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Commander in Chief
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**General Order #1
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Administration

1. We have just concluded an extraordinarily challenging year in our Order's history due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in the unprecedented cancellation of the 139th National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia, and the subsequent accomplishment of the National Encampment via interactive video technology. On behalf of the entire Order, I extend our gratitude to Past Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris for his outstanding leadership during this difficult period.

- a. All Brothers who attended of the 139th "virtual" National Encampment are entitled to receive a special National Encampment ribbon. Attendance shall be verified by the official roster of attendees who signed into the National Encampment. This ribbon may be requested from PCinC Norris. Please send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to: Ed Norris, 91 Kelly Dr. Lancaster, MA, 01523-1959.

2. On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend our congratulations to the National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Jessica Booth, Woman's Relief Corps; Elizabeth Rock, 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 truly am looking forward to our organizations working together and strengthening our relationships during the coming year in honoring our Boys in Blue.

3. The Commander-in-Chief's headquarters is hereby transferred to 35 Greenfield Drive, Bethel Acres, Oklahoma. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to PO Box 3394, Shawnee, OK 74802. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and email is available at CinC@suvcw.org. Text or telephone communications are for urgent matters at 703-989-9296. Please, no routine calls after 2230 hrs Central 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 shall 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 correspondence for the Order shall be sent 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, Mark Hale, PDC. He can be reached by email at markhale101@msn.com and phone 770-900-5415.

8. 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 140th National Encampment in 2021.

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

10. 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.

11. 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@suvchw.org and phone number is 440-967-8002.

12. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Daryl V. VerStreate, Jr., PDC, 4300 Covell Road, Clyde, NY 14433; his email is rotc@suvchw.org and phone number is 585-305-9475.

13. 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@suvchw.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.

14. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the permission granted in PCinC Norris' GO #21 for Departments and Camps to conduct virtual or electronic meetings is hereby extended until the next National Encampment. Departments and Camps are encouraged to hold in-person meetings and events in order when able to do so, considering the safety of their members and complying with local, county, state and national rules and guidelines.

15. The following National Special Committees are appointed:

- a. National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (through 2021), Chair James Ward
- b. National Special Committee on Website Redesign (through 2021), Chair James McGuire
- c. National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States (2021), Chair Dexter Bishop
- d. National Special Committee to Negotiate Encampment Contracts with the Allied Orders (through 2024), Chair Mark Day, PCinC
- e. National Special Committee for Monument Protection Policy (through 2021), Chair Don Shaw, PCinC

16. The following CinC appointed committees are appointed:
- a. CinC Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms, Chair Mike Paquette, SVCinC
 - b. CinC Appointed Committee on Encampment Credentials, Chair Joe Hall (note: this committee will transition to a standing committee per the vote of the National Encampment)
 - c. CinC appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy, Chair James McGuire
 - d. CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Chair Peter Preble
17. All Departments, Camps, and Brothers are strongly encouraged to recruit, retain, and return members. A growing Order is a healthy Order. This will be a focus area this year.
- a. Recruiting enables our Order to persist by bringing in new blood. Each of us knows someone we could ask, a brother, son, cousin, uncle, or friend who could be a potential member or Associate.
 - b. Retention enables our Brothers to continue to remain with us in fraternity. Everyone should feel able to contribute in a meaningful manner as his situation permits. There are enough projects, issues, and other needs in the Order and in our local, county, state and national communities for twice the number of our membership.
 - c. Returning our former Brothers who have left the Order under honorable conditions re-establishes the bonds. Each may have left for a different reason, but we still value the time they were with us. Invite them back and make it easy for them to rejoin our ranks.
18. I encourage any Brother interested in serving in a national position or committee to volunteer. There are many Brothers who will support and assist you as far as you want to go.

Ordered this 25th Day of October, 2020



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Attest:

Jonathan C. Davis

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