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General Order #3 Revised
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1. The 137th National Encampment passed by a two-thirds vote an amendment to the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(b), concerning the authority of the Commander-in-Chief in case action by any National Encampment is found to be in violation of a federal or state law. (2018 Proceedings, pages 104-105)
2. An amendment shall become effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments, and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution. (Constitution, Article IX)
3. All 30 Departments of the Order have held their 2019 Encampments.
4. More than 50% of our Departments have ratified the change to the Constitution. Thus this General Order serves as the proclamation that the Constitution has been amended.
5. The text of the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(b) is now:

“If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of 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.”

Ordered this 22nd Day of September, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. J. Norris". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "E" and "N".

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Attested:

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