## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Florida

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- 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 Chuck Reeves for all his hard work over the past year and a half. I am looking forward to this great opportunity to serve you and promote Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty within our Order.
- 2. The headquarters of the Department is transferred to my home address as stated above. You can reach me either by email or by phone (also above).
- 3. Elected and Appointed Department Officers and Department Committee Chairman are now posted on the Department and National Websites and also listed in the Minutes of the Dept. of FL. 22<sup>nd</sup> Encampment (2/18/17).
- 4. As of the end of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Encampment, according to our Treasurer Brother Young, we have a balance of \$3021.72 in our checking account.
- 5. Our Mid-Year Meeting is set for 7/29/17 at the Senior Citizen Annex, St. Cloud, FL.. The Meeting to start at 1PM.. Our next Annual Encampment is tentatively set for 2/17/18 at the Senior Center in St. Cloud (tentatively awaiting dates of Scout Convention and Olustee Reenactment).
- 6. The 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment -2017 is scheduled for August 10-13 in Lansing, Michigan.
- 7. Of all the goals discussed at our 2/18/17 Encampment the need to recruit new members is the most urgent. Please read my Message presented at the Encampment which, has been distributed to all Camp Commanders and Secretaries for distribution to all.
- 8. I plan to visit every Camp during the year as my schedule permits.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David R. Palmer, Commander