

DEPARTMENT ORDER # 5
October 20, 2010

- 1. It was reported at the 127th Encampment of the Department of New York SUVCW, that the gravesite of Major General George Henry Thomas, located at the Oakwood Cemetery, Troy New York, is in need of maintenance. 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 smashed and destroyed the Confederate Army of Tennessee at the Battle of Nashville, Tennessee on December 15 and 16, 1864, one of the most decisive victories of the war. Considered one of the top Union generals of the American Civil War it is important that his gravesite receive appropriate care. Investigation has revealed that it is possible to adopt a gravesite as the Oakwood Cemetery without cost, to do maintenance at a gravesite. In accordance with the resolve of the 127th Encampment, it is directed that the Secretary of the Department, Michael Bennett, contact the Oakwood Cemetery and, if permissible and if at no cost to the Department, adopt the gravesite of Major General George Henry Thomas in the name of the Department of New York, SUVCW. In addition, it is directed that upon the adoption of the gravesite that efforts then be undertaken to arrange for workdays for the Brothers of the Department to conduct any necessary maintenance beyond that which is normally provided by the cemetery.**

So Ordered this 22nd day of October, 2010
Jeffrey Albanese
Department Commander, Department of New York
SUVCW

Attest;
Michael Bennett
Department Secretary
Department of New York, SUVCW