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1. To all of the Brothers in attendance at the 138th National Encampment in Independence, Ohio, I thank you for your continued support and faith in me. I want to thank the Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Ohio, their Department's Host Committee, and our National Host Committee for an outstanding encampment. Please start planning your trip to Atlanta, Georgia on August 13-16, 2020 for the 139th National Encampment. Let's make this one even grander.
2. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents: Jessica Booth, Woman's Relief Corps; Judy Baron, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Sandra Millin, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and Wanda Langdon, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I look forward to our organizations working together during the coming year in honoring our Boys in Blue.
3. The Commander-in-Chief headquarters is hereby transferred to 91 Kelly Drive, Lancaster, MA 01523. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and email is available at CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications are for urgent matters at 508-340-6859. Please, no calls after 10:30 PM eastern time.
4. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411; the phone number is 717-232-7000.
5. Financial correspondence for the Order will be sent to National Treasurer, D. Michael Beard, PDC at 17 Rubins Walk, Fredericksburg, VA 22405-2881. His email address is treasurer@suvcw.org and phone number is 540-604-6950.
6. All other correspondences for the Order to National Secretary, Jonathan Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162. His email address is secretary@suvcw.org and phone number is 614-745-6079.
7. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule and requests for reports will be coordinated by the National Chief of Staff, James McGuire, PDC. He can be reached by email at signalofficer@suvcw.org and phone at 401-525-8143. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting, and a final for the 139th National Encampment.

All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.

8. National Chaplain, Dr. Rev. Peter Preble, PCC, can be reached by email at rev.peter.preble@gmail.com and phone at 508-864-8095. He should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's name, rank and regiment. Brother Preble will be sending a sympathy card, on behalf of the SUVCW, to the family if a name and address is provided.

9. Applications for Civil War Memorials grants will be sent to Brother Peter Hritsko, Jr, PDC, 12710 Darrow Rd., Vermilion, OH, 44089-9365; his email is CofA2@suvcw.org and phone number is 440-967-8002.

10. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Daryl V. VerStreate, Jr., PDC, 208 Filmore St., Newark, NY 14513; his email is rotc@suvcw.org and phone number is 525-305-9425.

11. All Camps and Departments are strongly encouraged to submit articles and photographs for *The Banner* to Brother James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St., Mason, MI 48854-1519; his email is Banner@suvcw.org and phone number is 517-676-1471. Brother Pahl, PCinC has been appointed The Banner Editor by the Council of Administration for three years with a term ending August 2022.

12. The following National Special Committees will remain in place to serve the Order: National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials, National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign, National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters, National Special Committee on Website Redesign, and National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021).

13. Per the 138th National Encampment, we have established a special five-year committee, with a term ending August 2024, to Negotiate Encampment Contracts with the Allied Orders. This committee will be chaired by Brother Mark Day, PCinC.

14. Per the 138th National Encampment, we have established a special two-year committee, with a term ending August 2021, to cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country patriotically in any war. This is one of our purposes as defined in our Federal Charter, Section 200302. This committee will be chaired by Brother Dexter Bishop, PDC.

15. Per the 138th National Encampment, we have established a special one-year committee, with a term ending August 2020, to create a Monument Protection policy. This committee will be chaired by Brother Donald Shaw, PCinC.

16. I have started a new CinC appointed committee to allow our forms to be filled out and submitted by electronic means. Form 3: Membership Application, Form 30: Camp Status Report, Form 49: Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers, and a single form/payment for National Encampments are the immediate targets. I envision this to be a two year effort. This committee will be chaired by Brother Brian Pierson, SVCinC.

17. Recruiting is always important. We survive by bringing in new blood. All new Brothers have some skill that will be beneficial to the Order. The new Brother might be an outstanding Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor, or Graves Registration officer, and the possibilities are endless. Recruiting doesn't have to be difficult. Most of us have a brother, son, grandson, uncle or cousin who isn't a member. Our activities to remember our ancestors are an excellent family bonding experience. Many of us belong to other organizations that have members who could be potential Brothers. And, don't forget about potential Associate members as they can serve the Order in most positions and all activities.

18. Throughout my years with the Order, I realized our Brothers offer an incredible support structure. Whenever something tough came up I found a Brother willing to assist. No one should be afraid to reach for any position as there will be Brothers there to assist you in the betterment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. What will you run for next?

Ordered this 18th Day of August, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. J. Norris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

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Attested:

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