



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

### DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION #3

Honoring the memory of the Grand Army Of the Republic  
and the Men from New York who saved the Union 1861-1865.

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#### **140<sup>th</sup> Department of New York Encampment Cost**

Here's a recap of Communication Notice #2 plus an expanded discussion on the cost.

#### **ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF COST:**

Here are the details as the resort operates differently from hotels. Rooms are double occupancy which means a Brother or Sister that is not married or have a significant other will have to share a room with a fellow Brother with another Brother and the same with the Sisters.

Room rate is a package deal. For staying two nights it will cost \$386 per person. This includes Dinner Friday evening, Breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings and the Banquet.

Staying one night will be \$193 per person and includes evening meal and breakfast. For example, stay Friday night you get dinner Friday evening and Breakfast Saturday morning. Stay Saturday night it includes the Banquet and Breakfast Sunday morning.

Here is the link to Villa Roma to check out: [Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center - Guest Reservations](#)

#### **ADDITIONAL COST INFORMATION:**

1. The rate at Villa Roma Resort is the best deal we could get in the Southeast region. Average room prices in NYS range from \$140 - \$189.
2. The cost of the 3 meeting rooms ranges from \$3,000 - \$5,000 for Friday and Saturday.
3. The Banquet ranges from \$2,000 - \$3,500.

In addition to the cost breakdown mentioned; the cost of the room as mentioned includes breakfast and dinner. It also includes the cost of the 3 meeting rooms.

The cost of the room for a single occupant is reasonable. However, for a married couple or an individual with a significant other the cost will be expensive. After subtracting the meals, it will be roughly an additional \$200 for the couple.

**POSSIBLE RESOLUTION:**

The best we can do is vote at the encampment to reimburse the cost of the meeting rooms for couples only from the budget for the meeting rooms. It won't cover the \$200 but at least we can ease some of the pain.

**FUTURE DISCUSSIONS:**

Hotels and resorts are charging a significantly higher price. As an Allied Order we need to seriously look at options down the road to help reduce the cost to our Brothers and Sisters. Our organization along with the Daughters and Auxiliary in the coming days are working together to come up with options to this goal. We will be sharing this in a joint proposed resolution for each to vote on at May's Encampment.

We must change the way we do business if we're going to keep costs down or charge our members a higher price. Tough decisions will have to be made at our next encampment. Encourage everyone to provide input to me and the Department Officers so we can look at everything on the table.

Some of the things we're looking at are eliminating the Campfire and possibly the Banquet. Possibly hold our meetings in a different location from the hotel to reduce high costs. There are many more options; but we want you all to be prepared.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

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