

HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
Department Order No. 8 Series 2015-2016



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



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The Men from New York who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865.

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By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of New York, I hereby issue this order.

1. On October 20, 2010, Department Order #5 was issued by my Predecessor, PDC Jeffrey Albanese, in regards to the gravesite of Major General George Henry Thomas, located at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, NY pursuant to a resolution adopted at the Department's 127th Encampment. It was noted that General Thomas, a native Virginian, served the Union with great distinction in the American Civil War. On September 19, 1863 at the Battle of Chickamauga, his stubborn defense of Snodgrass Hill saved the Union Army from a rout and earned him the sobriquet "The Rock of Chickamauga." In addition, he was in command of the Union forces that destroyed the Confederate Army of Tennessee at the Battle of Nashville on December 15 & 16, 1864, one of the most decisive victories of the war. It was further noted that: [1] it is important that his gravesite receive appropriate care; [2] That it was possible to adopt his gravesite and [3] that the Department would adopt this gravesite.
  - a. Since then the Col. George L. Willard Camp #154, in whose jurisdiction General Thomas's gravesite is located, has also adopted it and have have formulated a plan and scope of work for the maintenance of the site including a small budget to commence work for restoration.
  - b. The Willard Camp is to be commended in this effort and its actions are in keeping with the intent of Dept. Order #5 and the resolve of the 127th Encampment of the Department of New York. They have accomplished much in restoring the Monument, however still more needs to be done.

c. In order to assist in this effort the Department in furtherance of our resolve of this effort will donate on this date \$50.00 of the Dept. Commander's Discretionary Fund to support this program and Department Brothers are encouraged to assist the Willard Camp in this effort.

This Order is so ordered on this 13th day of August, 2015 in Fraternity Charity, & Loyalty,

Raymond W. LeMay III, PCC  
Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW

Attest:

Robert L. Pugsley, PDC  
Secretary, Department of New York, SUVCW