

**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 of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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 Department 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

Encampment

Section 1. Annual Encampment

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 Annual Encampment. The hour of opening and meeting place for the Encampment shall be announced by the Department President in the Department Orders prior 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 Past Department Treasurers in good standing, Auxiliary Secretaries and Auxiliary Treasurers who have served five (5) consecutive years in that position, its sitting Auxiliary Presidents or Auxiliary Vice Presidents, Past Auxiliary Presidents in good standing, one (1) Delegate from each Auxiliary, and one (1) addition Delegate from each Auxiliary for each ten (10) members and major fraction thereof, based upon the membership reported as of December 31 of the previous year. Should an Auxiliary's membership reported after December 31 of the previous year 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 in good standing, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any Encampment.

Article V

Department Officers

Section 1 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, and any other officer the Department Encampment deems necessary for the advancement of the Department. The officers shall be elected by a vote of the Sisters sitting in session at the Department Encampment. In the event that there is but one (1) candidate for an elective office, she may be elected 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.

Section 2 Reports

Written reports by the Department Chaplain, the Department Patriotic Instructor and the Department Charitable Activities (compiled by the Department Vice President) are required to be presented at the Department Encampment and the National Encampment. Divided into two (2) parts: Final and Preliminary, detailing approximately eighteen (18) months of activities and events.

At the Department Encampment, the Final Reports presented to their respective National officers at the immediate Past National Encampment (covering, for example August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014) shall be presented. Also required is the Preliminary Report, covering the period from the close of the immediate past National Encampment through the close of the month prior to the Department Encampment. (August 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015).

At the next National Encampment the Final Reports given by the Department Chaplain, the Department Patriotic Instructor and the Department Charitable Activities will include the Preliminary Report information and all other pertinent information occurring after the close of the Department Encampment (example August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015).

Article VI

Finances

Section 1 Per Capita Dues

The Per Capita Dues from each Auxiliary to the Department shall be due fifteen (15) days prior to the Department Encampment, including any required National Per Capita Dues. The amount shall be set at the Department Encampment for the following year. Junior Members are not subject to Per Capita Dues.

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 Department.

Article VIII
Awards and Recognitions

Section 1

Marcy L. Bunnell Most Outstanding Sister of the Year Award

Authorization is provided for the issuance of an award to be known as the "Marcy L. Bunnell Most Outstanding Sister of the Year Award". The award may be conferred by the Department President upon any Sister of the Department who, in the judgment of the Department President, has, through her words, actions and/or deeds exhibited superlative dedication and service to the Department and Order during the term for which the Department President is currently serving. Only one (1) award may be presented per year. There is no obligation for the Department President to issue the award. The recipient of the award shall be announced and presented the award at the Annual Department Encampment.

Section 2

Brother of the Year Award

Authorization is provided for the issuance of an award to be known as the "Brother of the Year Award". The award may be conferred by the Department President upon any Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's Department of California and Pacific who, in the judgment of the Department President, has through his words, actions, and/or deeds exhibited superlative dedication and service to the Auxiliary in furtherance of the mission and goals of the Auxiliary. No more than two (2) awards may be presented per year. There is no obligation for the Department President to issue the award. The recipient(s) of the award shall be announced and presented the award at the annual Department Encampment.

Article IX

Incorporation of National Rules and Regulations

Included herein by reference and made a part of these Department 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 said Constitution, Rules and Regulations shall govern.

Article X
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 an Auxiliary of this Department, not later than forty (40) days preceding the Department Encampment, and such proposed amendments shall be published in the 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

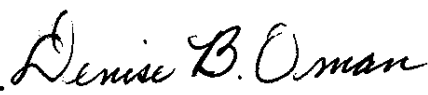
In the event that any Article (or provisions thereof) in these Bylaws, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be found or held as invalid by any act of law, by any court of competent jurisdiction, by a conflict in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Auxiliary to Sons 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.

Adoption of Bylaws

*These Bylaws were adopted by a vote of the delegates assembled in Annual Encampment on
18 March 2017 at Bakersfield, Kern County, California.*


Beverly Graham
Department President


Patricia G. Bures
Department Secretary

Approval: 
Denise Oman
National President

Date: March 18, 2017