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

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In consideration of recent events occurring within the confines of the Department of the Chesapeake and beyond, I wish to reaffirm our Order's strong support for free expression of **personal opinions** as guaranteed by the First Amendment. However, these articulations must be exclusively personal and shall not, either directly or indirectly, infer, imply or otherwise suggest the opinion is that of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered:

1. Any and all expressions of personal opinion **shall not** include the name or any symbols of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Any and all requests for commentary to be given **on behalf** of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War regarding the Confederate battle flag, monumentation, markers or incidents directly or indirectly related thereto shall be directed to the Department Commander.
3. Brothers shall read the current policy regarding the Confederate battle flag as found on the National Policy page on the Order's website: <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Battlefield-flag-Policy.pdf> Any and all questions emanating therefrom shall be directed to the Department Commander.

Ordered this 18th day of August, 2017.



Attest:

BARRY FAMOUS
Department Secretary – Treasurer

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By order of:

W. FARON TAYLOR
Department Commander