

**DEPARTMENT ORDER # 7**  
**December 8, 2012**

- 1. Article III, section 5 of the Department Bylaws authorizes the Department Commander to call a midyear meeting. Neither Department business nor expenditure of Department funds may occur at said meeting. The purpose of the meeting is limited to progress reports and a discussion of plans for the betterment of the Order.**
- 2. Attendance at these meetings over the last few years has been in the decline. This may be due in part to the increase in gasoline prices, the time of year they have been held, the fact that no actual business can be held, the distance some have to travel or otherwise. I have wrestled with this issue over the last couple of months and now in part by necessity and in recognition that this year's Encampment is almost a month earlier than normal have decided not to call for a midyear meeting.**
- 3. Nevertheless, it is important that Department business be monitored. In addition, I have heard very little from many Department Officers or committees of their activities, nor from many camps. In addition, the Department Encampment has voted and directed that certain committees perform certain activities and investigations for the betterment of the Department and the Order and those directives should not be ignored. Those committees include The New York SUVCW Sesquicentennial Committee, the Young Members Recruitment Committee, and the Greenpoint/Monitor Museum Committee Encampment Committee. In addition the Department GAR & SUVCW Property and Artifacts Committee which is suppose to develop a policy or policies for the care, protection, transfer of custody, record keeping or potential repository for the care and protection of the quantity of Civil War Veteran artifacts and records which the Department and its respective Camps have acquired over the years. In it addition it is directed that perform a study concerning the advisability of depositing the aforesaid collection in a repository at a university, museum or similar facility within the Department for safekeeping.**
- 4. In order to insure the business of the Department is being furthered it would appear then that reports should be made just as they would be at a Department Midyear meeting.**
- 5. Accordingly, on or before January 31, 2013 all Department Officers Department Committees and Department Special Committees are to file with the Department Commander, with a copy to the Department Secretary a brief report of their activities and/or progress. This includes the Department standing committees such as the Department Encampment Committee, Legislation Committee, etc. The Department**

**Musician, Guide, Guard and Colorbearer are excused from this order. In addition, all Camp Commanders should also file a report by that time.**

- 6. Copies of all reports filed will be made available at the Department Encampment and may be posted on the Department website.**

**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**