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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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“FINISH THE WORK”

Department Order #7
Series 2019-2020
March 17, 2020

136th Department Encampment

Given the state of the emergency due to the present “coronavirus” outbreak, and because of the potential for rapid changes to existing public health recommendations (requirements), I order our Encampment postponed to 25 April 2020, at the Benefit Street Arsenal, Providence.

This is based on the plethora of information accruing on a daily basis and affecting the general assembly of persons in the state of Rhode Island. This trajectory is expected to last. The Governor's Executive Order *20-04 dated 16 March 2020* limits assemblies in public spots to 25 or less persons, among other precautions. The original Executive Order has been modified three times since March 9. Current CDC Coronavirus Guidelines issued 16 March 2020 now limit gatherings of people to 10 persons - BUT - this has not taken effect in RI yet (as of now). These are expected to be in effect for 15 day periods, with updates to follow. The Mayor of Providence has also limited public gatherings to 25 persons. The term "social distancing" is now the new norm.

CINC Ed Norris has released General Order #15 and General Order #17. These Orders pertain to Encampments and are in effect through June 30, 2020. A suggested alternative to an actual meeting is through remote conferencing.

It appears obvious to me that we will not be able to effectively conduct the Encampment on 4 April. Therefore, this scheduled change must be made to be compliant with the timelines specified in GO #15 and GO #17. This change will give us time to evaluate and consider the remote conferencing option if it appears that meeting restrictions will still be in effect through April 25, 2020. Per our Bylaws we are required to hold our Encampment in April.

In summary, we will hold a physical meeting if the restriction on meeting size at that time is not less than 25. With respect to some members, those in the high risk categories may choose to not attend.

Ordered this 17th day of March, 2020

SCOTT A. REESE, PCC
COMMANDER

Attest,

BENJAMIN J. FRAIL, PDC
SECRETARY