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

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TO ALL OFFICERS, CAMP COMMANDERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE DEPT. OF NY:

It is my duty to inform you that Earl Allen, Past Department Commander and Past Camp Commander of Homer Searle Camp #114 passed away yesterday, Sunday, October 23, 2016.

We have lost a great man and a dedicated Son. I had the pleasure of speaking to Earl several weeks ago, expressing our love and support for him. I attempted to send him a card to the hospital he was in but it came back return to sender. I again sent a card from the department to his home. He leaves us with fond memories and a legacy of service and dedication.

As commander of the NY Department, I hereby order that all Camp Charters and badges be appropriately draped for a period of 30 days, according to the National SUVCW By-Laws.

So ordered on this day, October 24, 2016

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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

PS: Once details about the arrangements have been finalized regarding Brother Allen's funeral, we will see to it that they are made available to members of the department. I have to be away in Georgia this week but Danny Wheeler has agreed to keep you informed.