

HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
Department Order No. 15 Series 2015-2016



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



Honoring the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic &
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,

1. The Sesquicentennial of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) is April 6th, 2016. It was on April 6th, 1866 that the G.A.R. was formed by Benjamin F. Stephenson and membership was limited to honorably discharged veterans of the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps or the Revenue Cutter Service who had served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865.
 - a. To honor the memory and service of the veterans of the G.A.R., I hereby request that each camp in the Department of New York arrange a bell ringing ceremony in their Camp area. Arrangements with a municipal building, church or fire company should be made to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. The bell ringing should be coordinated across New York State at Twelve Noon on Saturday, April 9th and the bell should be rung 15 times in honor of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. The bell ringing should be attended by Camp representatives and, preferably, a color guard.
 - b. Before each Camp's bell ringing ceremony a suitable press release should be made to the local media to announce the brief ceremony to be called "Bells Across New York for the G.A.R." The event should be documented in order to memorialize this Sesquicentennial celebration unique to our Order.
2. Another part of the Sesquicentennial activities will be the registration of GAR and other monuments and memorials by the Camps in the Department. It is hereby ordered that each Camp do the following things to assist our Department in this effort:
 - a. Each Camp is to take the time to locate three GAR monuments in their respective Camp territory and submit the information to the Department using National Form CWM_61. These forms will be forwarded to our National organization for incorporation into the list of registered monuments.

- b. It is requested that along with CWM_61 that the Camp submit photographs of each monument and a brief but detailed description of its history to the Department. Form CWM_61 helps in this task.
- c. The information submitted will be assembled into a book of monuments, self-published by the Department, to honor the members of the GAR during this Sesquicentennial. Each Camp will be recognized for their contribution.
- d. Every camp is to submit their three monuments to the Dept. Civil War Memorials Officer, Bro. David Dziewulski, PCC at dmdeeze@nycap.rr.com or if you do not have access to email you may submit in writing to:

Attn: Dept. Civil War Memorials Officer
David Dziewulski, PCC
40 Euclid Avenue
Troy, NY 12180

This Order is so ordered on this 7th day of November, 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