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**General Order #35
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1. The National Organization is a 501(c)(3) entity, and our Departments, Camps, and Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Districts and Units are 501(c)(4) entities.
2. An organization will be regarded as attempting to influence legislation if it contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or if the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation. (*IRS Lobbying*)
3. The current law on 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations state we may not advocate one way or the other concerning any pending legislation. This includes federal, state and local legislation. As a National Organization, we cannot take a position one way or the other.
4. 501(c)(4) nonprofits have different rules depending on variations in the different kinds of 501(c)(4) nonprofits which are possible. Some can directly lobby, while others may not. Departments, Camps, and Military Districts and Units must refrain from taking any position on pending legislation until the National Organization obtains a clear opinion from an attorney.
5. Brothers are free to communicate with their representatives on any legislation but must refrain from mentioning the SUVCW or use letterhead of the SUVCW/SVR National, Department, Camp, or Military District or Unit.
6. Any opinion on current or pending legislation must be removed from SUVCW and SVR identified websites and social media platforms.

Ordered this 14th Day of August, 2020.

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Attested:
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National Secretary
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