



**Department of Rhode Island
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Desk of the Commander**



Department Order 1

2020-2021 Series

11 May 2020

Brothers,

It is my Honor that you found me worthy to serve as the Commander of the Department of Rhode Island for the 2020-2021 term. I would like to take this time to thank Br. Scott Reese, PDC for his leadership and commitment to duty this past year. At this time, I am officially moving the Headquarters of the Department of Rhode Island SUVCW to 75 Rotary Drive, West Warwick Rhode Island 02893. I would also like to call attention to the results of this years Elections of Officers as well as Appointed Officers:

Elected Officers:

Commander: Ben Frail, PDC

Sr. Vice Commander: Joe Hall, PDC

Jr. Vice Commander: Alan Head

Secretary: Leo Kennedy, PCinC

Treasurer: Steve Hackett, PDC

Council 1: Scott Reese, PDC

Council 2: Bruce Frail, PDC

Council 3: Jack Conor, PCC

Appointed Officers:

Chief of Staff: Joe Faiola, PCC

Counselor: Leo Kennedy, PCinC

Chaplain: Ian Morrow

Patriotic Instructor: Mark Brelsford

Graves Registration Officer: Alex Metz

Archivist, GAR Records Officer: Bruce Frail, PDC

Monuments and Memorials Officer: David Hanos

Camp Organizer: Mike Stewart, PCC

GAR Highway Officer: Alan Head

Eagle Scout Coordinator: Alex Seubert

Signals Officer: Jamie McGuire, PDC

Color Bearer: Mike Lanigan, PCC

Guard: Ken Pike, PCC

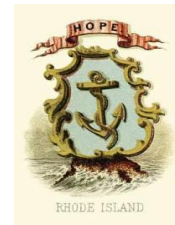
Guide: Marc Colon

Assistant Treasurer: James "Lauire" Woodruff

Assistant Camp Organizer: Alan Head



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Also, I am looking for an Assistant Signals Officer-Social Media to take over the role I held for the past few years. Your job would be to assist Br. McGuire with running the Departments Facebook and Instagram accounts. If you think yourself or another Brother you know maybe a good fit, please reach out to me directly so we can discuss.

Given that we were on a Zoom meeting, I didn't want to make a lengthy speech, but I do want to lay out a few points that I want to focus on this year:

- Cross Camp Interaction
 - This has been good in years past with Camps supporting each other's Memorial Day Projects and Fundraisers, but I would like to see that grow to other projects as well
- Expansion
 - This one is pretty simple; I want to expand the Departments footprint in the State. At this moment we have 100 Brothers in the Department of Rhode Island, I would love to see that number grow and the only way to do that is to make sure that the public knows we exist.
- New Breed
 - As many of you can see from my appointed offices, there are some familiar names, but there are some also some new names listed on there, and this was by design. For too long we have depended on the same few Brothers to handle the Department affairs. This leads to Brothers being burnt out and taking a step back or leaving the order all together. By getting new blood into these positions, my hope is not only to stop burning out the Brothers who have been providing for the Department for the past few years, but to also get some new ideas on how to better the Department.

To help with these objectives, I will be reaching out to a number of Brothers to serve on several committees to address these points and will have follow up Department Orders establishing these committees or announcing appointments to committees needed as stated by the Department By Laws. I hope we can continue the great work this Department has done of the past few years and hope that this infusion of new ideas can help us in preserving the memory of the Boys in Blue.

In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,

Br. Ben Frail, PDC
Department Commander.

Attested by Br. Leo Kennedy, PCinC

Department Secretary



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