Auxiliary Meetings and Department Encampments

By the authority vested in me as National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the National Constitution, Rules and Regulations, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: The United States is in a time of crisis due to the COVID-19 corona virus. Since the severity of the outbreak and the government response changes daily and sometimes hourly, and since we do not know the length of time the restrictions will need to be imposed on our citizens, it is necessary to consider measures which might be needed for Auxiliaries and Departments to conduct the business of the order

<u>Section 2</u>: Guidelines established by the President of the United States, State and Local Governments, the CDC, Departments of Health, and the WHO need to be followed.

Section 3: The safety and well-being of our membership, many of whom fall within a higher risk category for this virus due to age bracket or other underlying health concerns is of paramount priority.

Section 4: The work of the Order and the election and installation of Officers and Department Encampments must go on. Therefore, it is hereby ordered during this pandemic crisis, a Department may postpone their Encampment even if their By-Laws specify a specific date.

Section 5: A Department Encampment may be conducted via remote audio, video, or both conferencing with the following regulations:

- 1. Sisters must be sent two weeks' notice via email, or the US Postal Service for those Sisters without an email account or with an invalid email account, announcing their options for taking part.
- 2. The Department President must ensure that Sisters "attending" are members in good standing and determine if each is entitled to vote or not.
- 3. The Department President must ensure all Sisters "attending" the Encampment have a chance to express their opinion.
- 4. Votes on the remote conferencing must be by voice and if any vote is contested one way or another, the Department Secretary will call for a roll call vote. There will be no showing of hands voting.
- 5. If an election vote is necessary due to multiple candidates, a roll call vote must be taken.

Section 6: All Encampments must be completed by July 1, 2020.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth, in the city of Cincinnati, County of Clermont, State of Ohio.

/s/ Wanda Langdon, PDP National President, ASUVCW

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