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## **Weapons Regulation**

In the interest of maintaining a safe environment for all volunteers, members, guests and visitors, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby prohibits the possession, transport and storage of all weapons at any meeting, encampment, event, or while dressed in a manner that identifies you as a member of the SUVCW. This General Order includes handguns, firearms, explosives, knives and other items that may be defined as weapons under state, federal or local laws or ordinances. For purposes of monitoring compliance with this General Order, the National Organization, Departments, and Camps reserve the right to search all persons, packages, containers, briefcases, and purses.

This General Order shall apply regardless of whether or not the person responsible for the weapon is otherwise licensed or allowed by law to carry it. This General Order shall not apply in the following circumstances:

1. Any law enforcement personnel or security personnel engaging in official duties.
2. A member of a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in proper dress as stated by General Order #3, Series 2016-2017 and General Order #19, Series 2021-2022 when in the performance of your duties in a color guard, firing detail, timeline, American Civil War reenactment or educational program.
3. A member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), in proper uniform and in the performance of your duties as described in the C & R.
4. Where the individual presents a valid judicial order of protection and is otherwise compliant with local, state or federal laws, rule, or regulations.
5. Any brother who has a concealed carry permit or license (as the case may be) issued by his state of residence and is attending a meeting in his home state or in a state which recognizes his home state's Concealed Carry License and in addition, said brother would otherwise be in full compliance with all laws pertaining to the carrying of a concealed firearm in the jurisdiction where the meeting is occurring.

If any provision of this General Order is shown in violation of local, state or federal laws, rules, or regulations, or any venue rule or regulation, the remainder of this General Order shall not be affected thereby.

Anyone bringing a weapon into any such meeting, encampment, event, or while dressed in a manner that identifies you as a member of the SUVCW is in violation of this General Order, forfeits any express or implied permission to enter or remain in attendance, is subject to immediate removal without reimbursement for any fees or moneys paid, and further subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination and/or criminal prosecution. The National Organization, Departments, and Camps are responsible for communicating this policy to all volunteers, members, guests and visitors, and shall be responsible for enforcement.

Sources for the above actions:

"2022-2023 C & R, Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article XIV, Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Sections, All. Pages 75 - 78."

"General Order # 3, Series 2016-2017, dated 24 August 2016

Brothers are reminded of Constitution and Regulation Chapter V, Art. IV, Section 12. Brothers "while performing other duties of the Order ... shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order on the left breast." An embroidered badge is not a badge. This also applies to any Brother attending Council of Administration meetings. "Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire." This particularly applies to officers at their stations and those seated adjacent to and in front of the Altar during business meetings of National Encampments. This means jacket, tie, long pants and medal. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. The Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard may wear uniforms.

Ordered this 24th Day of August, 2016.

Donald L. Martin

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"

"General Order #19, Series 2021-2022, dated 2 August 2022

Dress Code for National Encampments

Per Chapter III, Article III, Section 1 footnote 67 of the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations "Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire. This particularly applies to officers at their stations and those seated adjacent to and in front of the Altar during business meetings of National Encampments. This means jacket, tie, long pants and (membership) medal. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. The Guide, Color Bearer and Guard may wear uniforms." By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations the following is hereby ordered: While

attending any business session of the National Encampment all Brothers in attendance shall be in appropriate male business attire. This attire shall be as stipulated by General Order #3, Series 2016-2017 to include jacket, tie, long pants and membership badge. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. Brothers may optionally wear uniforms patterned after United States Armed Forces uniforms 1861-1865 or the current National Encampment polo shirt and long pants if a polo shirt is made available by the National Encampment Host Committee. Membership badges shall also be worn on uniforms and the National Encampment polo shirt regardless of what may be embroidered on the polo shirt.

Ordered this 2nd Day of August, 2022

Michael A. Paquette

Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"

So Ordered on this 21st Day of May 2023

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