

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

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GENERAL ORDER #15

SERIES 2008– 2009

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1. A resolution was introduced and adopted by the Department of Pennsylvania in 2008, to amend the Constitution of our Order.
2. This Resolution was provided to the Commander-in-Chief at least forty (40) days preceding the 127 th National Encampment.
3. On August 16, 2008, this Resolution to Amend the Constitution was presented at the 127 th National Encampment of our Order in Peabody, Massachusetts and this resolution was approved and adopted by well over 2/3's of the voting delegates present.
4. All 28 Departments of the Order have held their 2008 Encampments.
5. 19 of these Departments have ratified this resolution.
6. WHEREFORE, pursuant to National Constitution, Article IX, I hereby declare our Constitution has been amended, by changing Article V – Organization – to read as follows:

ARTICLE V

Organization

Section 2.

- a. The supreme power and authority.....
- b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the last proceeding National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is

required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

Ordered this 8th Day of August, 2009.

David V. Medert
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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