

**DEPARTMENT ORDER # 8**  
**March 26, 2012**

- 1. Recently, the Department of New York SUVCW in conjunction with the Greenpoint Monitor Museum and other organizations sponsored a Sesquicentennial observance of the launching of the revolutionary iron warship the U.S.S. Monitor in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, New York. The U.S.S. Monitor designed by New York resident John Ericsson, its component parts primarily fabricated in New York, it being assembled in Brooklyn and initially captained by New Yorker, John Worden, made it a truly New York creation.**
- 2. The Greenpoint Monitor Museum was founded in 1996 and is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 New York chartered museum whose mission is to establish a museum on the shores of Greenpoint, Brooklyn where the U.S.S. Monitor was launched. In December 2003, the Museum received a donation of land adjacent to the former site of the Continental Ironworks where the U.S.S. Monitor as well as other monitors were launched. The museum has worked closely with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which oversees the U.S.S. Monitor Sanctuary and artifacts from the USS Monitor are expected to be given to the museum for display once a building for the museum can be constructed on the site. The museum will tell the story of John Ericsson and the construction and launch of the USS Monitor from the historic sites in Greenpoint. Since that time, the museum has worked tirelessly to accomplish its goal.**
- 3. This site of historical significance is now under threat for use by the municipality for other purposes and the museum has yet to be built.**
- 4. It is incumbent upon us, as descendants of those men who served the Union during the Civil War, to preserve the historic sites related to that conflict and to promote the memory of those men who served in that war. The building of the U.S.S. Monitor was a significant achievement accomplished during that war, and its historic fight with the CSS Virginia in March 1862 not only saved the Union fleet but also was of international significance in naval warfare. The men who served and in some cases lost their lives on the U.S.S. Monitor demonstrated unique courage in serving on this revolutionary "cheese box on a raft."**
- 5. Therefore as Commander of the Department of New York, SUVCW I direct that the Department Legislation Committee encourage our state and national governmental leaders to both preserve this site in Greenpoint and to fund the creation of a Greenpoint Monitor Museum building and to investigate the potential ways to do so. Further, I direct that the Legislation Committee propose a resolution to be adopted by**

**Department encouraging the National Order to adopt a resolution to support the preservation of the site and the funding of the aforesaid Museum.**

- 6. I also, respectfully request that all Brothers contact their legislators and other national, state and local officials and urge them to support and protect this historic site of national importance and to seek funding, either public or private, for the construction of a museum which tells the story of John Ericsson and the construction and launch of the USS Monitor and of the men who served on her on that site. In addition, I urge all Brothers and Camps to support the efforts of the not-for-profit organization known as the Greenpoint Monitor Museum in their efforts to preserve this historic site, and tell the U.S.S. Monitor's story.**

**So Ordered this 26th day of March, 2012**

**Jeffrey Albanese**

**Department Commander, Department of New York  
SUVCW**

**Attest;**

**Michael Bennett**

**Department Secretary**

**Department of New York, SUVCW**