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2d. J. P. Evans,  
3d.  
4th. M. R. Quinn.

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2d. F. W. Parmelee,  
3d. G. H. Helock,  
4th. A. A. Ganyard.

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☞ This is to Certify, ☞

That *Harmon C. Banta* is a  
Member of Company R, 54th Regiment, N. Y. S. M., and is  
entitled to all the privileges conferred by the By-Laws of  
said Company and benefits to be derived thereby from the  
Military Law of the State of *New-York*.  
*Wm M Lewis, Com'dr*  
*Rochester, July 1. 1862.*

## BY-LAWS.

Adopted July 23d, 1861.

Section 1.—This Association shall be known as COMPANY R, 54th Regiment N. Y. S. M., and its object shall be the improvement of its members in martial and military science, in accordance with the State Laws and General Regulations.

Sec. 2.—The members of this Corps shall meet on Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock, of each week, between the 20th of September and the 20th of March, and the remainder of the year on the same evening at 7½ o'clock, for drills and the transaction of business.

Sec. 3.—The officer in command shall preside at all meetings of the Corps, appoint all committees, call extra meetings, inflict penalties in accordance with these By-Laws, and see that the By-Laws are carried into effect. He shall have no vote on any question that shall come before the Corps, except in case of an equal division, (when his vote shall decide the question,) and on ballots for new members, (which ballots shall be decided by black and white balls,) and for officers of the Corps. He shall appoint one of the Lieutenants to act as Secretary.



**Sec. 4.**—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep accurately a record of the minutes of the proceedings of the Corps; call the roll of members; read at each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting; receive and note down all moneys paid in; deliver the same to the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor. He shall report at each meeting the names of all members absent from the preceding meeting, and at the first regular meeting in each month he shall report the amount of indebtedness of each and every member owing; and it shall be his further duty to propose for expulsion all members liable thereto for non-payment of dues and fines.

**Sec. 5.**—The Corps shall elect a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive and take charge of all funds belonging to the Corps, and pay therefrom as the Corps shall by resolution direct, upon an order drawn by the Secretary and signed by the presiding officer, and keep a correct account of the money so received and disbursed by him. It shall be his further duty, on the first Tuesday in each month, to make a report to the meeting of the Corps of the receipts and expenditures of the Corps. He shall also execute a bond, with sureties, and in such a sum as the Corps shall approve.

**Sec. 6.**—It shall be the duty of the Armorer to take general charge of the Armory; keep the Armory, Arms and Accoutrements in perfect order, and

report to the Company any neglect or inattention on the part of the members to the careful preservation of their uniforms. He shall receive such pay for his services as the Corps shall from time to time direct. His duties shall be subject to the supervision of the Captain or commanding officer, who shall report to the Corps any neglect or inattention to his duties, and may be removed by him for such neglect or inattention.

**Sec. 7.**—Any person desiring to become a member of this Company, shall make application by signing an enlisting order, as provided by law, which shall be referred to a committee, who shall report in writing as to his qualifications to become a good and efficient soldier; and upon their favorable report, he shall be balloted for, and if not more than three black balls shall be cast against him, he shall be declared elected, and upon signing the enlistment roll, and paying an admission fee of three dollars, and subscribing to these By-Laws, he shall become a member.

**Sec. 8.**—If any person balloted for and elected a member of this Corps, shall not appear within four weeks of said election, such action of the Company shall be void.

**Sec. 9.**—It shall be the duty of any member proposing the name of any person as a member of this Corps, to inform him in case of his admission.

Sec. 10.—Any person may become an honorary member of this Corps upon being admitted by ballot in the same manner that regular members are. The said honorary members shall not be subject to fines and dues, and shall have no voice in the proceedings of the Corps, nor be uniformed, equipped, or be allowed to appear in the ranks at any public parade, unless by the consent of the commanding officer. And any person resigning from the Corps, whose full amount of dues and fines are discharged, may also become an honorary member by a vote of the Corps.

Sec. 11.—Any member in good standing, whose dues and fines are discharged, desiring to withdraw from the Company, shall present his written resignation, which, if accepted by the Corps, shall be duly certified to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Sec. 12.—Any member may be expelled by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, provided (except for non-payment of dues and fines) he shall be notified of the offence charged one week previous.

Sec. 13.—Every member shall pay into the treasury of the Corps an admission fee of three dollars, and thereafter each week ten cents dues; and when any member shall owe two dollars dues or fines, he shall be liable to be expelled; and no mem-

ber liable to expulsion for non-payment of fines or dues shall be eligible to any office in the Corps, nor shall he have any vote on any question pending before the Company.

Sec. 14.—Each and every member, on signing the enlistment roll, shall give the Secretary his place of residence; and any member changing his place of residence, shall give notice of such change to the Secretary at the next meeting of the Corps.

Sec. 15.—All elections of officers shall be decided by ballot.

Sec. 16.—The annual election of non-commissioned officers, Armorer and Treasurer, shall be held at the last regular meeting of the Corps in November, and a plurality vote shall elect.

Sec. 17.—The right and title to the property of this Corps shall be vested solely and exclusively in the commissioned officers of this Corps, who are hereby constituted a Board of Trustees for that purpose.

Sec. 18.—Thirteen members shall constitute a quorum, and shall have power to transact business.

Sec. 19.—The Company shall have the right to inquire into the private conduct of the members, provided such conduct injures the reputation of the Company; and if persisted in, such person shall be expelled.



Sec. 20.—Any member appearing at any public place, wearing the uniform or fatigue dress of the Corps, in a state of intoxication, shall be expelled.

Sec. 21.—The uniform and equipments, excepting pantaloons, of each member of this Corps, shall be the property of the Corps.

Sec. 22.—The members of this Corps shall be held individually responsible for any damage (other than the ordinary wear and tear) which may happen to their uniform and equipments when on duty, such damage to be assessed by the Armorer, and charged as fines.

Sec. 23.—The uniform, arms, equipments and fatigue dress shall not be worn or used for any other than the legitimate purpose of the Corps.

Sec. 24.—All the property of the Corps shall be kept at the Armory; and no member shall be allowed to take anything therefrom unless by permission of the commissioned officers, under a penalty of five dollars; and any member taking any article from the Armory, during a drill or parade, which is the property of another, without his permission, shall be fined fifty cents.

Sec. 25.—All transactions and discussions at any meeting of the Corps shall be considered as strictly confidential, and any member exposing the same shall be fined the sum of not less than fifty

cents, nor more than two dollars; and for the second offence he shall be expelled.

Sec. 26.—Any member may be prohibited from appearing on a full-dress parade with the Corps, at the discretion of the commanding officer, who shall have neglected to attend six drills within three months preceding such parade.

Sec. 27.—It shall be the duty of the Sergeants to provide themselves with a correct list of the Corps, or such parts of the same as the Commandant may direct; and in default thereof, they shall be fined ten cents for every week they shall so neglect.

Sec. 28.—Improper language in the Armory, on parade, or at drills, is strictly prohibited; and any member persevering in the same, after having been admonished by the commanding officer, shall be expelled.

Sec. 29.—At the first regular meeting succeeding the annual election, the commanding officer shall appoint and announce the Standing Committees for the year, which Committees shall be designated as follows: The Committee on Membership, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Uniform, whose several duties shall be as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Membership to examine and report as to the qualifications of any person who may apply to become a

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member of the Corps, and to report in writing as soon as practicable.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to examine and certify as to the correctness of all bills presented for payment; to examine the accounts of the Treasurer when directed by a vote of the Corps; and to attend to such other financial business as may be referred to them.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Uniform to take charge of the uniforms of the Company; to report upon any change or alteration that may be submitted; and to call the attention of any member to any portion of his uniform that may not be in order, and require him to repair the same.

Sec. 30.—Each and every member shall be fined for the following offences, in such sum as is set opposite the respective offence: providing, however, the presiding officer may remit such fine at his discretion:

For being absent at first roll-call,.....	\$0 05
For being absent at drill,.....	0 10
For absence from parade at roll-call,.....	1 00
Committees refusing or neglecting to report as required by the By-Laws, each,.....	0 50
For refusing to drill in line or squad, unless excused by the officer in command,.....	1 00

For retaining any article of uniform or arms from the Armory more than two weeks, for each week of delinquency,.....	1 00
For taking uniform of another member, or any portion thereof, or going to his box without his permission or that of the Armorer,....	0 50
For neglecting to take proper care of his uniform, after being notified by the Armorer,...	0 50
For talking in the ranks, on parade or at drill,	0 25
Leaving meeting without permission,.....	0 25
Addressing Presiding Officer, or a member, at a meeting, in a disrespectful manner, .....	0 25
Disobeying the orders of a superior officer, when on drill or parade, at the discretion of the commanding officer, in a sum not exceeding two dollars nor less than fifty cents, and for the second offence he shall be expelled.	



## RULES AND ORDERS.

The following shall be the order of business :

1. Calling Roll.
2. Adjourn for Drill.
3. Calling Roll, and payment of Dues and Fines.
4. Reading and Adopting Minutes of Preceding Meeting.
5. Propositions for Membership, and balloting for the same.
6. Admission of Members.
7. Resignations.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Resolutions, Motions, Notices, Communications and Unfinished Business.

RULE 1. No person who is not a member shall be admitted to any meeting of the Corps, without permission of the presiding officer.

2. No member shall speak more than twice on any question, and not more than once until those wishing to speak shall have spoken ; and no member shall be allowed to discuss any question under debate without addressing himself to the presiding officer, and standing.

3. If two or more members shall rise at once, the presiding officer shall name the one who is first to speak.

4. Any member called to order by the presiding officer shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain by the presiding officer, or by a vote of the members.

5. Any member being called to order, and not complying strictly with the above section, shall be fined not less than twenty-five cents, nor more than two dollars, at the discretion of the presiding officer.

6. Every member present entitled to a vote shall vote, unless excused by the Corps, if he is not directly and personally interested.

7. Any motion or resolution once offered, shall not be withdrawn, unless it be by the member who offered it, before any amendment or action shall have been had upon it, unless by unanimous consent.

8. When any question, motion, resolution, or communication is under consideration and undecided by the Corps, no other motion shall be received or entertained, unless it be to lay on the table, to reject, to refer, to amend, to adjourn, or to adjourn for drill.

9. A motion to reconsider any vote shall only be made by a member who voted with the majority when the question was previously put, and no question shall be reconsidered more than once.

10. All motions and resolutions shall be debatable, except a motion to adjourn.

11. Any member may at any time call for the reading of any section of the By-Laws or Minutes, or any paper relating to the question then under consideration.

12. The ayes and nays shall be called only upon the seconding of five members.

13. Any of the foregoing By-Laws or Rules and Orders may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, provided a written proposition therefor shall have been submitted one week previous, and may be suspended for the time being by the same vote.

14. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.







