

HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Department Order # 7
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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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The Men from New York who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865

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By the authority vested in me as the Commander of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am requesting the revocation of the charter of the Richard Clark Camp #210 of Patchogue, New York. Pursuant to Article VI, section 2 of the National Constitution, the Commander in Chief upon the recommendation of the Department Commander shall have the power to revoke the Charter of any camp which does not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of this order.

Pursuant to National Regulation, Chapter 1, Article 1, section 13 a camp one year or more in arrears in the payment of per capita dues and failing or neglecting to forward reports, may be disbanded and the Charter thereof revoked. Pursuant to National Regulation, Chapter III, Article IX, Section 5: Departments and Camps of the Order may not form subsidiary corporations without the express written consent of the Council of Administration of the Order.

The Richard Clark Camp #210 of Patchogue, New York has failed to pay per capita dues and has failed to forward reports for now more than five years. The Richard Clark Camp #210 of Patchogue, New York formed a subsidiary corporation without the express written consent of the Council of Administration.

National Regulation, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 states in the case of the surrender or forfeiture of a charter, all the camp property and assets shall be turned over the National Commander In Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp 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. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a camp in arrears for its per capita dues shall be fraudulent and void, any such transfer or disposal of Camp property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of the camp shall be held by it as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the Camp Charter without the consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No camp shall divide its property among its brothers.

Let it be so noted that my Department Order # 7 is a follow up to the February 26, 2019, Department Order #10, series 2018-2019 of the then Department Commander Leo C. McGuire in which he requested that the CinC revoke the Charter of the Richard Clark Camp # 210 for similar reasons but due to an over-site that request was never forwarded to the National Organization.

On July 6, 2023, I Edward P. O'Brien the current New York Department Commander, did have a discussion with Mr. J. P. Vermaelen of the former Richard Clark Camp # 210, of Patchogue, New York regarding continuing on as a camp with the SUVCW and he stated that after 5 years it would be inappropriate to continue as a Camp of the SUVCW after they were asked to leave by the then NY Department Commander.

So ordered on this 10th of July 2023 in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty Edward P. O'Brien,

Commander of the Department of New York, SUVCW

Yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward P. O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward P. O'Brien, PCC
Department Commander,
Department of New York.