

Department Order No. 1
Headquarters Department of Maryland
April 21, 2007

1. Having been elected Department Commander by the delegates present at the 120th annual encampment of the Department of Maryland, SUVCW, held in Chantilly, Virginia, April 21, 2007, the headquarters for the department is hereby established at 1715 Mayfair Place, Crofton, MD 21114.
2. My thanks are extended to the members of the Department of Maryland for the trust they have placed in me by electing me the commander. I will earnestly endeavor at all times to live up to that trust.
3. I further extend my thanks to Brothers James Hanby, PDC, and Eugene Mortorff for organizing a successful encampment.
4. Pursuant to the announcement at the encampment, I hereby publish the following appointments of officers for the Department of Maryland for the coming year. Contact information for these officers is available on the department web page.

Counselor: Andrew M. Johnson, PcinC, PDC
Chaplain: Charles "Chuck" Odell, PCC
Patriotic Instructor: Eugene Mortorff
Graves Registration Officer: Steve Hammond, DC
Monuments Registration Officer: Robert Moore
Eagle Scout Coordinator: A. Kendall Chew, PDC
Signals Officer: John Moscoe
Historian: James R. Hanby, Sr., PDC

5. I announce and publish the following additional appointment for the coming year.
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: A. Kendall Chew, PDC
6. The following committees were created at the encampment and I name the following brothers to these committees:

Archives Committee: Steve Hammond, DC, John Moscoe, Donald Cumberland, Robert Pollack

Newsletter Committee: John Moscoe, Robert Moore, Steve Hammond, DC

National Encampment Investigation Committee: Honorary Co-Chairmen - Andrew M. Johnson, PCinC and Lowell V. Hammer, PCinC; James B. Hanby, Sr. PDC, chairman; the remainder of the committee to be filled by the chairman

7. I request that all camps include me, the SVC, JVC and Secretary/Treasurer on all mailing lists, whether traditional or electronic. I look forward to attending meetings and special events at as many camps as possible, and this is the most expedient means of determining these activities. If I cannot attend a special event or meeting, I will request another department officer to attend in my stead and I encourage all department officers and our brothers to visit the camps in the department to extend our fellowship and to exchange ideas. Shortly, I will be creating my own email list of camp commanders so that I can contact the camps as easily as possible.

8. I would like to create a department calendar on the web site, so that brothers have a central location to check to determine if they can attend an event or have a potential conflict. Please forward all dates of events to me for inclusion in the calendar.

9. The 121st Department Encampment will be held on April 5, 2008 in the Lansdowne section of Baltimore. The Quality Inn will be the primary location for the meeting, but some part of the meeting will be held at nearby Hull Memorial Church, the only church in the United States dedicated to the GAR.

10. My goal for the coming year is to continue the fine work of my predecessors to increase membership, establish new camps and improve communications within the department. I remind all of the point I made in my remarks: Do something extra to honor our brothers of 1861 to 1865.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Steve Hammond, Maryland Department Commander

Attested: E. G. Mortorff, Secretary/Treasurer, SUVCW