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**General Order #39  
Series 2019-2020  
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1. Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day issued General Order No. 18, Series 2017-2018 on February 6, 2018. That General Order required Departments to update their bylaws with specific wording.
2. Department bylaws must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief to be valid.  
(*Regulations, Chapter II, Article XV*)
3. The Executive Director has copies of Department bylaws that predate February 6, 2018 for the following:
  - a. Department of Connecticut
  - b. Department of Georgia and South Carolina
  - c. Department of Kansas
  - d. Department of Maine
  - e. Department of New Hampshire
  - f. Department of Tennessee
  - g. Department of Texas
4. The Executive Director does not have a copy of the Department bylaws for the following:
  - a. Department of the Columbia
  - b. Department of Kentucky
  - c. Department of Oklahoma
5. A Department on one of the two lists above has two options:
  - a. Send or email a valid copy of the Department bylaws to our Executive Director by October 7, 2020, or
  - b. Notify the National Secretary of the date that a Special Department Encampment will be held, before December 31, 2020, to include the required wording found in General Order No. 18, Series 2017-2018. Notification must be received by October 7, 2020.
6. A Department not meeting one of the two options in Section 6 will be suspended.

Ordered this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. J. Norris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "E".

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Attested:  
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