

Department of California and Pacific
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Restated Bylaws

ARTICLE I

Name and Authority

The name of this organization shall be the Department of California and Pacific Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Department) and shall exercise the power and authority and take the jurisdiction conferred upon it by its Charter and the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE II

Principles and Objects

The principles and objects of this Department shall be as stated in Article II of the Constitution of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ARTICLE III

Religion and Politics

This Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited in any of its bodies.

ARTICLE IV

Encampments

Section 1. ANNUAL ENCAMPMENTS. The Annual Encampment of this Department shall be held at the same time and place as the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hold their encampment. The hour of opening and meeting place for the Encampment shall be announced by the Department President in Department Orders previous to the date of the Encampment.

Section 2. VOTING MEMBERSHIP. The voting membership of the Department Encampment shall consist of its own elective and appointive officers, its Past Department Presidents, Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers in good standing, Auxiliary Secretaries and Treasurers who have served five (5) consecutive years, its sitting Auxiliary Presidents or Vice Presidents, Past Presidents in good standing, one (1) Delegate from each Auxiliary, and one (1) additional Delegate from each Auxiliary for each ten members and major fraction thereof, based on the membership reported August 31st. Should an Auxiliary's membership reported on December 31st entitle them to one or more additional Delegates, one or more Alternates shall be appointed Delegates by the Auxiliary President.

Section 3. QUORUM. A minimum of five (5) voting members of this Department, representing at least two (2) Auxiliaries, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any Encampment.

ARTICLE V
Department Officers

The officers of this Department shall be as stated in Chapter II, Article III of the Regulations of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In addition, the Department President may appoint a Department Historian, a Department Musician, or any other officer the Department Encampment deems necessary for the advancement of the Order. All elective officers shall be chosen by Australian ballot. In the event that there is but one (1) candidate for each elective office, it will be permissible to dispense with the use of the Australian ballot only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present and voting, and elect by acclamation. The installation of officers shall not be held until all other business of the Department Encampment has been completed. The National President or her representative shall serve as the Installing Officer.

ARTICLE VI
Finances

Section 1. PER CAPITA TAX. The Per Capita Tax from each Auxiliary to the Department shall be Six Dollars (\$6.00) per member, payable in three (3) installments on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of January, May and September, or the Auxiliary will be penalized a late fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00). Sisters holding membership in more than one (1) Auxiliary (Dual Members) within the jurisdiction of this Department shall designate a primary Auxiliary to pay her Per Capita Tax. Auxiliaries shall not be required to pay the Per Capita Tax on its non-primary dual members. Junior Members are not subject to the Per Capita Tax.

Section 2. BOND. The Department Treasurer shall be bonded, subject to the approval of the Council members, said bond to be held by the Department President. The cost of said bond shall be borne by the Department.

ARTICLE VII
Committees

The Department President may appoint such standing and special committees as may be necessary for the advancement of the Order.

ARTICLE VIII
Incorporation of National Rules and Regulations

Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as from time-to-time may be amended or modified. Where these Bylaws are silent or in conflict with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations shall govern.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments and Severability

Section 1. AMENDMENTS. All proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Department President, upon prior approval by a Department Committee or some Auxiliary of this Department, not later than forty (40) days preceding the Department Encampment, and such proposed amendments shall be published in Department Orders preceding such meetings. Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the Department Encampment, and shall be effective when approved by the National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any Article (or provisions thereof) in these Bylaws, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be found or held as invalid by any act of law, by any court of competent jurisdiction, by a conflict in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, or for any other legitimate reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of these Bylaws, including the application of that part or provision to other persons or circumstances, and to this end the provisions of these Bylaws are severable, all other provisions remaining in full force and effect.

Attested: _____
Rachelle M. Campbell, President

Attested: _____
Patricia G. Bures, Secretary

Attested: _____
Nancy Greenwalt - Hilton, National President

