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

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Department Order No. 7
Series of 2020-2021

March 15, 2021

134th Department of the Chesapeake Encampment

1. With regret, due to uncertainty of our ability to meet in-person as a Department, the planned physical Encampment for Harrisonburg, VA will not be possible. The officers of the Department, consulting in Zoom Conference, have determined that the 134th Department of the Chesapeake Encampment will be conducted online by means of the Zoom conferencing platform. This will be the second such “virtual” Department Encampment for us and will build on the success of last year’s Encampment.
2. The Department Secretary will contact the Camps with instructions pertaining to credentialing Delegates to the Encampment. While all Brothers are invited to attend, only credentialed Delegates from the Department and from each Camp will be eligible to vote. Camp Commanders, please work with your Camp Secretaries to make sure your Camps are fully represented.
3. The Credential Committee for the Encampment is hereby created with Brothers Mark Day, Roger Leturno and D. Michael Beard appointed as members.
4. The 134th Encampment of the Department will take place on Saturday, April 17th, 2021, beginning at 8:00 AM EDT. **Brothers may access the virtual Encampment site by clicking on this link or copying it into your browsers:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83120047441?pwd=dTBWeWkySSsvU25FR2E2LzRBa1VhZz09>
5. *Before Encampment day* and to help ensure that all can efficiently join our virtual Encampment, Brothers are strongly encouraged to visit the Zoom website at <https://zoom.us/> to download and familiarize yourselves with the platform and its various functionalities.
6. Brothers who cannot join the Encampment via a computer and/or are able to **join by telephone only** can dial in on April 17th from 8:00am EDT using this number: (301) 715-8592. When joining by telephone only, you will likely be prompted to enter this meeting ID number: 831 2004 7441 and

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possibly the Passcode: 735196. Note that videoconferencing capabilities are not possible for Brothers joining by telephone only.

7. In compliance with General Order No. 17 Series 2019-2020, issued by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris on March 15, 2020 **Camp Commanders are reminded that you must notify all Brothers in your Camps by April 3rd, 2021** that the 2021 Department Encampment will be held by virtual means and that they have the option to participate virtually in the Encampment, as detailed here. Any Brother(s) in your Camps without an email account or for whom you have only an invalid email address must be informed of the same by United States Postal Service by April 3rd.
8. We will honor and pay respects to departed Brothers and Sisters this year by holding a virtual **Joint Memorial Service** by Department and Department Auxiliary's Chaplains. The virtual Joint Memorial Service will begin promptly, via the same Zoom link/dial-in number above, on April 17th at 8:45 AM EDT.
9. The Department Encampment Business Meeting will begin promptly, via the same Zoom link/dial-in number above, on April 17th at 9:00 AM EDT. All business, including the election and installation of new officers, is expected to be completed by 2:00 PM EDT.
10. Every effort is being made to adhere to the SUVCW Ritual & Ceremonials for Department Encampments. Camp Commanders will be notified in advance of the Encampment of modifications to the Ritual & Ceremonials that the Department deems necessary because of this Encampment's virtual format.
11. All Department Officer and Camp Yearly Narrative Reports in written format are due to Department Secretary/Treasurer Brother Michael Beard at deptchsec@gmail.com by NLT April 3rd, 2021. **No verbal Yearly Narrative Reports will be accepted from the "floor."**
12. Each Camp is reminded to submit any nomination, with supporting narrative, to the Department Commander for the *Andrew M. Johnson Outstanding Service Award*. All nominations must be received by the Department Commander via email at jrarick@prodigy.net by April 3rd, 2021.

By order of:



JAY A. RARICK
Department Commander



Attest:
MICHAEL BEARD
Department Secretary – Treasurer