

DEPARTMENT ORDER # 8
December 8, 2012

- 1. At the 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Los Angeles 9-11 August, 2012, at which a quorum was present throughout, the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend the preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:**

From: We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

To: We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of American during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

This change is needed to recognize all the members of the United States Armed Forces that served in the American Civil War 1861- 1865, as the membership requirements of the GAR and our organization, per Article III of the C&R, as the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed Forces.

- 2. As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50% of the Departments. General Order #4 directs Departments of the SUVCW to conduct a vote to ratify at their 2013 Department Encampments.**
- 3. Accordingly, the Department Secretary is directed to place the aforesaid Amendment to the National Constitution on the agenda of the business meeting of the 130th Department Encampment to be voted upon in accordance with General Order # 4**

So Ordered this 8th day of December, 2012
Jeffrey Albanese
Department Commander, Department of New York
SUVCW

Attest;
Michael Bennett
Department Secretary
Department of New York, SUVCW