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Department Order #10

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- 1.) This year 2014 is the 125th Anniversary of the Johnstown Flood of 1889. The result of this flood was the death of over 2,209 individuals, of which a number were Members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Jacob M. Campbell Camp #14 SUVCW will be taking part in an inter-denominational faith ceremony being held by the Johnstown Area Heritage Association. During the ceremony, Camp Commander Rob Koenigsberg will say a few words. The event will conclude with a wreath laying at the GAR memorial. If enough muskets are available, a salute will be fired followed by the playing of TAPS. The ceremony will take place on Sunday June 1st at Grandview Cemetery in Johnstown, PA beginning at 12:30pm and last approximately 30 minutes. All Brothers and all members of the allied orders are welcome to attend. Please be aware you may need to bring a lawn chair for it is not known how many seats will be available. If you would like to attend, please notify Commander Koenigsberg at either 814-244-0899 or rkoenigsberg11@comcast.net. While in the area, you are also welcome to visit the Flood museum in downtown Johnstown and the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in St. Michael, PA (approximately 14miles north of Johnstown).
- 2.) Davis * Camp will be conducting its annual prayer service ceremony at the A.P. Davis Mausoleum in Allegheny Cemetery, in Pittsburgh, on May 17, 2014. A.P. Davis is recognized as the father and founder of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The event is typically a short affair followed by a time of fellowship. Please meet at the Mausoleum for the service which begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Following the ceremony the Brothers will proceed nearby to the grave of Brother Bill Reynolds to place an SUVCW grave marker at his headstone and to say a prayer. Brother Reynolds was a long-time member who was very active in identifying unmarked veteran graves.

Please contact Davis * Camp Commander Tim Ryan at suvcwryan@verizon.net to confirm your attendance. This will be a great opportunity to visit the grave of the founder of the SUVCW.
- 3.) The 134th Pennsylvania Department Encampment will be held at the Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, 200 West Fourth Street in Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701, June 26th through June 29th, 2014. Room rates are \$99.95 plus applicable taxes with a full breakfast buffet included with room rates. Reservations may be made by calling 800-321-1388. Please mention you are with the Allied

Orders of the GAR when making reservations. The Friday night Campfire Program will be re-dedication ceremony of the County's GAR Monument.

For more information see the “Battle Cry of Freedom or the Department website.

4. All Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department are invited and strongly encouraged to attend at least some portion of the Encampment. This is an opportunity to learn how your Department operates and allows you to be a part of making the decisions that will shape its future.

5. As a reminder, all Brothers must obtain a credential card from their Camp Secretary in order to be admitted to the meetings.

6. Pre-registration forms are available in the Department Newsletter, “Battle Cry of Freedom” and on the Department Newsletter website – <http://www.pasuvcw.org>. Please send your preregistration form and check (payable to PA..Dept. SUVCW) by June 21, 2014 to Department Secretary/Treasurer Charles E. Kuhn Jr. PCinC 464 Lake Meade Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316.

7. Reservations and payments for both the Banquet and the Luncheon Buffets must be made to “PA Department SUVCW”. Both are due by June 10, 2014 and may be sent to: Faye Carlisle, Box 23, Cogan Station Pa 17728. Forms are available in the “Battle Cry of Freedom” and the Department website.

8. The combined Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service will begin at 08:30 a.m. sharp on Friday, June 27th. All Brothers are requested to be at the Opening Ceremony location by 08:00 a.m. to facilitate the organization necessary for the presentation of the floral tributes to our departed Brothers and Sisters. All Department Officers who are participants in the Officers’ March to begin the Opening Ceremony are required to be at the Opening Ceremony location by 08:15a.m.

8.) Camps and Brothers are asked to support the Encampment by taking out an ad in the Encampment Program Book. The income from the ads is necessary to help defray the many Encampment costs. Digital Ads should be sent to Brother Richard Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15214 or emailed to suvcworr@aol.com. Deadline for receipt of ads is May 21, 2014. Forms are in the “Battle Cry of Freedom” and the Department website.

Rates for ads are as follows: Full Page - \$50.00, Half Page - \$25.00, Quarter Page - \$15.00, Eighth Page \$10.00, Name and Title - \$5.00, Name - \$2.00.

9.) All Department Officers and Chairmen of Department Committees are required to submit a report to the Department Encampment containing your activities, recommendations, etc. Reports do not have to be lengthy but the Department needs to know what has been accomplished during the year. If your committee has nothing to report please submit a report to that effect rather than neglecting to send a report. All reports are to be submitted no later than June 6, 2014 to Department Chief of Staff, Paul McMillin at 5 Jane Ln., Carlisle, PA 17013 or by email at paul.mcmillin@hotmail.com. Electronic submission is preferred.

10.) It is with sincere gratitude that I thank the Brothers who have contributed to making this another successful year for the Pennsylvania Department. I thank you for all of your help. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Commander.

By order of

Richard R. Essenwein
Commander
Pennsylvania Department