



The Dispatch

The Newsletter of the Department of Florida
S.U.V.C.W.
Annual Encampment Edition

Hello Brothers

It is with great honor that I accept the position of newsletter editor for "The Dispatch". I am relatively new to the SUVCW. I hope that you will enjoy the newsletters and will forward to me news and information to share with our fellow brothers. David Munson Chestnut, Camp 1

Please forward to me any camp news to share at the following email address. Doubledaves2@gmail.com



MISSION STATEMENT

***Through Community Education and Service to our Order
We Honor the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic
The men who fought to Preserve the Union 1861 - 1865***

On 13 June 2015, the 20th Annual Encampment was held in St Cloud Florida at the Community Center. On a hot June day a warm and friendly lunch was enjoyed by those who attended which included roasted chicken, salads and cake. At a little after 1pm the meeting was called to order by Commander Whitlam who conducted the opening ceremonies.

We had the pleasure of welcoming the Mayor of St Cloud to our meeting and also National Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Mortorff who conducted instillation of new officers.

Under unfinished business some decision of the Olustee Monument occurred. A report of the funds collected for the disbanded Olustee Monument Commission was read by Dept Treasurer Custer.

We had a vote on the new officers and welcome Brother Charles Reeves of Camp No. 1. He has previously served as Camp and Department Commander in the Ohio Department before moving to Florida.



Our new officers are as follows:

ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 2015-2016

COMMANDER.... **Charles S. Reeves PDC** Email - reevesoldfarm@msn.com

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.... **James G. Ward DPC** Email - jw1638@gmail.com

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER....**David R. Palmer PCC** Email - davplm6@aol.com

SECRETARY / TREASURER....**Clair D. Whitlam PDC** Email - clairwhitlam@gmail.com

COUNCIL # 1....**Harvey Linscott, PDC** hkl36ov@peoplepc.com

COUNCIL # 2....**John Vaughn III, PDC** suvsyankee1@aol.com

COUNCIL # 3.... **Daniel W. Hans PDC** sdh1967@tampabay.rr.com

APPOINTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Assistant Secretary /Treasurer: **Charles D. Custer PDC**

Patriot Instructor: **Edward Manak PCC**

Chaplain: **David Acheson, PCC**

Graves Registration: **Ronnie G. McCracken PCC**

Eagle Scout Coordinator: **John M. Vaughn III, PCC**

JROTC Coordinator: **Richard D. Shaffer, CC**

Counselor: **Robert M. Jones PDC**

Aide: **David Munson Chestnut**

Color Bearer: **Ronnie G. McCracken PCC**

Guard: **Larry Peck**

Signals: **Brian French**

Newsletter: **David MunsonChestnut**

Photo at Department Encampment



Department Order No. 1 from Charles S Reeves, Commander

1. Thank you Brothers of the Department of Florida for giving me the honor and privilege to serve as your Department Commander. A most sincere thank you to now Past Department Commander Skip Whitlam for all his efforts this past year. He endured many personal hardships and challenges to enable us to celebrate the Department's 20th anniversary.

2. Headquarters for the Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is hereby established at 4119 63rd Terrace East, Sarasota, Florida 34243. My telephone number is 513-697-6360 and my e-mail address is reevesoldfarm@msn.com All Brothers should feel free to contact me on any problem they may have.

3. Your newly elected and appointed Officers are shown on the Department website. My challenge to the Florida Camps is that we fulfill the responsibilities given to us by our National organization. They are Grave Registration, Monuments and Memorials and Last Soldier. But we should not diminish our efforts in the Eagle Scout and Junior ROTC programs. Each Camp was assigned a small number of Florida Counties surrounding their home County in which they are directed to concentrate their efforts.

4. I am appointing a By-Laws Committee consisting of James Ward PDC as Chairman with the following members, Robert Jones PDC, Harvey Linscott PDC, John Vaughn PDC and Daniel Hans PDC. The Committee should review the current By-Laws and bring to the attention of the Department any necessary revisions.

5. I plan to visit every Camp and to personally install the 2016 Camp Officers. In order to plan my schedules, I would appreciate being advised of the dates of the Camp Installation meetings.

Ordered this the 2nd of July 2015

Charles S. Reeves

Florida Department Commander

Attested by:

Clair D. Whitlam PDC

Department Secretary

Photos from the Department Encampment Annual Meeting.



Photo on right is swearing-in ceremony.

Photo below is at G.A.R memorial in St Cloud.

Photo at bottom is group shot after the Department Annual Meeting.

