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**Department Order No. 1
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Having been duly nominated, and elected, Department Commander by the delegates assembled at the 137th Encampment of the Department of the Chesapeake on 6 April 2024, I wish to express my humble gratitude for the trust and confidence you have placed in me as we head into what should be another great year for the SUVCW. I will do everything in my power to perform each of the duties of the office, as was envisioned in the organization of the GAR by our forefathers back in 1866, and to carry forward that which they started with the SUVCW in 1881.

In accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of our Order, and the Bylaws of this Department, I wish to extend my congratulations and gratitude to the newly elected, and re-elected, officers of our Department, Members of the Department Council, and appointees, as follows:

Senior Vice Commander	Arthur Clay Matthews, PCC
Junior Vice Commander	Eric Atkisson, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer	Charles Bogino, PCC
Aide-de-Camp	Michael Paquette, PCinC
Assistant Treasurer	Larry Vance
Chaplain	Tim Sedmak
Color Bearer	Robert Heath, PCC
Council	George (Tommy) Chapman, PDC Brian Horgan, PDC Jay Rarick, PDC
Chief of Staff/Counselor	W. Faron Taylor, PDC
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Robert Stine, PCC
Graves Registration	Steve Hammond, PDC
Guard/Guide	Larry Slagle, PCC
Historian	William Elliott, PCC
Monuments	Jay Rarick, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	Brad Sharpless, CC
Signals Officer	Mark Day, PCinC

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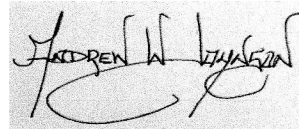
My heartfelt thanks to outgoing Department Commander George (Tommy) Chapman for his service to the Department this past year. I look forward to continuing our relationship in the Order, as he assumes the position of Department Council.

Additional Congratulations go out to the newly elected officers of the Department of the Chesapeake Auxiliary, for whom we are eternally grateful for their ongoing and steadfast support year after year.

Thank you once again to all my Brothers and Sisters for your kindness, support, trust, friendship, and confidence in me, to be your Department Commander for the coming year. You are all shining examples of what it means when we say, FIDELITY, CHARITY and LOYALTY. I look forward to working alongside each-and-every one of you.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 10th Day of April in the year of our Lord, two-thousand-and-twenty-four (2024), and of the Independence of the United States of America the two-hundred-and-forty-eighth year.

By order of:



ANDREW W. JOHNSON
Department Commander

Attest:
Charles H. Bogino
Department Secretary-Treasurer

