

Department Order No. 1

Headquarters of Maryland, April 7, 2008

1. Having been elected Department Commander by the delegates present at the 121st Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland, SUVCW, held in Baltimore, Maryland, April 5, 2008, the headquarters for the department is hereby established at 214 Shoal Creek, Williamsburg, VA 23188.
2. My appreciation and gratitude is extended to the members of the Department of Maryland for the trust they have placed in me by electing me the commander. I will strive at all times to live up to that trust.
3. I further extend my thanks to Brothers Steve Hammond, 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 for these officers is available on the department web page.

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

5. Special appreciation is extended to Eugene Mortorff for his always "on task" and long faithful years as secretary/treasurer of the department as well as A. Kendall Chew for assuming the position of secretary/treasurer on top of many key positions he has held in the past.
6. In view of the looming 125th Founding Anniversary of the Department of Maryland I will form a special committee to determine appropriate events as well as a commemorative medal to mark the occasion.
7. I request that all camps include me, the SCV, JVC and Secretary/Treasurer on all mailing lists, whether traditional hard copy or electronic. I am looking forward to attending meetings and special events at as many camps as possible as this is the revealing means of determining the many activities. If I cannot attend a special event or meeting, I will request that another department officer appear in my stead. I encourage all department officers and our brothers to visit the camps in

- the department to extend fellowship and exchange ideas. I will update a master list of camp commanders to effect communication.
8. I would like to have a department calendar on the web enabling brothers to reference specific events of interest. Please forward dates/events for inclusion in this calendar.
 9. The 122 Department Encampment will be held in April 2008 in Williamsburg Virginia at a motel on the Williamsburg Line near the newly signed and reclaimed forts on Quarterpath Road. A specific date and motel to be announced.
 10. My specific goal for the coming year is to devise new tools to increase membership, establish new camps and improve communications within the department. I would also remind camps of the special tribute afforded by the *Wreaths Across America* program.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Neil Hanlon
Department Commander
Department of Maryland
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War