

Col. Augustus van Horne Ellis Camp 124

Department of New York

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

By-Laws

November 29, 1999

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Article I

- Section (1) The *name* of the Camp will be **Col. Augustus van Horne Ellis Camp**, Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, In honor of brave Col. Ellis of the 124th NYVI, killed while leading his men in the defense of the Union left at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863.
- Section (2) The *number* designated for the Camp will be **124**, in honor of the gallant 124th NYVI, **The Orange Blossoms**.
- Section (3) The *headquarters location* of the Camp will be Goshen, NY, the County seat of Orange County, NY.

Article II

- Section (1) *Meetings* of the Camp will be the last Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, beginning in October of 1998, with the exception of the month of December, in which the Camp will meet on the third Monday.
- Section (2) The *location* of the Camp meetings will be the 1841 Courthouse located on Main Street in Goshen, NY.
- Section (3) Camp *meetings* falling under Article II, Sections 1 and 2 need not be additionally noticed to the membership.
- Section (4) A *quorum* of at least five Camp members, which may include Officers, must be present at any Camp meeting in order to conduct business.
- Section (5) The *time or location* of a Camp meeting may be changed by the Camp Commander, or his designee, with a minimum of 48 hours notice. Notice may be in writing sent through the US Postal Service including within the Camp newsletter **The Bugle Call**, by telephone, or through e-mail. A reasonable attempt to notify all Camp members must be made.

The *date* of a Camp meeting may be changed by the Camp Commander, or his designee, with a minimum of two weeks notice (two weeks from the original date as well as the proposed date). Notification may be in writing sent through the US Postal Service including within the Camp newsletter **The Bugle Call**, by telephone, or through e-mail. A reasonable attempt to notify all Camp members must be made.

The *time, location, or date* of a future Camp meeting may be changed at any previous Camp meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Following such a vote, proper notification must be made to the Camp membership, with a minimum of 48 hours notice for a change of time or location, and two weeks notice for a change of date (two weeks from the original date as well as the proposed date). Notification may be in writing sent through the US Postal Service including within the Camp newsletter **The Bugle Call**, by telephone, or through e-mail. A reasonable attempt to notify all Camp members must be made.

Section (6) *Special meetings*, those which fall outside of Article II, Sections 1 and 2, may be called at any time by the Camp Commander, or will be called by the Camp Commander on the written request of five members. In the absence of the Commander, or for any other reason, the Senior Vice Commander will call a *special meeting* at the written request of any five members.

At least seventy two hours notice must be given before any *special meeting* may take place. Notification may be in writing sent through the US Postal Service including within the Camp newsletter **The Bugle Call**, by telephone, or through e-mail. A reasonable attempt to notify all Camp members must be made.

Motions which may result in the expenditure of finances in excess of two hundred dollars may not be voted on at a special meeting.

Section (7) A Camp *meeting* may be *cancelled* by the Camp Commander, or his designee, due to inclement weather, unavailability of the meeting place, or other unforeseeable and uncontrollable factors. Notification of all members, via U.S. Postal Service including within the Camp newsletter **The Bugle Call**, telephone, or e-mail should be made when time allowances make such notice practical. In cases of extreme bad weather, when there is not sufficient time for notice to be given to all members of a meeting cancellation, the Camp Commander, or his designee, will make attempts to contact the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, as well as the Camp Secretary and Treasurer. All other Camp members are responsible to contact any one of these Camp officers to determine if a Camp meeting has been cancelled.

Article III

- Section (1) The *dues* for membership in the Camp will be \$30 per calendar year. Dues will be prorated on a quarterly basis for members who join the Camp during the second, third, or fourth quarter of the calendar year. An exception to this Section is found in Article III, Section 4.
- Section (2) *Annual dues* from Camp members will be collected, and are due, during the month of December for the following calendar year.
- Section (3) An *initiation fee* of \$15 will be collected from each person who applies for membership in the Camp, in addition to the annual dues required as prescribed in Article III, Section 1. An exception to this Section is found in Article III, Section 4. Should the applicant not be accepted as a member of the Camp, both the initiation fee and dues payment will be refunded.
- Section (4) New members forwarded from National Headquarters through the *National Recruitment program* (primarily the National Website), will be required to pay an initiation fee and dues as prescribed by National policy, not the amounts specified in Article III, Sections 1 and 3, unless these amounts are the same.
- Section (5) A member of the Order who *transfers* to the Camp from another Camp will be required to pay no transfer fee, apart from the annual Camp dues, as prescribed in Article I, Section 1.
- Section (6) *Life Members* of the Order, who are members of the Camp, will not be required to pay annual dues.
- Section (7) There will be no *finer* levied to members of the Camp related to their actions or inaction.

Article IV

- Section (1) There will be no *salaries* for elected or appointed officers or other members of the Camp

Article V

- Section (1) There are no *special funds* maintained separately, or used differently, from the general fund of the Camp treasury.

Article VI

- Section (1) *Standing committees* may be created or dissolved by a two thirds vote of the members at any Camp meeting at which business may be conducted.

- Section (2) *Special committees* may be created or dissolved by the Camp Commander at any time.
- Section (3) Members of a *standing committee* will be chosen by a plurality vote and will serve until removed from the committee by a plurality vote, or until it is no longer their desire to serve on the committee.
- Section (4) Members of a *special committee* will be appointed by the Camp Commander and will serve until the function for which the committee was formed has passed or its purpose is realized, until the Camp Commander removes them from the committee, or until it is no longer their desire to serve on the committee. Should the function or project for which a *special committee* is created continue from one Camp Commander's term into another's, an incoming Camp Commander may remove, add, or replace members on a *special committee*, or dissolve the committee, at his discretion.
- Section (5) Committees will make a *report* to the Camp at a Camp meeting if directed to do so by the Camp Commander, or whenever a report is requested at a Camp meeting by a plurality vote of the Camp members.

Article VII

- Section (1) There will be no *benefits* or *relief* associated with membership in the Camp.

Article VIII

- Section (1) The *By-Laws* of the Camp will be the authority on all points of order not covered by the *Constitution and Regulations* of the **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**, or the *By-Laws* of the **Department of New York**.
- Section (2) The *By-Laws* of the Camp may be altered, amended, or added to at any meeting of the Camp, at which business may be conducted, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote, providing that such amendments or alterations have been submitted to the Camp Commander or Camp Secretary in writing not less than 30 days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken, and have been printed in a circulated issue of the Camp newsletter, **The Bugle Call**.
- Section (3) These Camp *By-Laws* will take effect upon the date of approval by the New York Department Commander.

Camp Commander

Department Commander

Date

Date