

HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
Department Order #1, 2016-2017

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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1. I wish to thank all the brothers who attended the 133rd Department Encampment, Past Department Commander Ray Le May for his leadership during his tenure, and all other elected and appointed officers for our organization's continued success. I hope that I can live up to your expectations and serve the NY Department, SUVCW well.
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. As of the end of the 133rd Encampment, according to our Department Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese, we have a balance of \$10,413.37 in our checking operating account.
4. Appointments of Department Officers and to Department Committees are now posted on the Department website. Many thanks to Webmaster Bob Paul and Dept. Secretary Bob Pugsley for their invaluable assistance!
5. The contract for the 2017 Department Encampment has been finalized. It will be held at the Ramada Inn, 2310 Triphammer Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850 on May 5th and 6th, 2017. Thank you to Past C-in-C and our current Counselor Danny Wheeler and representatives of the Allied Orders for getting the job done.
6. The Mid-Year meeting of Department Officers and Committee members will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2017 at the Ithaca Veterans Firemen's Association, 638 Elmira Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The building will be open for early arrivals at 8:00 a.m.
7. Of all of the goals that we heard discussed at the last encampment, the one that has stuck in my mind since then is the need to enlist new members in our organization. As time passes on, the viability and strength of our or any organization is dependent on expanding its membership base. To that effect, I would like to set what I believe is a realistic goal by the time we meet next May. I would like every brother in our department to bring in ONE new member into their respective camp. If we do this, we can secure the future of the Department of New York.

So ordered on this, the 20th of July, 2016

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Paul F. Ellis-Graham, Commander
Department of New York, SUVCW