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**1. WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM**

- a. This program is fully described on its web site << <http://wreathscrossamerica.org/> >>. As SVC, I wrote an article about it in an issue of The DISPATCH, but recently learned that its popularity has increased significantly. In fact, a "Wreaths Across America Day" has been established for the second Sunday in December commencing this year (on the 11th).
- b. Because of this nationwide event, I strongly encourage Camps to take advantage of the opportunity to again honor our "Boys in Blue" by placing a wreath on each Veteran's grave, if the Camp can afford it. If not, than a single wreath at the cemetery for all veterans will suffice. Each wreath costs \$15 and requires a sponsor, usually a cemetery Sexton, to receive it from the shipping company, so an agreement must be reached by the Camp and the Sexton. A Camp member then must promptly retrieve the wreath from the Sexton when notified of its arrival. Check online to see if there is another group(s) in your area already also participating and possibly have your wreath delivered with theirs. **Orders are placed early** with the Wreaths Across America company, hence this December action in July.
- c. This event is also an opportunity to share devotion to our veterans with the ladies' groups (Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.) I encourage Camp Commanders to extend an invitation to any/all of these local groups and enjoy additional camaraderie.

**4. COMMITTEE ON RECORD PRESERVATION**

The Department has accumulated numerous records since its inception. Most records, except for certain financial records, probably could be destroyed without endangering the Department's integrity. Accordingly, I appoint PDC "Buck" Custer and former Dept. Sec/Treas. Msgr. William R. Cavins, CC, to join with me on this ad hoc Committee to review those records and determine records retention or destruction.

So ordered this 1st Day of July 2010

Robert V. (Bob) Chandler, PCC, Commander  
Department Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest

Donald E. Burris, Sr., Secretary / Treasurer

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