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General Order #7 Series 2024-2025 17 November 2024

Regarding General Order #22, Series 2023 – 2024:

Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80

Sections 1 and 3 - RESCINDED

It has come to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration that certain properties, specifically, Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) records may be in or come into the possession of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Provisions exist in the SUVCW Congressional Charter, the Deed of Conveyance between the G.A.R. and the SUVCW, and the National Policy on Records of the Grand Army of the Republic (August 2013) which directs the SUVCW to return said records to the communities where Grand Army posts were located, so far as possible, for the use and benefit of the communities where such posts were located. As such, in addition to other concerns, Sections 1 and 3 of General Order #22, Series 2023 – 2024, Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80 present potential conflicts with the aforementioned documents.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered:

- Sections 1 and 3 of General Order #22, Series 2023 2024, Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80 is rescinded.
- The National Committee on Program & Policy is instructed to conduct a thorough review of the rescinded National Policy regarding the loan and/or deposit of artifacts and any and all objects including, but not limited to, Charters, memorabilia, ephemera, etc. along with the rescinded Form 80 and report their findings and recommendations to the Council of Administration. The National Committee on Program & Policy is encouraged to consult with National Officers and Committees along with subject matter experts who may provide relevant input germane to the issue.
- Any Form 80 completed and executed prior to the issuance of this General Order remain in full effect.

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Of special importance, this Order does not affect the National Policy regarding the National Encampment Vendor/Display Program. Said Policy remains in place.

Ordered this 17th Day of November, 2024

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Attest:

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National Secretary

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