

DEPARTMENT ORDER # 9
December 8, 2012

- 1. General Order # 1, paragraph 16 of the Commander in Chief states as follows: "All Camps are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to their Department Headquarters on time. All Departments are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to National Headquarters on time. It may be necessary to drop members and suspend Camps to complete this obligation. Our Camps and Departments must be firm in their obligations."**
- 2. Over the last several years, this has become a problem within the Department. While the vast majority of our camps comply with the reporting deadlines there are a few that have not, despite numerous reminders and offers of help from our Department Secretary. The Department has been reluctant to suspend camps however, that can no longer be the case. During the last two years, the Department itself has received notice of pending suspension by National due to its inability to file its reports because of a camp or camps failure to file reports.**
- 3. While I have been just as guilty as others in not enforcing the rules I must remind the Department and all camps that the bylaws indicate that failure to file the requisite reports by May 15th results in a camp being deemed not in good standing and requires a Department Commander to so declare. It is not discretionary and cannot be used by the Department as an excuse for failing to file its report to national on time. All camps should keep this in mind from now on.**
- 4. Last year the Department amended its bylaws to require "All proposed alterations, amendments or deletions to the bylaws must be received either in writing or electronically by the Department Secretary and Department Commander no later than 60 days prior to the Encampment and shall thereafter be published on the Department website as soon as practicable but no later than 10 days prior to the Encampment."**
- 5. Currently, the Bylaws state as mentioned above that a failure of a camp to file its required reports by May 15 results in a camp being deemed "not in good standing" and further not to be allowed representation at the ensuing Encampment. Since recent Encampments have been scheduled earlier in May the May 15th provision no longer make sense. In accordance, therewith and pursuant to the Bylaws the Department Commander proposes the following amendment to the Bylaws to be presented to the 130th Encampment of the Department of New York. "That the words "May 15th" be deleted in Section 5, Article XI of the Department Bylaws**

where they appear and that they be replaced with the words "April 30th or the date of the business meeting of the Department Encampment whichever is earlier".

**So Ordered this 8th day of December, 2012
Jeffrey Albanese
Department Commander, Department of New York
SUVCW**

**Attest;
Michael Bennett
Department Secretary
Department of New York, SUVCW**