

Department Order # 8

- 1. Early in the morning on this date, one hundred and fifty years ago, the guns of Charleston, South Carolina opened up a bombardment upon a solitary fort in Charleston Harbor and with it commenced the bloodiest conflict in American history. The guns of that conflict would not be silent for four long years and when it was over hundreds of thousands of lives would be lost, maimed and uprooted. The State of New York contributed heavily to that conflict in both men and treasure. As members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and descendants of the Union soldiers, sailors, marines and revenue cutter service members who fought in that war and preserved this country, we have a special obligation to promote the observance of the Sesquicentennial of that conflict for the next four years. As members of the Department of New York, a state that contributed so much to the winning of that conflict, we owe an additional obligation to advance New York's role to that cause. Effective immediately and continuing through the end of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War all Camps and members of the Sons within the Department are encouraged to promote within their communities the observance of that conflict and to support, contribute and participate in any and all activities that tend to promote its observance. Further, all Camps and members of the Sons within the Department are encouraged to take advantage of all opportunities to educate the public about the contributions made to the preservation of this great country by the Union soldiers, sailors, marines and revenue cutter service members who fought in that conflict.**

So ordered this 12th day of April, 2011

Jeffrey Albanese

Department Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW

Attest:

Michael Bennett

Department Secretary

Department of New York, SUVCW

