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Over the past 16 months, the Wade Hampton Camp Executive Council has reviewed the Camp's by-laws and discussed updating them, in order to strengthen the current structure and fortify the integrity of our Camp. In July, the EC voted to present three amendments to the Wade Hampton Camp By-Laws. These three amendments will be voted upon by all members, in good standing, attending the September 2011 meeting.

In this month's Legionary, there is a description of each amendment, including the current and proposed wording of the Camp's by-laws. All changes made in "proposed" is underlined, so that the reader can easily identify changes. Each amendment is followed by a comment from our Camp's Judge Advocate, Reid Loveless.

In addition, I would like to give a brief comment to each of the three amendments:

The first amendment adds to the list of elected officers Lt Commander and Chaplin. Each of these positions was appointed in the past by the Camp Commander. This change in election structure will align the Camp with the guidelines set forth by the by laws of South Carolina Division SCV.

The second amendment will formally recognize the Battle for Columbia and sets forth an official structure for a BFC Event Committee. The Event Committee would be made up of the Camp Commander, Site Owner, and 3 other positions appointed by The Camp Executive Council. The amendment also provides for 5 ex-officio positions that are appointed by the EC and are of vital importance to the success of our annual event

The third amendment approaches the subject of discipline up to, and including expulsion from the Camp. Currently, our by-laws do not sufficiently address rights accorded to all parties nor does it allow for methods of disciplinary action beyond formal expulsion or suspension. The EC has recognized instances where action warranted reprimand but not expulsion or suspension, as well as, offenses worthy of automatic membership termination.

It is my hope that all Wade Hampton Camp Compatriots will appear to the September meeting, discuss and vote upon the three amendment as presented. Each amendment has been thoroughly discussed and debated by the Executive Council. The EC finds each amendment will further strengthen the integrity of our already great organization.

AMENDMENT # 1

Article VII – Officers Selection, Election, Appointment

Current:

Section 1. The officers of the Camp shall be Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Historian, Judge Advocate, and an Executive Committee. The Commander and Adjutant shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the regular November monthly meeting of the Camp. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the newly elected Commander. They shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected or appointed. Officers elected at the November meeting shall take their office on the first (1st) day of January following their election.

Proposed:

Section 1. The officers of the Camp shall be Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Historian, Judge Advocate, and an Executive Committee. The Commander, Lt. Commander, Adjutant, and Chaplin shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the regular November monthly meeting of the Camp. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the newly elected Commander. They shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected or appointed. Officers elected at the November meeting shall take their office on the first (1st) day of January following their election.

Judge Advocates Comments:

The first amendment is made to the voting practice of our Camp officers in section 1 of Article VII. In the past, we have only voted to elect the Camp Commander and the Adjutant. The proposed amendment would make our voting practices conform to the practices of the South Carolina Division to not only vote for Commander and Adjutant, but for Lt. Commander and Chaplin as well.

AMENDMENT # 2

Article VIII – Officers Duties

Section 10 Battle For Columbia Event Committee.

Current: None

Proposed:

The Battle for Columbia Event Committee (BFC Committee) will consist of five, (5), members appointed annually by the Camp Executive Council: The Site Owner, a Re-enactor and Sotler Coordinator, an Event Treasurer, an Education Day Coordinator and the Camp Commander all to be styled Co-Chairmen and act as the BFC Executive Committee. (They will make and second all motions and cast deciding votes.)

The Camp Commander will act as committee chairman at meetings and preside as such.
The Site Owner will have overall final authority on all issues arising on or concerning the event site.

Ex-officio members of the BFC Committee will consist of the Camp Lt. Commander, Camp Adjutant, Camp Judge Advocate, Advertising and Information Coordinator and an Assistant Education Day Coordinator. (They may make suggestions and participate in discussions but have no vote.)

All camp members are welcome to attend BFC Committee meetings but must submit any addresses to the committee in writing before they may speak.

The BFC Committee will meet at least once a month beginning in September till the final wrap-up meeting after the battle.
A BFC Committee spokesman, (appointed by the Executive Committee annually), will make at least one presentation to the Camp, at a regular meeting, within three months prior to the event and no later than two months after the event.

The BFC Committee and it's designates are the only authority of any type on the BFC site at any time. The only exception is the authority seeded to the elected officers of the Palmetto Battalion as it relates to troop disposition and battle scenario in relation to the actual battle reenactment. All other matters on the BFC site are under the sole authority of the BFC Committee and or the Site Owner.

Judge Advocates Comments:

The second amendment is the addition of section 10 to Article VIII. Section 10 formally establishes the Battle for Columbia (BFC) Event Committee into our camp. It outlines the structure, the appointment of committee members, purpose of the committee, and the scope of the committee's authority as well as defines other items pertinent to the BFC.

AMENDMENT # 3

Current:

Article X – Suspension or Expulsion

Section 1. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Camp for cause, such cause being deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote for the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. Cause for disciplinary action shall be:

- (a) Disloyalty
- (b) Neglect of duty
- (c) Dishonesty
- (d) Conduct unbecoming a member of the SCV
- (e) Acts repugnant to the SCV Constitution or detrimental to the objectives and purposes of the Confederation.

Section 2. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. The notice must be delivered to the member by registered mail. At such meetings the member under charge will be accorded a full hearing.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall provide for true and accurate recording of all proceedings of such hearings.

Section 4. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for that purpose. No vote on removal may be taken unless at least (15) days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. The Executive Committee, upon majority vote, may suspend the officer pending outcome of this special meeting. At such meetings the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Section 5. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits, which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Adjutant, who will immediately notify the Commander. The Commander will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Adjutant will give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

Section 6. Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the Camp. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Adjutant who will notify the Commander. The Commander will call a special meeting of the Camp for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Adjutant shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing to all members of the Camp in good standing, stating the date, time, place and reason for such a special meeting. At the meeting of the full Camp, the Adjutant will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the special meeting to the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by written ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Any member who has been suspended or expelled, and having exhausted the foregoing appeals procedures, has the right to appeal to the General Executive Council, Sons of Confederate Veterans, whereof the decision shall be final. A member expelled by the Camp is ineligible for membership in any other Camp in the Confederation.

Proposed:

ARTICLE X – Discipline

Section 1. Any member may be subject to disciplinary measures from the Camp for cause, such cause being deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote for the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. No disciplinary hearing may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the accused and accuser as to the time and place of the hearing of the Executive Committee at which such charges shall be considered. Notices must be delivered by the Camp Adjutant to both members by registered mail to each of their last known addresses. At such hearings, both parties, the accuser and the accused, will be accorded a full hearing with due process. Both parties shall be afforded any witnesses, exhibits, or counsel to aid in their cause.

The Camp Adjutant shall provide proof of service in the form of registered receipt from the U.S. Postal Service in the event written service is questioned. A disciplinary hearing and further judicial process shall not be delayed on the grounds that either party makes complaint that they did not receive notification due to incorrect information (i.e. wrong address) unless it be error of the Camp. It is each member's sole responsibility to have correct information (i.e. correct address) filed with the Camp Adjutant.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall provide for true and accurate recordings of all proceedings of such hearings.

Section 4. Any officer may be removed or suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for that purpose. No vote on removal or suspension may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing shall be given to the officer of the reasons for removal or suspension and of the time and place of such a hearing. (See section 2 for service guidelines)

Section 5. Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. The complaint must be made in writing to the Camp Adjutant clearly stating the facts and accompanied by all supporting affidavits and evidence to support the complaint. The Camp Adjutant shall notify the Camp Commander and Camp Judge Advocate immediately and provide each with copy of the complaint. The Camp Commander will call a disciplinary hearing of the Executive Council to hear the charges. The Camp Adjutant shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice to each member of the Executive Committee and provide each member a true copy of the charges and supporting affidavits and evidence.

Section 6. Any member suspended from the Camp, a particular event or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the Camp. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Adjutant who will notify the Commander. The Commander will call a special meeting of the Camp for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Camp Adjutant shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing to all members of the Camp in good standing, the accused and the accuser as to the time, place and reason for the special meeting. At the meeting of the full Camp, the Adjutant will read the original charges, supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the disciplinary hearing by the Executive Committee, at which the charges were heard and action taken. All full hearing will be given to the accuser and accused. A vote shall be taken by written ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Any member who has been suspended or expelled, and having exhausted the foregoing appeals procedures, has the right to appeal to the General Executive Council, Sons of Confederate Veterans, which the decision shall be final. A member expelled by the Camp is ineligible for membership in any other Camp of the SCV.

Section 8. Causes for disciplinary action can fall under one (1) or more of the following reasons:

- (a) Disloyalty
- (b) Neglect of Duty
- (c) Dishonesty
- (d) Conduct unbecoming a member of the SCV
- (e) Acts repugnant to the SCV Constitution or detrimental to the mission and purpose of the SCV.

Individual, specific charges will be categorized accordingly by the Executive Council.

Section 9. The Executive Council shall have four (4) means of punitive action against a party found guilty by said council based on the severity of the offense:

- (a) Expulsion
- (b) Suspension
- (c) Written Reprimand
- (d) Prohibit from participating in certain events or in part.

For a sentence to be rendered upon a guilty party, the Executive Council must consider the punishment in relation to the severity of the offense. Any punitive action must fit the offense or the action cannot be rendered. For sentencing to commence, a motion must be made and seconded. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote is required for the appropriate sentence to be rendered.

The Executive Council shall not fabricate or enact any remedy for a violation of this Article that is not published in this section.

Section 10. Any member found guilty by the Executive Council of the following offenses shall be automatically expelled and membership terminated from the Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp:

- (a) Membership in or supporting hate groups or organizations.
- (b) Stealing from or embezzling Camp funds, redshirt, or quartermaster inventory.
- (c) Falsifying ancestry.
- (d) Any act that qualifies for automatic expulsion under the SCV Constitution.

This is a permanent expulsion once all appeals processes have been exhausted. A member who chooses to appeal his expulsion shall remain suspended and prohibited from participating in any Camp function during the appeals period.

Section 11. Any member receiving a suspension from the Executive Council shall be prohibited from participating in any Camp function for a period not less than six (6) months and not more than 3 years. The term of the suspension shall be at the discretion of the Executive Council (Refer to Article X, Sect. 9 for sentencing guidelines). The term of suspension shall be set by simple majority vote. A member who chooses to appeal his suspension shall remain suspended and prohibited from participating in any Camp function during the appeals period.

Section 12. The Executive Council may prohibit a guilty party from participating in certain events or in part only if the offense occurred at that event. The length of the prohibition is indefinite and at the discretion of the Executive Council (reference Article X, Sec. 9 for sentencing guidelines). The term of prohibition shall be set by simple majority vote. A member who chooses to appeal is prohibition of participation shall remain prohibited from participation in that event or in part during the appeals period.

Section 13. Any member who has been found guilty by the Executive Council of 3 or more separate violations can be deemed a "habitual" offender and may be suspended from the Camp and prohibited from participating in all Camp activities. This section may be used at the discretion of the Executive Council (reference Article X, Sec. 11 for suspension guidelines).

Judge Advocates Comments:

The third amendment is a reformation of Article X, our camp's disciplinary code. This amendment is intended to define and clarify the vague boundaries and available courses of action that the Executive Council may take to deal with disciplinary issues. This amendment also further defines the rights afforded to the accused and accuser as well as the duty of the camp to provide due process.

Important Dates in The War for Constitutional Liberty:

Aug. 01, 1861	Confederate troops skirmish with Apache Indians near Ft. Bliss, TX
Aug. 10, 1861	Battle of Wilson's Creek, MO. Confederates are victorious in the major battle of the war in MO
Aug. 14, 1861	Brig. Gen. Paul O. Herbert is appointed commander of all the Confederate troops in TX
Aug. 05, 1862	Major engagement at Baton Rouge, LA
Aug. 09, 1862	Battle of Cedar Mountain, VA
Aug. 26, 1862	Beginning of the Second Manassas Campaign. Confederate Cavalry enter Manassas Junction and capture the rail point, supplies, and prisoners.
Aug. 27, 1862	Battle of Second Manassas. Troops under Gen. Jackson destroy Federal stores and facilities at Manassas Junction.
Aug. 28, 1862	For lack of evidence, accused Confederate spy Belle Boyd is released from the Old Capital Prison in Washington
Aug. 29, 1862	Battle of Second Manassas. The Federal drive against Gen. Jackson's troops end in failure.
Aug. 30, 1862	Battle of Second Manassas. Gen. Lee's army is victorious
Aug. 08, 1863	Gen. Lee offers his resignation as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. Offer rejected by Pres. Davis
Aug. 24, 1863	In VA, Gen. Mosby's are active north of the Rappahannock River.
Aug. 05, 1864	Battle of Mobile Bay, AL
Aug. 06, 1864	CSS Tallahassee runs past the Federal blockading fleet and head north to begin raiding northern shipping; destroys 30 ships in two weeks
Aug. 16, 1864	CSS Tallahassee capture five enemy ships off the coast of New England
Aug. 18, 1864	Petersburg Campaign. Battle for the Weldon Railroad begins three days of intensive fighting
Aug. 25, 1864	Battle of Reams' Station, VA

August Camp Meeting
THURSDAY, AUG 18TH
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