

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Office of the Commander-in-Chief

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**GENERAL ORDER #6
SERIES 2007 – 2008
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1. Pursuant to Article IX of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, resolutions proposing amending the Constitution of the Order have been submitted in writing by the Pennsylvania Department on 6 October, 2007 . The resolutions propose the following changes;

First Resolution;

ARTICLE VII.

Membership

Section 1. Membership classes. There shall be three (3)~~four~~ **(4)** classes of membership.

(a) Members. Males at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 **Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998**. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

(d) Junior Members. Males less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998. The minimum age for Junior Members shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.

Section 4. A Member **Brother** in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or Honorable Discharge **of the appropriate type** and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.

Section 5. Restrictions on Junior Members and Junior Associates.

(a) Neither Junior Members nor Junior Associates may be elected to any National, Department or Camp office.

(b) The National Organization may further provide for the regulations of Junior Members and/or Junior Associates in the Regulations provided they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

Second Resolution;

Section 2. Associates. There shall be one **two** classes of Associates.

(a) Associates are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998 but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

(b) Junior Associates are males less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998 but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization. The minimum age for Junior Associates shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.

(c) The combined number of Associates and Junior Associates in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

(d) Associates may not be elected, appointed, or otherwise assume the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer or be appointed Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

(e) Associates and Junior Associates shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp. The names of Associates and Junior Associates may not appear on the Camp Charter nor may Associates or Junior Associates be designated as Charter Members of the Camp. Associates otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership

Section 3. Establishment of Associates **and Junior Associates** by Departments and Camps. Departments, at their own discretion, may establish Associates **and/or Junior Associates provided**

that no Department may establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates. Departments may impose further restrictions on Associates **and Junior Associates**, provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department specifically establishes Associates **and/or Junior Associates** by amending its By-Laws, Camps within said Department may amend the Camp By-Laws and establish Associates **and/or Junior Associates provided that no Camp shall establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates.** Camps may impose further restrictions in accordance with the provisions of the Department By-Laws and provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department does not establish Associates **and/or Junior Associates**, Camps within the Department's jurisdiction may not establish Associates **or Junior Associates.**

Third Resolution;

POWER OF THE CINC TO DELAY AN ACTION OF A NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

ARTICLE V

Organization

Section 2

- The supreme power and authority ...
- ***If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of a 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 majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order(s) 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.***
- Action shall be taken at the next meeting of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War upon each of these individual resolutions, and tentative language changes in the Regulations shall be adopted pertaining to Junior Members and or Junior Associates. Activation of said changes in the Regulation shall be subject to the ratification of pertinent changes to the Constitution by a simple majority of all Departments but not prior to the final Department Encampment of that year.

So ordered this 6th day of October, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief

National Order, 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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