members dues are as set by the Camp Council and paid per calendar year.

SECTION 4. No application for membership shall be acted upon unless a properly filled out Form 3 is submitted, and the application fee determined by the Camp Council accompanies it.

SECTION 5. If a Brother has not paid his dues by February 28th the Camp has the right to drop the member. Dropped members must pay a reinstatement fee as determined by the Camp Council plus any outstanding dues or fees before he may be reinstated.

SECTION 6. Any member dropped or resigned for more than one calendar year must re-apply for membership and pay all initiation fees as in Section 4. For continued service status, the former member must also pay ALL dues for the time missed.

SECTION 7. In case of an applicant being rejected by the Camp, all money paid by him will be refunded.

ARTICLE VII — OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of this Camp shall consist of a Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer), Three members of a Camp Council, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Guide, Color Bearer,

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 Wisconsin.

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 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 IV — MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. This Camp supports all types of membership sanctioned by The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in their Constitution and Regulations.

These types presently are:

Member (lineal); Members 14 and over who can prove lineage.
Associate; Members who cannot prove lineage.
Junior; Members between 6 years and 14 years of age.
Junior Associate; Members between 6 years and 14 years of age who cannot prove lineage.
Honorary; Citizens accorded membership by the National Commander-in-chief.

ARTICLE V — MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Meetings will be scheduled by the Camp Commander and/or the Camp Officers. The meeting place is to be the same for every meeting if possible. Members shall be notified by mail or electronic mail of the time and location of each meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Camp Commander with 14 days notice.

SECTION 2. 5 (Five) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

SECTION 3. A meeting may be postponed or rescheduled because of inclement weather or other emergency situation by the Camp Commander, who shall notify the members by telephone or electronic communication of the change.

SECTION 4. Any member in good standing of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Women's Relief Corps,