

**PROPOSED ADMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
NEW YORK SUVCW TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 143RD DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

IT IS PROPOSED that the Bylaws of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be amended as follows:

That Article X entitled Committees Section 2 regarding the Legislation Committee be amended by deleting all the language after the first sentence and replacing it with the following language:

" The Committee is authorized to monitor existing and proposed legislation within the Department which affects the welfare or purposes of the Order, or of the Constitution, or the United States of America in either a positive or negative way and to inform the Department, its camps and members of the same on a regular basis but no less than twice a year. In addition, it is authorized to request of the Department that the Department seek permission to lobby in support of or in opposition to said legislation or proposed legislation in accordance with the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Order."

"The amended section 2 would then read:

"The Legislation Committee shall consist of at least two members/associates to be appointed by the Department Commander. The Committee is authorized to monitor existing and proposed legislation within the Department which affects the welfare or purposes of the Order, or of the Constitution, or the United States of America in either a positive or negative way and to inform the Department, its camps and members of the same on a regular basis but no less than twice a year. In addition, it is authorized to request of the Department that the Department seek permission to lobby in support of or in opposition to said legislation or proposed legislation in accordance with the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Order."

PURPOSE: This preserves the Legislation Committee and preserves one of its essential purposes being monitoring legislation that may affect the Department while conforming with the Lobbying rules and regulations of the Order.

That Article VI Department Permanent Fund, be amended as follows:

That Section 4 be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"No part of the principal of any of the funds covered by this Article shall ever be spent other than in accordance with section 6 of this Article, and all monies accruing from interest or dividend shall be held as part of the principal of the fund to which they accrue."

In addition, a new section entitled section 6 to be added which states as follows:

Section 6. As authorized by section 4 upon recommendation of the Department Treasurer and as approved by at least two members of the Department Council, part of the principal of the fund may be used from time to time for the sole purpose of purchasing one or more Past Department Commander badges and engraving for presentation to Past Department Commanders of the Department of New York.

PURPOSE: The idea of a permanent fund akin to the National Organization's permanent fund is a good idea but in practice it is hard to achieve in a fund the size of this Department which hovers currently around \$2,000.00 and consequently generates minimal annual income. This amendment allows principal to be used but only for the limited purpose of purchasing PDC badges which currently run over \$100 and gives the fund a useful purpose. This is also in accordance with the wishes of one of the original originators of this fund and one who also has been a primary annual contributor to the fund for years, Jerry Orton.