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**Department of the Chesapeake**  
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**Department Order No. 3**  
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Department Project

Beginning this year, the Department of the Chesapeake shall start the planning of a Department level project. What sets a Department Project apart from a Camp or local project? The intent is to collectively work, as Camps and as individuals, for a common good, to honor our Union ancestors and the GAR in such a manner that all Camps and individual Brothers can participate in and take ownership of the project.

This project does not presently have a set time-line and conceivably could stretch across more than one year. The first step is to form a committee to guide the process. Camp Commanders are requested to forward the name of an interested individual from each Camp to serve as a representative on the committee and ensure that all Camps may become vested in the success of the project. It is desirable to have Brothers with specific skill sets, such as finance, construction, history, or historic commemoration/preservation project experience, to be able to adequately examine, vet and prioritize submitted projects.

During this same period, Camp Commanders are requested to forward proposals for a Department project. Something that we have a reasonable chance of attaining: *i.e.*, not prohibitively expensive, overly ambitious, nor laid with "political land mines."

To this end, the project proposal shall include the following, in order, in a narrative format:

- 1) Define the project — what is it?
- 2) What distinguishes this as a Department, rather than a local, project?
- 3) How will the project be accomplished? What needs to be done?
- 4) What resources are required from the Camps/Department?
- 5) What is the schedule/what are the milestones to accomplishing this project?

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6) What is the benefit to "keeping green the memory of the Boys in Blue," *i.e.*, why do it?

**Camp Commanders will please provide the names of candidate Brothers for the committee within 30 days and project submissions for examination by the committee within 60 days after publication of this order to the Department Commander.**

Given the current circumstances, the committee will meet by virtual means until in-person meetings are allowed once again by the lawful orders and recommendations, concerning the public health emergency of the COVID 19 virus, by the Civil Officials of the various jurisdictions which are coextensive with the Department. Thereafter, committee meeting venues (including virtual) shall be at the discretion of the committee. The committee shall select its own chair and the Department Commander shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee.

By order of:



JAY A. RARICK  
Department Commander

Attest:  
MICHAEL BEARD  
Department Secretary – Treasurer

