

# Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

**Office of the Commander-in-Chief**

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**GENERAL ORDER #5  
SERIES 2007 – 2008  
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1. With the recent action that took place at the 126th National Encampment concerning Junior Associates, the National Counselor, the Constitution and Regulations Committee, Past Commanders in Chiefs, Brothers of this Order who have expertise in the legal field as well as this Office have spent large amounts of time in examining all areas of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. There is one other area of the Constitution that is in conflict with the Regulations of the Order.
2. These types of things occur when we try to address Constitutional issues by amending the Regulations. The Constitution defines who we are and why we are here. The Regulations place rules upon each of the items in the Constitution. That is why we cannot repair Constitutional issues such as Membership in the Order with amendments to the Regulations.
3. Membership must be addressed with Constitutional amendments. For the same reasons set forth in General Order #4, Series 2007 – 2008, Junior Membership as a whole has placed the Constitution in conflict with the Regulations of the Order. This is a situation that is non tenable.
4. The Constitution is very specific in defining Membership in the Order. It specifically states that there will be three (3) classes of Members. They are Members, Life Members, and Honorary Members.
5. Therefore with a heavy heart and a great deal of thought as well as reluctance to issue this Order it is the general consensus that further recruitment of Junior Members must be held in abeyance until such time that the Constitution and the Regulations of this Order are no longer in conflict with each other concerning this issue.
6. Juniors that have already been initiated into the Order, and are currently on the Roster of the same, shall remain with the same restrictions as are currently in force concerning them.
7. Applications for Juniors that have applied to a Camp, Department or the National Order prior to 29 August 2007 may be initiated into the same. Any further recruitment of Juniors shall cease until such time as the Constitution and Regulations of the Order are no longer in conflict concerning Juniors.

8. It is my earnest hope that this issue will be brought to a close during this Administration. I will do everything within my powers as Commander in Chief to bring this to a successful conclusion and re-establish Juniors and Junior Associates within the Order if at all possible, for this issue also affects this Office as well. I too have a Grandson that will be eligible to become a Junior next year.

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander in Chief  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer  
Secretary  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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