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**General Order #7
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1. At the 137st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Framingham, Massachusetts, in August, 2018, at which a quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend Article V, Section 2 b of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:

Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of ~~the last~~ ~~preceding~~ any 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, and/or any State's 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.

NOTE: The paragraph as presented contains the current language of the Constitution. The stricken wording on line two of the paragraph is the wording elimination approved by the National Encampment with the insertion of the word "any" in its place, (herein inserted in italics). In voting to approve or reject the change, please read the paragraph with the indicated deletions and the insertion indicated.

FURTHER NOTE: This proposal clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's authority to take action to suspend or delay the implementation of an action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment, and includes State Laws as well as United States Laws. The process for taking such action by the Commander-in-Chief remains the same.

2. As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50% of the Departments. Departments of the SUVCW are hereby directed to conduct a vote to ratify at their 2019 Department Encampments. The National Secretary is directed to provide instructions to Department Commanders on how to conduct and report the results of this vote.

Ordered this 5th Day of December, 2018

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Attested:

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National Secretary

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