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Department of the Chesapeake
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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Department Order No. 4
Series of 2019-2020

Planning is well underway for the Department of the Chesapeake's 133rd Annual Encampment, to be held via virtual means on Saturday, May 9, 2020. A successful virtual meeting of the Department Officers and Counselors was held yesterday using the Zoom online conferencing tool. Good progress was made during the meeting to address the range of issues that have arisen because of the format of this year's Encampment. I will be notifying you about related decisions in the coming days. In the meantime, please note the following important items for immediate attention:

- 1) I am committed to ensuring that our Department is in full compliance with General Order No. 17 Series 2019-2020, issued by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris on March 15. Therefore, Camp Commanders are reminded that you must notify all Brothers in your Camps by **April 25, 2020**, that the 2020 Department Encampment will be held by virtual means and that they will have the option to participate virtually in the Encampment. Any Brother(s) in your Camps without an email account or for whom you have only an invalid email addresses must be informed of the same by United States Postal Service by April 25.
- 2) Brothers who have already sent Department Secretary/Treasurer Michael D. Beard your registration, luncheon and/or program ad fees will be entitled to a **full refund** of these fees. Brother Beard will be contacting concerned Brothers to process their refunds.
- 3) Because of its virtual format, **no fee** will be charged to participate in the Department of the Chesapeake's 2020 Encampment.
- 4) **All Encampment-related activities planned for Friday, May 8, 2020**, including the Lincoln Cottage Tour and group dinner at Mission BBQ, **are hereby canceled.**

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this Twenty-Ninth Day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred Forty-Fourth.

By order of:
TIMOTHY S. McCOY
Department Commander

Attest:
MICHAEL BEARD
Department Secretary – Treasurer

