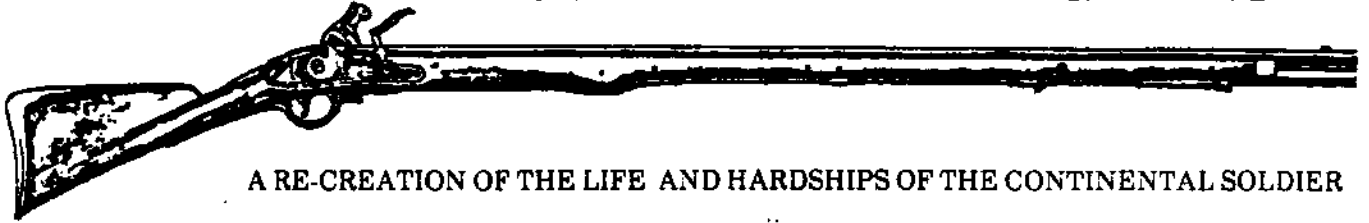


# SECOND VIRGINIA REGIMENT



A RE-CREATION OF THE LIFE AND HARDSHIPS OF THE CONTINENTAL SOLDIER

## CONSTITUTION of the SECOND VIRGINIA REGIMENT of the CONTINENTAL LINE

**CONSTITUTION**  
**of the**  
**SECOND VIRGINIA REGIMENT**  
**of the**  
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**ARTICLE I:** PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

- A. The Second Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line shall be organized to recreate, as authentically as scholarship and research will allow, the life and times of the Regiment in the service of the Continental Congress of the United States. The Regiment shall be dedicated to enhancing public awareness of the life and times of the American Revolutionary experience through participation in ceremonial, educational or historical presentations.
- B. This organization is operating exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE II:** MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION

Membership in the Regiment shall be open to all persons without regard to sex, race, color, creed or national origin.

**ARTICLE III:** ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. The time, the place and the date of the General Election Meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors and announced to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- B. Positions on the Board of Directors are open to all Full Members and shall be nominated and voted on by all eligible members present. The Board shall consist of five positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.
- C. Staff officers shall exist as prescribed in the By-laws.
- D. All persons classified as Full Member, Associate Member, or Recruit shall be entitled to vote as stated in the By-laws.

**ARTICLE IV:** MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION

- A. The Board of Directors shall meet on the call of the President, or may call itself into session.
- B. A General Membership Meeting must be called at least once a year by the Board of Directors. A meeting may also be called by petition from the membership as described in the By-laws.
- C. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not specified by the Constitution and By-laws.

**ARTICLE V:** PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

a. by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or,

b. by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Law).

**ARTICLE VI:**

**PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propoganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE VII:**

**DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization, or organizations organized and operating for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Laws), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

**ARTICLE VIII:**

**CORPORATE FUNDS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporations shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

**ARTICLE IX:**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

A. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, which must submit its recommendations to the members within

sixty (60) calendar days of receipt, and shall notify the members of the time and place of the vote at least thirty (30) days in advance.

- B. Amendments shall be ratified by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of all voting members present. No proxies will be accepted.

Adopted this Eighth Day of January to the Members of the Second Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine and in the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirteenth.

SECOND VIRGINIA REGIMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL LINE

BY-LAWS

I. DEFINITION OF TERMS

A. EVENT

1. An EVENT is defined as an official activity undertaken by the Regiment for the education and entertainment of the general public. This may include parades, NWTIA-sponsored activities, and other agreed-upon ceremonial, educational, or historical presentations.
2. To be credited with attendance at an EVENT, a member must be present for the duration of the EVENT, or at least one day (Colors to Colors) of a multi-day EVENT, and must actively participate with this Regiment.
3. The term EVENT shall not be applicable to any private social gathering, including those sponsored by the Regiment.

B. EVENT SEASON

1. The EVENT SEASON is defined as the period beginning with the first recognized event in the Spring and ending with the last recognized event in the Fall.
2. Recognized events shall be determined by majority vote at a General Membership Meeting prior to the first scheduled event in the Spring.

C. MEETING

1. A MEETING is defined as an official assembly of members of the Regiment, duly called for the purpose of conducting Regimental Business.
2. A Quorum, as defined below, must be present. The transaction of all business shall be by majority vote of voting members present unless otherwise specified herein.

D. GENERAL ELECTION MEETING

1. The GENERAL ELECTION MEETING is defined as the meeting held annually, as prescribed in Article III-A of the Constitution, for the purpose of:
  - a. Electing Corporate and Field Officers.
  - b. Voting on any other Regimental business which may require the action and/or attention of the Regiment at that time.
2. Said meeting shall take place not earlier than the last scheduled event nor later than the second weekend in December.
3. The first order of business at every GENERAL ELECTION MEETING shall be the establishment of voting status as determined by a Review of Credentials conducted prior to said meeting.

E. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING is defined as a meeting held for the purpose of voting on any Regimental business which may require the action and/or attention of the Regiment at that time.



2. There shall be at least one (1) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING held annually, the time, place, and date to be determined by the Board of Directors and announced to the membership at least fifteen (15) days in advance.
3. Other GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS may be called :
  - a. By the Board of Directors.
  - b. By petition of 50% of the voting members.

#### F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. An EXECUTIVE SESSION is defined as a closed assembly of the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting business which, due to its sensitive nature, should be kept confidential.
2. There shall be at least one (1) EXECUTIVE SESSION held annually, immediately following the General Election Meeting, for the purpose of appointing new Staff Officers.

#### G. QUORUM

1. A QUORUM for membership meetings shall consist of 25% of the voting members and at least one Corporate Officer.  
(Proxy votes shall not count towards Quorum.)
2. A QUORUM for Board of Directors meetings shall consist of a majority of the Board.  
(Board members may not vote by proxy.)

#### H. CORPORATE OFFICES

1. The CORPORATE OFFICES are defined as the place where the Corporation is registered with the State of Illinois. If no provision is made for a site for the General Election Meeting, then said meeting shall be held at the CORPORATE OFFICES.

#### I. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

1. A REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS is defined as an examination of the attendance records and other pertinent information on a member for the purpose of establishing voting and/or membership status.
2. A REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS shall be conducted by the Board of Directors with sufficient frequency to:
  - a. Maintain a current roster of voting members.
  - b. Provide for the demotion or termination of members as described in the By-Laws.

#### J. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT

1. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT is defined as official advisement of forthcoming action by the Board of Directors and shall be issued in writing by said Board to the member(s) involved. This must include notification of the right to appear at a hearing before the Board of Directors.
2. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT shall be a necessary step in the demotion and termination procedures as described in the By-Laws.

### II. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Second Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line (hereafter referred to as "the Regiment") shall consist of the following levels, all of which are dependent upon completion of associated requirements.

A. **APPLICANT**

1. An **APPLICANT** must be sponsored by a Full Member of the Regiment.
2. An **APPLICANT** must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  - a. Any legal dependent of an **APPLICANT** may also be considered an **APPLICANT**.
3. An **APPLICANT** must be outfitted as authentically as possible.
4. An **APPLICANT** may attend only two events as an **APPLICANT**. Promotion to Recruit Status must be put to a vote at the third event attended; however, rejection may occur earlier.
5. An **APPLICANT** has no voting privileges.
6. An **APPLICANT** may hold no office within the Regiment.

B. **RECRUIT**

1. An Applicant's promotion to **RECRUIT** status must be put to a vote at the third event attended. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present is required for passage. Ranking Corporate Officer present (or Field Officer, in absence of Corporate Officers) shall call the vote and shall be responsible for notifying the Board of Directors of the outcome. Any required dues must be paid at that time.
2. A **RECRUIT** must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  - a. Any legal dependent of a **RECRUIT**, at least fourteen (14) but less than eighteen (18) years of age, may also be considered a **RECRUIT**.
  - b. Any legal dependent of a **RECRUIT**, less than fourteen (14) years of age, shall be considered a **Bantling**.
3. A **RECRUIT** has a term of one (1) calendar year from the date of promotion in which to assemble the complete outfit necessary to portray a **Combatant** or **Noncombatant**.
4. A **RECRUIT** must attend a minimum of four events within that calendar year in order to maintain **RECRUIT** status. Failure to do so renders a member **Inactive**.
5. A **RECRUIT** is entitled to vote.
6. A **RECRUIT** may not hold office.

C. **BANTLING**

1. A **BANTLING** must be a legal dependent of an Applicant, Recruit, or Full Member.
2. A **BANTLING** must be under fourteen (14) years of age.
3. A **BANTLING** shall be considered a **Campfollower** for purposes of portrayal and must be authentically outfitted while participating with the Regiment or shall be denied access to the area of authenticity.
4. A **BANTLING** has no attendance requirements.
5. A **BANTLING** has no voting privileges.
6. A **BANTLING** may hold no office within the Regiment.

- 7. Upon reaching the age of fourteen (14), a BANTLING must apply for Associate Member status. Failure to do so renders the former BANTLING without membership status and therefore unable to participate with the Regiment.

D. ASSOCIATE MEMBER

- 1. Advancement to ASSOCIATE MEMBER is dependent upon fulfillment of outfitting requirements and satisfactory inspection by the Board of Directors or designee.
- 2. An ASSOCIATE MEMBER must be at least fourteen (14) and not more than eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3. An ASSOCIATE MEMBER must own, maintain, and wear the complete outfit necessary to portray a Combatant or Noncombatant. Failure to do so renders member Inactive.
- 4. An ASSOCIATE MEMBER must attend a minimum of four (4) scheduled events within every event season in order to maintain ASSOCIATE MEMBER status. Failure to do so renders member Inactive.
- 5. An ASSOCIATE MEMBER is entitled to vote.
- 6. An ASSOCIATE MEMBER may hold Field or Staff Offices.

E. FULL MEMBER

- 1. Advancement to FULL MEMBER status is dependent upon fulfillment of outfitting requirements and satisfactory inspection by the Board of Directors or designee.
- 2. A FULL MEMBER must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 3. A FULL MEMBER must own, maintain, and wear the complete outfit necessary to portray a Combatant or Noncombatant.
- 4. A FULL MEMBER must attend a minimum of four (4) scheduled events within every event season in order to maintain FULL MEMBER status. Failure to do so renders the member Inactive.
- 5. A FULL MEMBER is entitled to vote.
- 6. A FULL MEMBER may hold any office within the Regiment for which the member is qualified.

F. INACTIVE MEMBER

- 1. Demotion to Inactive status shall occur upon written notification by the Board of Directors, based upon a Review of Credentials to be carried out by the Board of Directors in a timely manner to allow for the appeals process as described in item number Nine (9) below. Written Notification of Intent shall be issued by the Board of Directors no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to expected date of demotion.
- 2. Demotion to Inactive status may be applied to any member at least fourteen (14) years of age.
- 3. Demotion to Inactive status may be based upon failure to satisfactorily fulfill applicable outfitting requirements.

4. Demotion to Inactive status may be based upon failure to fulfill applicable attendance requirements.
5. An Inactive Member forfeits the right to vote or nominate.
6. An Inactive Member relinquishes all right to hold any office within the Regiment.
7. Demotion to Inactive status may be based upon lack of compliance with other Regimental regulations as specified or implied within these By-Laws.
8. Requests for reconsideration of demotion shall be presented to the General Membership as specified below. The following questions shall then be addressed:
  - a. Granting of extension of active status.
  - b. Any conditions requiring fulfillment.
  - c. Time limit within which any conditions must be fulfilled.
9. Requests for reconsideration of demotion must be submitted by the member, in writing, to the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of Notification of Intent.
  - a. The Board of Directors shall have fifteen (15) calendar days following receipt of request in which to submit its recommendations and notify all voting members of the time, place, date, and circumstances of the impending vote.
  - b. Said vote shall be scheduled no less than ten (10) and no more than thirty (30) days following notification of voting members.
  - c. This issue shall take precedence over all other business at the designated meeting and shall be decided by a simple majority of voting members present. The member in question shall have no vote on this matter.
10. Active status may be regained by fulfilling all appropriate requirements. Requirements must be fulfilled:
  - a. Within one (1) calendar year of the date of official demotion to Inactive status.
  - b. Within any time limit imposed by the Regiment at the time extension was granted.

#### **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. Termination of Membership in the Regiment may be initiated by either (1) the Member or (2) the Regiment.
  - a. Voluntary Termination of Membership shall occur following submission of a written request to the Board of Directors.
  - b. Involuntary Termination of Membership:
    - 1). From Inactive Member Status
      - a) Termination of Membership from Inactive status shall occur upon written notification by the Board of Directors, to be issued one (1) calendar year from the date of official demotion to Inactive Member status.

- b) Requests for exemption from Termination of Membership, if granted, shall result in an extension of the term of Inactive Member status for a period of time as specified by the Board of Directors.
- c) Requests for exemption from Termination of Membership must be submitted by the member, in writing, to the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of Notification of Termination. Requests may be submitted earlier (possibly even preceding the demotion to Inactive status) if the situation can be anticipated.
  - 1) The Board of Directors shall have thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of request in which to notify the member of its decision.
  - 2) Member has the option of appealing the Board's decision to the general membership at a duly called meeting; extension shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members present.
  - 3) Regiment has the option of reversing the Board's decision by two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members present at a duly called meeting.

2. For Cause

- a) Termination of Membership for Cause shall occur after Notification of Intent and a hearing before the Board of Directors.
- b) Member has the option of appealing the Board's decision to the general membership at a duly called meeting; retention requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members present.
- c) Regiment has the option of reversing the Board's decision by two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members present at a duly called meeting.

2. Reinstatement of Membership shall be denied any member terminated for Cause. If terminated voluntarily or from Inactive status, former member may reapply in the manner prescribed for an Applicant and must proceed, as specified, through the appropriate membership levels.

H. BEARING ARMS

1. All members, in order to bear arms, must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Those under eighteen years of age shall be considered on an individual basis by unanimous vote of all Field Officers. No person under fourteen (14) years of age shall bear arms.
2. All members in direct control of a firearm, who reside in Illinois, should possess and maintain a current Illinois State Resident Firearm Owner's Identification Card.
3. All members, regardless of portrayal, should participate in a Firearms Safety Training Session, to be conducted by the Regimental Field Officers.

I. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

1. All persons desiring membership in this Regiment shall pay any and all dues or fees required by this or any affiliated organization via the Treasurer of this Regiment. Failure to do so renders member Inactive.
2. All persons desiring membership in this Regiment shall comply with the stated rules of this or any affiliated organization as directed by the Regiment. Failure to do so renders member Inactive.
3. All members under sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all events other than regular business meetings, work sessions, and duties. Said parent or guardian must also be a member of this Regiment. Special cases shall be presented for consideration on an individual basis to the Board of Directors.

J. SPECIAL RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

1. All Regimental records, whether financial, historical, or related to the property of the Regiment, will be made available for examination by any member, committee or the Regiment as a whole. Holders of all records must be prepared to account for all funds, materials and equipment placed in their trust. Record holders should make a point of having these records available at all General Election Meetings or when called upon to present the records for examination.
2. No member of the Regiment is prohibited from belonging to any other Bicentennial Military Units. Members are expected to announce prior to an event their intention to serve with another unit at that event.
3. No member of the Regiment is prohibited from holding any NWTA position with the necessary exception of the posts of Regimental President and NWTA Commander, which shall not be held concurrently.

K. LEAVING THE REGIMENT

All persons whose membership in the Regiment is Terminated under any circumstances shall automatically waive all rights to existing funds, quartermaster stores and Regimental property. All Regimental equipment must be returned.

### III. ELECTED OFFICES

#### A. CORPORATE OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. A Nominee for any Corporate Office must be a Full Member of the Regiment.
2. The CORPORATE OFFICERS of the Regiment shall:
  - a. Consist of the five members of the Board of Directors chosen as specified in Article III-B of the Constitution and described below.
  - b. Have general supervision of the affairs of the Regiment.
  - c. Perform such duties as are specified in these By-Laws and such other duties as are incidental to their offices and properly required.
  - d. Be subject to the orders of the Regiment and none of their actions shall conflict with actions taken by the Regiment, the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws, or the Illinois General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.
  - e. Present individual reports at the annual General Election Meeting.
  - f. Serve as a Finance Committee to establish a budget for the fiscal year to be presented for Regimental review and approval at a General Membership Meeting prior to the first scheduled event in the Spring. Committee may, from time to time, submit supplements to the budget for the current fiscal year.
  - g. Serve as an Auditing Committee to review and formally audit the Treasurer's annual report. Treasurer may be present but shall not participate in the audit.
3. The CORPORATE OFFICERS may hold Staff or Field Offices in conjunction with a Corporate Office but shall hold no more than one (1) Corporate Office concurrently.
4. DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS:
  - a. PRESIDENT
    - 1) The PRESIDENT is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Regiment, Ex-officio member of all subcommittees and Board Member of the NWTA.
    - 2) The PRESIDENT shall:
      - a) Acquire a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure and a thorough understanding of all Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the Regiment.
      - b) Preside over Regimental meetings and Board meetings.
  - b. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
    - 1). The FIRST VICE PRESIDENT is the second ranking member of the Board of Directors.
    - 2) The FIRST VICE PRESIDENT shall:
      - a) Preside and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President or when circumstances

- make it necessary to assume the Presidency.
      - b) Supervise and coordinate the Service Staff (Medic;Archivist.)
      - c) Maintain and monitor records of Attendance, Voting, and Membership Status of all members.
      - d) Conduct Review of Credentials as specified in these By-Laws.
      - e) Act as intermediary between the Regiment and event sponsors, host units, etc.
      - f) Handle such Regimental correspondence as does not specifically fall within the sphere of any other officer.
- c. **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**
  - 1). The **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** is the third ranking member of the Board of Directors.
  - 2) The **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** shall:
    - a) Preside and perform the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the First Vice President or when circumstances make it necessary to assume the Presidency.
    - b) Supervise and coordinate the Supply Staff (Commissary Officer; Patternmaster; Ordinance Officer) and all associated records.
    - c) Personally take charge of any Regimental supplies that do not fall within the specific or logical jurisdiction of the other Supply Officers and maintain complete records on same.
- d. **RECORDING SECRETARY**
  - 1) The **RECORDING SECRETARY** is the fourth ranking member of the Board of Directors.
  - 2) The **RECORDING SECRETARY** shall:
    - a) Call a meeting to order in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President and preside until the election of a chairman pro tem, if necessary, which should take place immediately.
    - b) Take the roll call and note absentees and proxies at all Regimental meetings.
    - c) Keep minutes at all Regimental and Board meetings.
    - d) Read minutes of previous meetings.



e. TREASURER

- 1) The TREASURER is the fifth ranking member of the Board of Directors.
- 2) The TREASURER shall:
  - a) Receive and bank all monies earned or otherwise received by the Regiment.
  - b) Disburse all monies as the Regiment may direct, paying whenever possible by check countersigned by another authorized Board member.
  - c) Conduct such banking business as pertains to the organization and keep all financial records.
  - d) Present a complete, audited financial report at the General Election Meeting.
  - e) Collect, document, and transfer, if necessary, any dues or fees required by the Regiment or any affiliated organization.
  - f) Correspond with any affiliated organization regarding dues or fees as discussed above.
  - g) Maintain and distribute a complete and current roster of all dues-paying members.

B. FIELD OFFICERS

1. A Nominee for any Field Office must be a Full or Associate Member portraying a Uniformed Member Under Arms. All voting members, regardless of portrayal, have the right to nominate and vote on these positions.
2. It is understood that any member accepting a Field Office shall portray a properly outfitted Uniformed Member Under Arms at any and all events at which he/she shall be expected to serve in that capacity.
3. The FIELD OFFICERS shall be considered to be portraying military personnel and be charged with the supervision of the military elements of the Regiment.
4. FIELD OFFICERS may hold Corporate or Staff Offices in conjunction with a Field Office but shall hold no more than one (1) Field Office concurrently.
5. The Ranking FIELD OFFICER at any event shall also be responsible for eliminating any glaring anachronisms on the Field or in Camp and shall have the support of the Corporate Officers in this endeavor.
6. Should the number of FIELD OFFICERS present at an event prove insufficient to adequately serve the needs of the Regiment, the Chain of Command shall be understood to include the remaining Full and Associate Members Under Arms in order of seniority.
7. FIELD OFFICERS are not permitted to serve with another NWA unit when the Second Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line is present and participating at an event.

**DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS****SERGEANT/LIEUTENANT**

- 1) The SERGEANT/LIEUTENANT functions as the Field Commander, being the highest ranking military position in the Regiment. The office carries no Corporate rank or responsibilities and is supervised by the President.
- 2) The SERGEANT/LIEUTENANT shall:
  - a) Supervise the First and Second Corporals
  - b) Take command of the Regiment during all military operations.

**b. FIRST CORPORAL**

- 1) The FIRST CORPORAL is the second ranking military position in the Regiment.
- 2) The FIRST CORPORAL shall:
  - a) Take command of the Regiment during military operations when required by the absence, unavailability, or request of the SERGEANT/LIEUTENANT.
  - b) Function as Drillmaster for the Regiment

**c. SECOND CORPORAL**

- 1) The SECOND CORPORAL is the third ranking military position in the Regiment.
- 2) The SECOND CORPORAL shall:
  - a) Take command of the Regiment during military operations when required by the absence, unavailability, or request of the FIRST CORPORAL.
  - b) Function as the Recruit Training Officer for the Regiment.

**NOMINATIONS**

Nominations shall come from the floor at the General Election Meeting.

1. Any member eligible to vote is also eligible to nominate.
2. Nominee must meet all stated requirements of any position for which he/she is nominated.
3. Acceptance of the nomination must be presented, verbally or in writing, at the General Election Meeting.

**D. ELECTIONS**

Elections shall occur at the annual General Election Meeting.

1. Only members maintaining Full, Associate, or Recruit status shall be considered eligible to vote.
2. Any member eligible to vote is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote.
3. Any member eligible to vote may cast that vote either in person or by written proxy except as stated in these By-Laws.
4. Elections shall be conducted by ballot except when there is only one nominee, in which case election may be done by acclamation.
5. Elections for each position shall occur immediately following close of nominations for that position.

## **OF OFFICE**

All newly elected Officers shall take office at the end of the General Election Meeting at which they were elected.

All elected Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are chosen.

## **TERMINATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS**

Termination of Office may be initiated by either

(1) the member or (2) the Regiment. In neither case

shall said termination affect membership status.

1. Voluntary termination of office shall occur following submission of a written request to the Board of Directors.

2. Involuntary termination of office due to incapacitation shall occur following written notification by the Board of Directors.

3. Involuntary termination of office for Cause shall occur after written Notification of Intent, to be issued by the Board of Directors via registered mail, and a hearing before the Board of Directors.

a. The Officer shall have the option of appealing the Board's decision to the General Membership at a duly called meeting; retention requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members present.

b. The Regiment shall have the option of reversing the Board's decision by two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members present at a duly called meeting.

## **REPLACEMENT OF TERMINATED OFFICERS**

Replacement shall be by appointment of the Board of Directors until a successor may be elected at the next General Membership Meeting or General Election Meeting, whichever comes first.

## **APPOINTED OFFICES**

### **STAFF OFFICERS**

1. STAFF OFFICERS shall be chosen from among the Full and Associate Members of the Regiment.
2. The STAFF OFFICERS shall be appointed by the newly elected Corporate Officers at an Executive Session following the General Election Meeting, shall take office immediately, and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are chosen.
3. STAFF OFFICERS may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Corporate Officers and replaced in the same manner.
4. STAFF OFFICERS may hold Corporate or Field Offices in conjunction with a Staff Office but shall hold no more than one (1) Staff Office concurrently.

### **DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS**

#### **a. SERVICE STAFF**

The SERVICE STAFF shall consist of those Staff Officers that provide a unique service to all members of the Regiment, regardless of portrayal.

The SERVICE STAFF shall be supervised by the First Vice President.

1) **ARCHIVIST**

The ARCHIVIST shall:

- a) Research and make accessible to the members all available information on the history of the original Second Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line.
- b) Compile and maintain an up-to-date history of the reactivated Regiment from 1972 forward.
- c) Acquire and preserve all available records, photographs, etc., documenting the activities of the current Regiment.

2) **MEDIC**

The MEDIC shall:

- a) Prepare, maintain, and make available at Regimental gatherings, an adequately stocked First Aid Kit.
- b) Acquire familiarity with current First Aid procedures. (It is suggested that the MEDIC maintain current Red Cross certification.)

b **SUPPLY STAFF**

The SUPPLY STAFF shall maintain Regimental supplies and complete records of same and shall be supervised by the Second Vice President.

1) **PATTERNMASTER**

The PATTERNMASTER shall:

- a) Acquire, maintain, and make available to all members, such patterns and information as may be available regarding the reproduction of authentic garments, accessories, and other items necessary for the portrayal of the Regiment.
- b) Acquire, maintain, and make available for sale to all members any fabric stock held by the Regiment.

2) **ORDINANCE OFFICER**

The ORDINANCE OFFICER shall :

- a) Acquire, maintain, and distribute the Regimental powder supply to members of the Regiment as the Regiment may direct. Any resident of Illinois must maintain a current Illinois State Resident Firearm Owner's Identification Card or shall be denied access to Regimental powder.
- b) Physically inspect all firearms to insure their mechanical safety.

3) **COMMISSARY OFFICER**

The COMMISSARY OFFICER shall:

- a) Acquire, maintain, and make available all food supplies to be used in the presentation of the Regimental cooking display.

- b) Compile, maintain and make available to members any information regarding preparation of authentic foodstuffs necessary to the portrayal of the Regiment.

V. **PORTRAYALS**

A **General Information**

- 1. It is understood by all members that the Regiment is portraying the Second Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line as it might have appeared in January 1779.
- 2. The Regiment recognizes two classifications of portrayal, as listed below. All personal portrayals must conform to the requirements and guidelines as set forth herein and must be compatible with the purpose of the Regiment as stated above.
- 3. Any portrayal that differs substantially from the material set forth in this document shall be considered individually by the Regiment and formally voted upon at a duly called General Membership Meeting. The burden of historical substantiation rests with the member offering the portrayal.
- 4. Any member who wishes to offer multiple portrayals may do so provided all requirements for the appropriate membership level are fulfilled.

B **CLASSIFICATIONS**

1. **COMBATANT**

- a. A Uniformed Member Under Arms attached to the Regiment. (i.e. Soldier, etc.)
- b. A Nonuniformed Member Under Arms attached to the Regiment. (i.e. Military Recruit, etc.)

2. **NONCOMBATANT**

- a. A Uniformed Member attached to the Regiment. (i.e. Surgeon, etc.)
- b. A Nonuniformed Member attached to the Regiment. (i.e. Campfollower, etc.)

C. **APPAREL**

1. **Uniformed Members**

a **Uniform of the Day**

- 1) It is understood by all Uniformed Members that the general rule in force at all events is that the Class B is the accepted dress for Saturday and the Class A is the accepted dress for Sundays.
- 2) The Class C Uniform is the accepted off-duty dress of the Regiment and is appropriate for any occasion at which full Class A or Class B is not required. (i.e. Camp wear between scheduled activities.)
- 3) The Field Officers may alter the Uniform of the Day for an event when required by the nature of the activities or conditions. Such action may require a majority vote of Field Officers serving at the event in question.

b. **Class A Uniform**  
 This is the dress uniform and accouterments of the Regiment and must consist of the following items without deviation:

BATTALION COMPANY (LINE)	————	LIGHT COMPANY
Regimental coat		Same
Shirt, white linen		Same
Waistcoat, red wool		Same
Breeches, red wool		Same
Stockings, white knee-length, unribbed		Same
Shoes, black plain-toed		Same
Spatterdashes, black, 5-or 7-button		Same
Neckstock, black		Same
Tricorn, military		Leather helmet
Shoulder belt, bayonet frog, scabbard		Waist belt, bayonet frog, scabbard
Belly box & waist belt or British cartridge box		Belly box, waist belt
Knapsack/haversack		Haversack
Canteen		Same

c. **Class B Uniform**  
 This is the undress uniform of the Regiment and should consist of the major items from the Class A Uniform with variations meeting Regimental approval. (i.e. white linen overalls replacing red woolen breeches, spatterdashes, and stockings.)

d. **Class C Uniform**  
 This is the off-duty dress of the Regiment and may consist of any historically accurate clothing of the period, either civilian or military.

2. **Nonuniformed Members**

All nonuniformed members, unless otherwise specified, shall wear the historically accurate civilian clothing appropriate to their portrayals but may include such items of military apparel as might reasonably be acquired while attached to a military unit.

a. **Military Recruit**

Basic outfit shall consist of the Class C Uniform, preferably including a hunting frock. Since Recruit is expected to be assembling his Class A/B Uniforms, he should add those items as he acquires them.

b. **Civilian Male**

Basic outfit should include civilian coat, shirt, waistcoat, breeches, stockings, shoes or boots, hat.

c. **Civilian Female**

Basic outfit should include chemise, bodice or waistcoat, skirt, hat or kerchief, apron.

D. WEAPONS

1. Firearms

- a. All firearms shall be physically inspected by the Ordinance Officer.
- b. Appropriate models include Musket, reproduction or original, which meets any standards set by the Regiment, or an original or reproduction military muzzle-loading flintlock, preferably Brown Bess or Charleville, to include all locks using flint for ignition, a shoulder arm, 60 calibre or larger, and made prior to 1845.

2. Other

- a. Bayonet appropriate to musket.
- b. Other weapons with approval of the Field Staff.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

- A. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors which shall submit its recommendations to the members within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt and shall notify the members of the time, place, and date of the vote at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance.
- B. Amendments shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present. No proxies shall be accepted on amendment votes.

**PROVISOS**

Ratification of these By-Laws shall include the following stipulations:

1. All members presently eligible to vote shall maintain eligibility to vote until the Review of Credentials prior to the next General Election Meeting following ratification. Voting status shall then be determined based upon participation during the 1989 Season.
2. Officers elected at the November 12, 1988 meeting shall hold the following positions until the next General Election Meeting: Sergeant/ Commander T.J. Perkins shall hold both President and Sergeant/Lieutenant; First Corporal A. Potyen shall hold both First Vice President and First Corporal; Second Corporal S. Willer shall hold both Second Vice President and Second Corporal; Adjutant J. Rad shall be Treasurer. Representative Staff Officer A. Christofersen shall hold no office, there being no corresponding position under the new By-Laws and Constitution.
3. Election to fill the position of Recording Secretary for the 1989 Season shall be held immediately following ratification of the By-Laws and Constitution.
4. An Executive Session shall be called immediately following above election for the purpose of appointing new Staff Officers to serve for the 1989 Season.
5. Present member S. Hason shall be considered an Associate Member; requirement of parental involvement shall be waived.
6. Present Recruits M. Potyen and A. Christofersen shall begin their one (1) calendar year as Recruits with the date of the ratification of these By-Laws and Constitution.
7. The Francis family shall begin the 1989 Season as Applicants with attendance at one event to their credit. Sponsor requirement shall be waived.



**NOTES**