

**HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
Department Order #6, 2016-2017**

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Dear Brothers:

The following items require your immediate attention, consideration, and support. They are:

1. Information regarding the 134th Department Encampment scheduled to take place in Ithaca has been posted on our Department website. Please alert all of your camp members and refer them to the website so that they can register and make their hotel reservations, if needed.
2. As instructed by General Order #13 by National Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin, a NEW Patriotic Instructor's Handbook has been issued and is available on the national website. There is also a NEW Patriotic Instructor's Report Form. These must now be filed by the appropriate deadlines which are: CAMPS BY APRIL 1ST and DEPARTMENTS BY JUNE 1ST.
3. The April edition of the department newsletter, THE VOLUNTEER, is due to be distributed next month so if any camps have items of interest that they would like to share, please send them as soon as possible to Newsletter Editor Donald Zeilman at [dgzeilman@gmail.com](mailto:dgzeilman@gmail.com).

The Department of New York has been very fortunate to have such an excellent newsletter editor for the last seven years. Don Zeilman, a member of the Willard Camp, wishes to step down from his position after the April edition is published. I salute Don and thank him for all the work that he has done on behalf of the Dept. of NY and its camps. If anyone is interested in taking over the position of newsletter editor, please let me know.

4. As we approach the Department Encampment in May, the department issues a number of awards. One of them is given out to the camp with the best newsletter. If you have an online edition of your camp newsletter, please update it so that it can be considered. If you only have a print edition, then please forward a paper copy to both myself and Don Zeilman whose addresses appear below:

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