

Department Order No. 2
Headquarters of Maryland, June 4, 2008

Preparation for the Department of Maryland Sesquicentennial Celebration -- Our celebration will take place in 3 short years. I have appointed Commander Michael Virts of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 and Department Senior Vice Commander Michael Paquette to head up this committee. Furthermore, I designate P. Michael Beard, PDC, who bridges both camps, to specifically work up designs for the commemorative medallion in conjunction with this historic event.

ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program - I have perused the camp websites of the Department of Maryland. Perhaps some camps have condensed the responsibilities for this program into the Patriotic Instructor's slot. Be that as it may for I have found only one camp which lists a ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program Instructor.

Be aware that this program is so highly thought of by our Commander in Chief that it is the only program listed on the home web page of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (www.suvcw.org). We find a significant link between the Civil War and the genesis of ROTC. Furthermore, the qualities that we look for in young people – Leadership, Patriotism and a high degree of Academic Performance – to insure this country remains strong are rolled up in this program.

I would urge all camp commanders to delve into the background history, criteria, and how the program works by connecting with this link...and appoint a ROTC/JROTC Recognition Instructor in your camp at the earliest opportunity.

I have appointed Senior Vice Commander Robert Pollock of the Lincoln – Cushing Camp No. 2 (and Colonel in the USAF) to the new position of ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program Department Instructor (email – r.d.pollock@att.net). He not only has a thorough grasp of all aspects of the program and appropriate contacts at the Pentagon ...but he has contacts for all of you for all branches of the service in your area that participate in the program. This is a winner that just needs to get out of the starter gate.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War