



The Dispatch

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Summer 2012

Armed Forces Day at Concord Cemetery.

CONCORD CEMETERY



The City of Casselberry,
The Home Depot Foundation
and the Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War dedicate in honor
the memory of those laid to rest
in this historic cemetery on the
19th day of May, 2012 A.D.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



Greetings Brothers,

The summer season is upon us here in Florida, the snow-birds have flown north and already we have a tropical storm off the coast. The department has been very active thanks to the devotion of our members. One of the department projects has come to a successful conclusion. The project to restore the historic Concord Cemetery is now a done-deal thanks to the efforts of Brother Marshall Polston who managed the project start to finish. For those who could not come to the Dedication at Concord Cemetery you can see what I mean when reading the article and photo's in this issue. Brother Harvey Linscott, PDC had the honor to attend the 150th re-enactment of the Battle of Shiloh April 6, 7th 1862. April 10th I went to the 150th anniversary of the siege at Fort Pulaski, Ga. you can read about it in an article I wrote for this issue. I attended Memorial Day ceremonies at Mount Peace Cemetery in St. Cloud, Florida. We can never forget our soldiers killed in battle defending our people and our Nations cause of freedom. We are ever in their debt, the cost of freedom paid for by their blood.

May 19th Brother George R. Dennis was honored by Camp 3, at 98 he is the oldest member in the department, read about his life achievements in this issue. Brothers I want to say what a privilege it has been serving the membership this year as your department commander. I must say it is a humbling experience, and I will not seek re-election this year. I wish at this time to give a warm welcome to the National Chaplain, Brother Jerry Kowalski to the Dept. of Florida. He will be attending the Dept. Encampment and installing the New Dept. Officers. I hope you all will join the fun at the Department Encampment and more information can be found in this issue, or online at the dept. website.

Speaking of the encampment things are heating up in the Department of Florida. I'm told that we have two very qualified members running for the position of Dept. Commander:

Your Dept. Senior Vice Commander Brother John M. Vaughn III without who's support my administration would have been in shambles, and to whom I am very grateful for his advice and service. And also running for Dept. Cmdr. is SVR Commander Brother James G. Ward who I have served with throughout many years as a fellow officer in the department. I am somewhat concerned because this year no one is running for the Dept. Senior Vice Commander's office. We need some new blood in the Dept. and if you think you are qualified please call me and let me know if you wish to be a candidate. Brother Bill Slavin of Camp 7 has announced that he will run for Dept. Junior Vice Commander. Brother Slavin brings a new point of view and vitality to the Department. I support his candidacy. Finally Brother Custer who has done an outstanding job as Dept. Secretary/Treasurer and who I owe a bottle of wine, for saving my A__ on more than one occasion, will also be stepping down this year. I must WARN the candidates running for Dept. Commander. If no one comes forward to run for the office of Dept. Sec/Treas "you will be the one doing the job" and I hope you like paperwork. LOL, See you in Pembroke Pines on June 16th.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
MFARRELL

Department Brothers' Birthdays April-June

Best Wishes and Happy Birthday
to:

Richard A. Hardesty
David R. Palmer
James A. Thielen
Nicholas L. Culbreth
Roger L. Dubble
Jim Gaffney
Marc R. Pitters
Billy R. Devine Jr.
Richard E. Macauley
John Church
Donald E. Burris II
Anthony E. Chavez
Donald G. Denison
Robert F. Jones
Logan L. Lipponcott
Edwin L. McCausland Jr.
William R. Cavins
Gene L Thompson II
John M. Vaughn III
Roger L. Heiple
Phillip R. Hinman
Clair D. Whitlam
Daniel W. Hans
William P. Hopkins
Warren E. Page III
Charles W. Potter

Officers of the Department of Florida S.U.V.C.W. 2011-2012



Department Commander: Michael Farrell Camp 04

SVC: John Vaughn III, PCC Camp 08

JVC: William Slavin (Pro Tem) Camp 07

Secretary/Treasurer: Charles D. Custer, PDC Camp 04

Council No.01: Daniel Hans, PDC Camp 05

Council No.02: Harvey Linscott, PDC Camp 05

Council No.03: Robert Jones, PDC Camp 07

Patriotic Instructor: Richard Hardesty, PCC Camp 01

Chaplain: Charles "Skip" Whitlam, CC Camp 04

G.R.O: David Hoover, PCC Camp 08

Historian: Donald E. Buriss II Camp 07

Civil War Memorials: Vacant

Eagle Scout Coordinator: John Vaughn III Camp 08

JROTC Coordinator: Richard Shaffer, CC Camp 07

Counselor: Lloyd B. Monroe

G.A.R. Research: Roger Heiple Camp 04

Signals Officer: Paul Pardee Camp 05

Department Senior Vice Commanders Report

This may or may not be my final Senior Vice Commanders report to you. So I'll keep it brief. During the past year, I have had the distinct pleasure of serving under Bro. Mike Farrell. It has been an honor to serve not only him, but you my fellow Brothers. I hope to continue serving you, either as your new Department Commander or in my present position as Senior Vice Commander.

Yours in F.C. & L.,
John M. Vaughn III, DSVC, PCC

Department Junior Vice Commanders Report

I stepped into the position of DJVC, after the resignation of Brother David Hoover. During the month or so that I have held this position, I have assisted one new Brother in entering the SUVCW. That new Brother is Robert Pineda. He is a member of our DMAL Camp. There are also a father and son whose applications are pending.

Patriotic Instructor Report

In this second year of the sesquicentennial, we again to pause come Memorial Day to think and pray for our ancestors...those who fought valiantly in Blue and Grey...the many battlefields fought for...the thousands that died! All of us can relate to their struggle for we are their heirs...it is especially poignant to me, as I've just lost my oldest daughter. At first she used to laugh when I got dressed in my kepi, vest and gun...as she matured and read more, she gradually came to appreciate those who have gone before also. Then came the 'Great War to end all Wars'...followed by World War II...pick it and I participated in the Korean war as did many of you...then came Vietnam...Grenada was short-lived...and then our embroilment in Iraq and Afghanistan!!

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Scheduled Meetings and Events:

Department Encampment

June 16th, 2012

Pembroke Pines, Florida.

More info page 12.

National Encampment

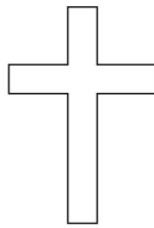
August 09th- 11th, 2012

Los Angeles, California

Hopefully, we will soon end our ventures in the middle East and there may be Peace for a while...but this world grows more complex all the time. We now have to watch over North Korea and Iran, so I in no way, believe this Peace will endure for long. Take a moment this next Monday and say a prayer for peace in our time...pray for those who have fought and died. God Bless them all...yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Richard Hardesty, Patriotic Instructor for the Department of Florida Department

Eagle Scout Coordinators Report

Below is a total of each Camp's Eagle Scout Reports: Camp 1 - None reported; Camp 3 - None reported; Camp 4 - None reported; Camp 5 - 15; Camp 7 - 60; Camp 8 - 2; Coordinator - 26; Total - 103.



Department Chaplain's Word for June

Brothers,

I am thankfully able to report that members in need that I have been made aware of are reporting positive progress in their well being. Please let me know of any members of you Camps or the Department that would like to be listed on the Department Chaplain's prayer list page. You can contact me at skipwhitlam@tealah.com or on my cell at 407-873-4322.

Scriptural readings for May dealt with Duties of the Believer in the Church. June readings will deal with Duties of the Believer in the World. There is strength in unity of the spirit.

As Department Chaplain I am admonished to remind members of our Order to remember Memorial Day. I have posted the instructions that we adhere to from our Ritual and Ceremonies manual on the Department Chaplain's web page: <http://www.tealah.com/DepartmentChaplain/html> I exhort you to participate in Memorial Day services at Church and in your communities.

For the good of the Order I would tell you of a historical footnote I heard of while watching the Jeopardy Game show. Two civil war veterans one confederate and one union attended the 50th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg on July 12, 1913. They both were engaged in the battle at the "Bloody Angle" where the confederate vet had been shot and the union soldier came along and gave him a drink of water and then carried him to the field hospital. They had not seen each other until that day in 1913*. Alex Trivet's game show question refers to two former civil war combatants who met at the 50th Anniversary and then walked through the streets of Gettysburg and bought a hatchet in a hardware store and returned to the battlefield and buried it. Keep the Faith, C. D. "Skip" Whitlam, Dept. Chaplain Ref* The Literary Digest, July 12, 1913

ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 19TH, 2012

The Department of Florida Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War successfully completed the restoration project at historic Concord Cemetery, Casselberry, Florida and dedicated the monument placed there. The project had its inception when Brother Marshall Polston was told by Pat Schnurr of the United Daughters of the Confederacy about an abandoned cemetery in the City of Casselberry. They fortuitously met each other while Marshall attended one of his mother's Daughters of the American Revolution meetings. Pat Schnurr is also a member in the DAR. This meeting occurred sometime between Sept 2010 and Jan 2011. Marshall on his own initiative and a lot of help from Mom (Mrs. Nancy Polston) decided to visit and investigate the abandoned cemetery. At the March 2011 meeting of Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4, Marshall made his first presentation regarding the need to restore the abandoned



After the ceremony, honorable guests and brothers of the Dept. stand together for this photo taken by. From left to right are U.S. Congressman Daniel Webster, Nancy Polston, Bro. Marshall Polston, PDC Ron McCracken, and DC Mike Ferrell.

cemetery in Casselberry. His presentation took place immediately after the Camp had participated in an SAR ceremony honoring the U. S. Navy's last Naval Battle during the American Revolution off the coast of Cape Canaveral. Brother Polston had only just become a new Brother of Camp 4 in January of that year. While Camp 4 was interested in learning about the abandoned cemetery, the location of it seemed to indicate that Camp 8 would be a more logical Camp to pursue this project. The Son's encouraged Brother Polston to continue gathering more information. By July of 2011 Marshall had developed a concept for restoring the cemetery. His concept was based on the work done during Marshall's Eagle Scout project at Vineland Cemetery the year before. In 2010 the department had partnered their ongoing project at Vineland Cemetery with Marshall's Eagle Scout project. The combination of the two organizations BSA & SUVCW was an astounding success under then, Department Commander Robert V. Chandler. An added bonus was the fact that the Boy Scouts of America were celebrating their centennial year while in partnership with the SUVCW on a patriotic project to restore the desecrated graves of two Union Veterans buried at Vineland Cemetery.

Towards the end of July 2011 Marshall told the department commander he felt that he was not getting enough traction in getting his new project in Casselberry going. I assured Marshall that the Department of Florida, SUVCW was very interested, and his project was now an official project of the department. Brother Polston informed me that he was meeting much opposition from various city employees in getting information regarding the abandoned cemetery. I suggested that he make his project public by attending the next City Council meeting on August 8th. Marshall was very excited and began working on his presentation.

I called the Dept. Graves Registration Officer, Brother Hoover, and asked him if he might attend the city meeting with Brother Polston, he agreed. Brother Polston's idea to restore the Concord Cemetery (Hooker Cemetery) was met by city officials with enthusiasm. I appointed Brother Polston to manage the new department project. From August to December a number of meetings took place between the City of Casselberry and the Dept. of Florida, SUVCW. During this time the manager of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Luis Cruz, truly expressed his support of the restoration project. He along with the Director of the Public Works Mr. Mark Gisclar put a plan together to partner with the SUVCW in restoration of the Concord Cemetery. We originally thought the project would take about two years to complete. In February Brother Polston called me with great news. The City of Casselberry had approved \$21,000 in funds for the Parks and Recreation department to use towards restoration of historic Concord Cemetery. Now the pressure was on for the SUVCW to perform their end of the project. Brother Polston had done a great deal of fundraising, and coordination of various organizations in helping us to build a monument.

Home Depot Foundation was one of the organizations, and a real STAR within our constellation of contributors, on the restoration project. The Hooker family was a major contributor to the building fund of the monument. A date was set for all construction to be completed and the dedication to take place. May 19th was the day agreed upon. I realized that while Brother Polston was doing a tremendous job managing the project he did have some legal limitations as a minor. Oh did I forget to mention Brother Polston is only 15 years old!!!

I then relied heavily on Brother Buck Custer, PDC to handle the establishment of a fund to deposit donations and disburse funds for the project costs. I called Brother Ronnie McCracken, PDC and asked if he would guide the department through the various pitfalls of a construction project. He accepted the task cheerfully. I was not disappointed; he is "single-handedly" responsible for the quality and timely construction of the monument at Concord Cemetery. Without this Brother's experience and dedication to this project, the construction of the monument would have been a #@\$%&!* disaster. Not to mention a professional and legal embarrassment to the Dept. of Florida, SUVCW.

I am very proud of; and lucky to know Brothers Polston; McCracken, PDC and Custer, PDC they have worked tirelessly for the Good of the Order. I would also like to give our appreciation to the members of Camp 8, Camp 4 and Camp 5. Special mention to SVR Sgt. Harvey Linscott in commanding the rifle detail and the Commander of Camp 8, Brother John Sink, who I asked to stand in for me on more than one occasion.

Honorable mention goes to the following persons & organizations for their contributions & donations: Home Depot Foundation; Spencer Whitehead(Hooker Family); Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Casselberry Veterans Inc.; United Daughters of the Confederacy; Troop 6 Orlando BSA; Paragon School; George J. Baumbach Jr.; Marshall Polston; Mom & Dad Polston; Ronnie McCracken; C.D. Buck Custer; Robert & Doris Johnson; Daughters of the American Revolution; St. Luke's Methodist Church; Dr. Phillips High School Band

I would like to close by saying that this is the second monument in the state of Florida with the name "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" on it. Now please enjoy the pictures from the May 19th dedication of the monument at Concord Cemetery, Casselberry.

M. FARRELL



CAMP NEWS

Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp No. 01

Camp #1 has had a good year and currently is winding down for the Summer. We held our last meeting 4/25/12 at the Tampa Bay Historical Museum. We had lunch at the Columbia Cafe (located within the Museum followed by our Meeting. After the Meeting, we toured the Special Exhibit (Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs on loan from the War Museum in Washington). It was very educational and enjoyed by all. We then toured the remainder of the Museum. We visited Cotanchobee/Fort Brooke Park (adjacent to the Museum) and walked to the Convention Center which now occupies most of the former Fort Brooke Site. Note, this Park will be the Florida Department Sequicentennial Event for 2013. We presented (15) ROTC/JROTC Awards. We accomplished a major project in securing a headstone for Pvt. King and the headstone was installed in Indian Springs Cemetery in Punta Gorda in time for Memorial Day--this project was a success due to the special efforts of Brother Larry Peck Sr. There was a brief ceremony for Memorial Day honoring Pvt. King and we are planning a major rededication for Veterans Day. The Civil War Roundtable for Tampa is now official and has had (3) Brothers actively supporting. We increased our membership from 26 as of March, 2012 to 28 (2 the paperwork is being processed and we have another individual who is seeking reinstatement).

Respectively submitted,
Dave Palmer, Commander Camp # 1

General Thomas J. Mckean Camp 03

April 4: Camp 3 monthly meeting.

April 17: Presented SUVCW Junior ROTC medal and certificate at Pahokee High School Air Force Junior ROTC.

May 1: Presented SUVCW Junior ROTC medal and certificate at Lake Worth High School Air Force Junior ROTC.

May 2: Camp 3 monthly meeting.

May 19: Presented SUVCW plaque and certificates during recognition dinner to 98 year old SUVCW member George Dennis at Delray Beach VFW post.

May 28: Will present the SUVCW wreath during Memorial Day observance at Palm Beach Memorial Park.

June 6: Camp 3 monthly meeting and observance of D-Day anniversary.

June 16: Camp 3 will attend the SUVCW Department of Florida Encampment.

EDWARD J. MANAK
Commander

Lucius L. Mitchell Camp No. 04

Brothers,

May is one of the busiest months of our calendar year and a time of great reflection of what have we done right and what have we done wrong. The May camp meeting where we must vote to drop members who haven't paid their dues for the year. This year we lost three members, be it because of the economic down turn in our economy or other reasons we must ask ourselves what can we do to encourage our members to remain faithful to our order.

We are still in the process of obtaining the necessary records for obtaining a headstone for Wellington J. Kingsberry buried in Mt. Peace Cemetery.

The Dedication of the Concord Cemetery Monument in Casselberry went well because of the efforts of Camp #4 members Marshall Polston and PDC Ronnie G. McCracken and I would like to thank members of Camps 4,6 and 8 for their attendance.

I would also ask members who have presented awards to Eagle Scouts and JROTC winners to send me a report that I can use that information to compile my report for the Department Encampment in Pembroke Pines June 16th. I would also encourage members to notify Department Cmdr. Farrell, of you intentions to attend the Encampment and where possible car pool to minimize expenses.

Let's keep moving forward!

CC Skip Whitlam

General Eugene A. Carr Camp No.05

On March 10th & 11th, brothers of our camp were recruiting at the Crystal River re-enactment.

On March 17th Brothers Ron Irons,Harvey Linscott and Dan Hans attended the sesquicentennial event held at New Symrna, Florida.

On March 28th brothers Harvey Linscott and Ron Irons attended the participated in the 150th anniversary of the battle of Shiloh in TN.

On April 14th, we held a Civil War show at the Freedom Library in Ocala Florida.

On April 30th brother Harvey Linscott gave a CW lecture on "How the Union Won" at the Fort King High School in Ocla,FL.

On May 10th we held our general camp meeting at the Freedom Library in Ocala, FL.

On May 19th brother Harvey Linscott represented our camp at the Concord Cemetery dedication in Casselberry, FL.



On May 28th brothers Harvey Linscott, Dan Hans, John and Paul Pardee placed American flags on 30 Union graves in Evergreen Cemetery Ocala Fl, Brooksville City Cemetery, Brooksville, Fl, and Minneola Cemetery, Minneola, FL.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
CC John Pardee

CIVIL WAR GROUP REMEMBERS MEDAL OF HONOR SOLDIER BURIED IN FT LAUDERDALE

(Report of Camp No. 07)



The Civil War was nearly over on April 8th, 1865, when Edgar Arthling Bras captured the flag from a Rebel color-bearer during the final charge on Spanish Fort outside Mobile, AL. Bras was a 23 year old Sergeant in the 8th Iowa Infantry, Co. K, when his “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty” was recognized by the award of a Medal of Honor.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sgt. Frederick R. Jackson Camp #7 in Pembroke Pines, will honor Bras with a flag ceremony, wreath laying, and memorial service at the Bras gravesite in historic Evergreen Cemetery in Ft Lauderdale on Sunday, May 20th 2012, at 11:00am.

The Bras family, originally from Iowa, were one of the founding families of Ft Lauderdale. “There are here in Ft Lauderdale.” added Bob Jones, the group’s past Commander. Dressed in Civil War uniform, SUV members will plant flags on all the Union veteran graves and fire a salute with period black powder muskets.

Bras, who died in 1923, enlisted in September 1861 and then re-enlisted when his regiment’s three year term expired. He was wounded in the battles of Shiloh and Corinth. Capturing the enemy flag was an extremely hazardous but critically important task during the Civil War because flags were used for communication and as rallying points for troops.

“We feel that a week before Memorial Day is highly appropriate for this event. Many folks do not realize that Memorial Day grew out of the Civil War” said Richard Shaffer, Commander of the Pembroke Pines group.



“It was called Decoration Day back then, and that is how it was known for many years before the name was changed. In fact, it was the Grand Army of the Republic, the powerful veteran’s organization, who first recognized the holiday and popularized the practice of decorating soldier’s graves.”

Shaffer also said that “our group, the SUVCW, is the official successor to the old GAR by Act of Congress, so you might say we started the whole thing. It’s also important to realize that the GAR was the first racially integrated organization in the United States, long before such a thing was socially acceptable. Union veterans refused to discriminate among men they regarded as their brothers in arms.”

The SUVCW is a national hereditary fraternal organization whose members are descendants of Union Army veterans. The purpose of the group is to preserve the memory of the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives to end slavery and preserve the Union during the Civil War, but also to honor all of America’s military veterans, especially at this Memorial Day season.

The local group, which covers Broward and Miami-Dade County, meets the first Tuesday of every other month at 7:30 pm at Pembroke Pines Recreation Center. The SUVCW “teaches patriotism, to love, honor, and respect the American flag, and sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and impartial justice for all.” The group also supports Eagle Scouts and both high school and college ROTC.



General William S. Harney Camp 08

One Eagle Scout Certificate sent,

One new member inducted,

One Cemetery Wreathlaying/Dedication

(This was Concord with the Dept.)

Received donation of new Camp Flag

Brother John A. Sink
Commander, Camp #8

17th Annual Department Encampment

Saturday June 16th, 2012

The Location

PEMBROKE PINES RECREATION CENTER
7400 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33024-7245

Building OPENS AT 8:30AM to 5:30PM Lunch is served a 12:30PM
To get directions to the Encampment, click [here](#) and go to the bottom of the page to get instructions.

LUNCHEON

At the Department Encampment this year we have something exciting planned for the lunch. The caterer has pre-pared a “Civil War Cuisine” and it will be delicious. The lady preparing the food is a personal chef. The name of Chef Christine’s business is “The Traveling Truffle”. She is a highly trained chef and will freshly prepare and serve the food on site. Pre-Ordered Luncheon will be \$17.50 a person. Orders must be in by JUNE 1st. Send a check payable to the “Dept. of Florida, SUVCW”. Mail your check with number of persons to:

Michael Farrell, Cmdr
1952 Muirfield Way SE
Palm Bay, Florida 32909

We have a limited number of luncheons so first come first serve. Pre-paid are guaranteed. If not pre-ordered Luncheons may be paid for at the door for \$22.50 a person. See the menu below NON-REFUNDABLE: Guys, Once the food is ordered we cannot refund the lunch money.

Menu

One entree

Roasted Chicken with veloute sauce with tender flaky biscuits on the side

Three Sides Corn Pudding (Silky custard with freshly grated corn)

Salad with Colonial Roquefort Dressing (Seasonal Greens with Roquefort Dressing)

Tomato Salad (Fresh tomatoes topped with freshly toasted peppercorns smashed with fleur de sol)

Two Desserts

Civil War Egg Roll (Rolled cake with simple syrup and fruit filing topped with Crème Chantilly) Pails of Chocolate Mousse (Classic French style chocolate mousse topped

with chocolate shavings) Beverage

House made Lemonade

ALL SERVED TO YOU WITH A SMILE

Guest Speaker

Speaker Dr. Barbara Gannon

Author of "THE WON CAUSE"

(Black and White Comradeship in the GAR)

For her book Dr.Gannon received Honorable Recipient for the Lincoln Award.

Historians have decidedly classified the GAR organization as segregated and racially prejudiced.

Dr. Gannon presents evidence to the contrary.

Dr. Gannon will be signing her book for our members.

Voting Registration

ALL Members must Register at the Door. ONLY Voting Camp Members must pay a Registration fee of \$5.00. Voting Members will then be handed a Voting Card.

Department Ballot of Officers 2012/2013

Department Commander:

John M. Vaughn III, PCC, Dept. Senior Vice (Camp 8)

James G. Ward, PCC, SVR Cmdr (Camp 4)

Senior Vice Commander

(Election runner up; Dept. CMDR.)

Junior Vice Commander

William Slavin, JVC (Camp 7)

Secretary

OPEN

Treasurer

OPEN

Council 1

Charles D. "Buck" Custer, PDC (Camp 4)

Council 2

Harvey K. Linscott, PDC (Camp 5)

Council 3

Robert M. Jones, PDC (Camp 7)

RESOLUTION # 1

The following resolution and proposal is brought before the members in the Department of Florida at their 17th Annual Encampment June 16th, 2012 and is ACCEPTED /DECLINED.

BE IT KNOWN that the 10th Army Corp holds the distinction of being the only Union Army Corp to fight in the State of Florida during the war of the rebellion 1861 to 1865.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the Department of Florida adopt the Union Army 10th Corp symbol as a badge or insignia of the Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

WHEREAS the Department of Florida is authorized under the bylaws Article XVI, Section 1; to adopt a Department badge or insignia, which shall be governed and does not conflict with the C&R criteria for recognition devices as defined under the C&R Chapter V, Article III, Section 3, Sub-Sections M, and P.

THEREFORE the Department of Florida shall adopt recognition devices, its insignia in the form of the 10th Army Corp symbol used by the 10th Army Corp of the late War of the Rebellion 1861 to 1865, to be worn by the members in the Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. That this symbol when worn will distinguish their members from members of other Departments within the Fraternal Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at all public events.

UPON adoption of the Union Army 10th Corp symbol for recognition devices the Department Commander shall form an annual committee to copyright the symbol and maintain such. To investigate what manufacturers may fabricate possible recognition devices as specified in the C&R Chapter V, Article III, Section 3, Sub-Sections M, & P. And to establish pricing on the Department of Florida recognition devices based on quotes from qualified manufacturers.

Submitted under seal this 16th day of June Two Thousand and Twelve

Signed: _____

Charles D. Buck Custer SECRETARY /TREASURER, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, SUVCW

Approved under seal this 16th day of June Two Thousand and Twelve

Signed: _____

Michael E. Farrell COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, SUVCW

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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**



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ARTICLE I Organization

This Department shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Receiving its Charter on May 18th, 1996 the Department is henceforth affiliated with the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Section 1: Under the U.S. Code Title 36, Chapter 2003, Sec. 200306; the Department and Camps organized within the Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are divisions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and are subordinate organizations under the IRS group exemption for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation.

Section 2: The Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a Federally Chartered non-profit Corporation operating in the State of Florida; registration number X00557.

ARTICLE II Meetings

Section 1: The Encampment of the Department of Florida, Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic shall be held once a year between May 1st and July 1st in each year.

Section 2: In the event of the failure to fix the time and place of the Annual Encampment before July 1st, the same shall be determined by the Department Commander, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer and the members of the Department Council by a majority vote of those present at the meeting duly called by the Department Commander at least 30 days prior to July 1st in any year.

Section 3: Special meetings of the Department may be called by the Department Commander; with the consent of the Department Council, and shall also be convened by the Department Commander upon the petition of a majority of the camps, approved by their Brothers; provided that not less than fifteen (15) days notice of said meeting shall be given to each camp, but no business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than that for which it was called and the call for all special meetings shall state the object and purpose of same.



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**



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ARTICLE III Officers and their Duties

Section 1: The elected officers of the Department shall be as follows: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three (3) members of the Council, a Secretary and a Treasurer for the term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected and installed, further providing that the Commander and Secretary-Treasurer shall not serve on the Council. The same member may hold the office of the Department Secretary and the office of Department Treasurer simultaneously. The above named elected officers shall all be Brothers of the Department of Florida and shall meet the requirements and perform their duties as detailed in the C&R. The Department Commander, after his election, shall appoint all other officers for a term of one (1) year as per the C&R. The appointed officers shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Counselor, Department Organizer, Historian, Guide, Guard, Aide, Color Bearer, and any other positions required by the C&R, these Bylaws and/or the Order's Ceremonials and Ritual. The appointed officers shall all be Brothers of the Department of Florida and shall perform the duties as specified by the C&R, Ritual, Department Bylaws, and/or the orders of the Department Commander.

Section 2: If a vacancy should occur in any elected office, the Department Council shall convene and, by a majority vote of said Council, elect some Brother of the Department of Florida to fill said vacancy until the next Department Encampment. If a vacancy should occur in any appointed office, the Department Commander may appoint another Brother of the Department of Florida to fill said vacancy until the next Department Encampment. The removal :From office of any elected or appointed officer for misconduct of duty shall be as provided by the C&R and Department Bylaws.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Department Commander and Department Secretary, jointly, to make arrangement for temporary Headquarters and place of meeting for the annual Department Encampment.

Section 4: All officers of the Department (elected and appointed) shall upon their retirement :From office turn over to their successor all property of the Department within ten (10) days after leaving office.

Section 5: Pursuant to the C&R, a sufficient number of Brothers of the Department of Florida shall be elected as Delegates and Alternates to attend and represent the Department of Florida at the Annual National Encampment of the Order. Said election shall occur at the Annual Department Encampment preceding the National Encampment in question.

Section 6: The Department Treasurer and each Camp Treasurer, or a person each designates (A.K.A. IRS Contact person) shall file, respective to the Department and each Camp, between January 1st and March 5th the annual tax-exempt status of each in accordance to applicable Internal Revenue Service (IRS) codes.



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ARTICLE IV Authorized Expenditures

Section 1: The Department Commander may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursements for expenses up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per year shall be obtained :From the Department Council. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

Section 2: The Department Secretary may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per year necessary for the conduct of his office provided that a written request is presented to and approved by the Department Commander. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

Section 3: The Department Treasurer may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses, up to a maximum of fifty (\$50) per year necessary for the conduct of his office provided that a written request be presented to and approved by the Department Commander. Typical expenses may include, but are not be limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

ARTICLE V Bonds

Section 1: The Department Treasurer shall, within fifteen (15) days From the date of his installation furnish a bond in an amount to be fixed by the Department Council which sum shall not be less than one thousand dollars (\$1000), for the faithful performance of his duties, and a just accounting for all funds and property of the Department that may come into his hands, said bonds to be taken in the name of the Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to be held in trust for the Department of Florida.

Section 2: The bond shall be taken as a personal assurance or with in a reliable surety company, authorized to conduct and conducting business in the state in which the treasurer resides, and shall be paid out of funds of the Department of Florida.

ARTICLE VI Department Council

Section 1: The Department Council shall meet after their installation and elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. They shall have charge and supervision of all investments of funds and property of the Department. They shall convene no later than the first day of the Department Encampment at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.) for the purpose of a full audit of the Department books and accounts, and accounting for all Department property; and to review a budget, prepared by the Department Treasurer, for the ensuing year; and for the consideration of such other business as may be brought to its attention.

Section 2: The Department Treasurer shall have all necessary books, papers, etc., at the time and place designated and shall render assistance in making said audit. Failure to comply without just cause or prior arrangements may result in disciplinary measures as set forth in the C&R and Department Bylaws.



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ARTICLE VII Reports

Section 1: The Department Commander and all Department Officers shall present an annual report in writing at the annual Department Encampment.

Section 2: The Department Secretary shall make and keep a record of the Proceedings of the Department Encampment, and shall make a regular report of the correspondence received and sent and other activities as required by his office and to make such report to the Department Commander as often as required by the C&R and such special report as may be deemed necessary by the Department Commander and/or Department Council.

Section 3: The Department Treasurer shall make and keep a record of the finances of the Department, stating the total receipts, expenditures and balances on hand to the Department Encampment, and to make such report to the Department Commander as often as required by the C&R, and such special report as may be deemed necessary by the Department Commander and/or Department Council.

a. The Department Treasurer and each Camp Treasurer shall make and keep a record of an "IRS Filing Report" respective to the Department and each Camp. The information contained in the "IRS Filing Report" shall comply with the C&R Chapter II, Article V, Section 3, Subsection (b) and include a copy of the IRS document, which confirms the date filed. The "IRS Filing Report" shall be provided to the Department Secretary on or before March 10th of each calendar year.

Section 4: The above specified regular reports shall be embodied in the next Department Order by the Department Commander as soon as possible after receipt of same.

ARTICLE VIII Camp Charter Fees and Per Capita Tax

Section 1: The Charter fee for new camps (full and provisional) shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) and shall be paid before approval of the Charter by the Department Commander. The fee shall also cover the cost of the Camp Packet.

Section 2: The Camp Packet shall consist of one (1) Ritual, five (5) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War application forms, two (2) transfer forms, two (2) charter application forms, two (2) organizer's report forms, one (1) Department Bylaws, one (1) Constitution and Regulations, one (1) document entitled "Job Descriptions for Department and Camp Officers, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War", and a listing of the current Camps within the Department.

Section 3: The Per Capita Tax for the ensuing year shall be fixed at the annual Department Encampment.

Section 4: Camps shall be exempt from Department per capita tax assessment on Real Sons and Life Members.

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On April 24th I was informed by email that our Department Junior Vice Commander David Hoover regrets that he must resign due to personal issues, which prevents him from devoting the time required to do the tasks of office.

On behalf of the Department of Florida I would like to thank Brother Hoover for the services he has thus rendered to our membership, it is deeply appreciated. The department wishes Brother Hoover well.

Whereas our Senior Vice Commander Brother John M. Vaughn III has offered to take on the tasks of Dept. Junior Vice Commander. Therefore the office of Junior Vice Commander will remain vacant until the upcoming election, which will take place at the next Department Encampment on the 16th day of June 2012. And while the Department Encampment is in session; to fill the vacant seat of Junior Vice Commander I will appoint pro-tem Brother William Slavin. Brother Slavin has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of Department Junior Vice Commander. I hereby Order all Camp Junior Vice Commanders in the Department of Florida to report any new members to the Senior Vice Commander. The Senior Vice Commander will now also function as the Junior Vice Commander until the next department election. So ordered this 25th day of April, 2012.

Michael E. Farrell

Commander

Department Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Charles D. "Buck" Custer, PDC

Secretary / Treasurer

Department Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SUMTER IS AVENGED 150 YEARS AGO

April 10th, 2012 the Department of Florida, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War visited Fort Pulaski, Georgia. This is the sesquicentennial of the siege on Fort Pulaski. I met with Fort Pulaski National Monument Superintendent Randy Wester and presented him with the Grand Army of the Republic Sesquicentennial Challenge Coin.

At 8:15AM on April 10th, 1862 a shell fired from the right mortar of Battery Halleck initiated the Union siege on Fort Pulaski. Military history was made when 30 hours later Confederate forces under Colonel Olmstead gave back the Federal Installation known as Fort Pulaski. The loss of Fort Sumter was finally avenged one year to the day when the Confederate forces opened fire on that Federal Fort, which began the Civil War on April 12, 1861.

One hundred and Fifty Years after the Union siege began upon Fort Pulaski I was standing inside the Fort on the parade ground where my Great-Great Grandfather once walked. The reason this Battle made military history was because they thought it would take 6 months to do what rifle canon did in 30 hours. This marked the end of masonry fortifications as a defensive system for harbors.

As I stood on the terreplein along the wall of the fort I tried to imagine the frightful sounds of the bombardment. It must have been a shock on the morning of April 11th, 1862 when the Confederate commander Colonel Olmstead saw the southeast corner of the fort begin to crumble. By the afternoon the wall was opened and the power magazine was taking hits from Union canons on Tybee Island. 20,000 pounds of black powder was now exposed to fire. The Confederate commander now knew if he waited any longer everyone of the souls under his command would soon be meeting their maker. At about 2PM on April 11th, 1862 the white flag was raised. The siege guns fell silent and a cheer went up by the Union soldiers on Tybee Island, which could be heard by the brave Confederate soldiers in Fort Pulaski. The rest of the day was spent in courtesies of surrender between American forces. Colonel Olmstead had given up his sword that was later on returned to him. General Gilmore ordered the famed 7th Connecticut to march into the Fort and raise the Flag of the United States. The flag raised over the fort, that is the Flag of the United States, contained Stars representing every State in the Union including the State of Georgia.

If you want to know more about Fort Pulaski and my trip there please visit the Dept. Website at <http://www.dofsucv.org/sesquicentennial.html>

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