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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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DEPARTMENT ADVISORY 2020-2021 #2

TO: Department of the Chesapeake Camp Commanders

DATE: June 11, 2020

FROM: Jay Rarick, Department Commander

SUBJECT: Civil War Flags and Monuments

Dear Camp Commanders,

This Advisory is published as a reminder: In light of the events of the last few weeks, all Brothers are reminded that, while they are free to express their personal opinions on events concerning Civil War Flags and Monuments, they are enjoined not to associate nor to put them forth as being the position of their Camp, Department or the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Be careful of what you post on social media, that it not be construed as being the position of the SUVCW, rather than yourself.

Per General Order No. 2, SERIES 2017-2018, 21 August 2017 (enclosed), all Brothers are reminded that the Commander-in-Chief will serve as the primary point of contact on all media inquiries involving the removal of veteran's monuments. Media outlets should be directed to forward their inquiries to the SUVCW National Headquarters at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, Telephone: (717) 232-7000 Fax: (717) 412-7492.

<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/General-Order-No.-2.pdf>

If anyone is asked what the position of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, or that of any of our local subdivisions of the Order is on these topics, they may also direct that party to the *Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy*, (enclosed) found on the National Website at:

<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Battlefield-flag-Policy-January2019-edit.pdf>

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General Order No. 02
SERIES 2017-2018
21 August 2017

1. I hereby direct, with the concurrence of the members of the Council of Administration, that all departments, camps, and individual brothers refrain from acting as a Media spokesmen or agent for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to become involved in the pursuit of any civil actions (legal proceedings), on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, regarding the removal of veteran's monuments, without first contacting the Commander-in-Chief and receiving authorization from him.
 - a. Acting as a spokesman is defined as making statements written or oral using the organizations name, symbols, letterhead, or while in the branded attire of the organization to include SVR uniforms and symbols.
 - b. This Order in no way is intended to preclude the exercise of your rights as an individual outside of the SUVCW.
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Ordered this 21st Day of August 2017.

Mark R. Day

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Day".

Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

Jonathan Davis
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy
As approved during the 136st National Encampment
Lansing, Michigan, 2017

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors and marines and revenue cutter servicemen who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity.

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the removal, defacement or destruction of any Civil War Veterans Monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of all U.S. and C.S.A. flags at our National Battlefield sites and to be honored publicly in museums as our authentic archival documentation of our National past.

THEREFORE, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.