



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS  
OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865**

**DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**

**OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER**



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1. You elected me to the office of Commander, and together we will strive to achieve our mission with Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.
2. On behalf of all of us, I thank Camp 7 for hosting an excellent 2012 Department Encampment in Pembroke Pines.
3. We meet separately from the Allied Orders, and this is a good opportunity to remember that we share a common mission with our Sisters. I welcome communications with the Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW: both Tent 10 and the newly formed Tent 11), Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR), and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW).
4. My focus this year will be for the Department to be recognized by government, academia and the general public in Florida as the leading source of information pertaining to history (including genealogy) and preservation initiatives associated with the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who fought to preserve the Union, to paraphrase our SUVCW Commander in Chief. The recent restoration and rededication of Concord Cemetery is already leading to a follow-on, larger project that will advance this focus in Casselberry, and recent activities in all Camps are doing the same. The Department Encampment address by Barbara Gannon, author of "The Won Cause" and University of Central Florida faculty member also advanced our mission.
5. The Civil War sesquicentennial continues, building on observances at Fort Pickens and New Smyrna (Beach). The Tampa area will be the 2013 site, and Olustee the 2014 site. The Sesquicentennial Special Committee is extended for these. The Monument Commission is independent and continues in force, with Brother Monroe continuing as President. I encourage all Brothers to support both.
6. I extend thanks on behalf of Department Brothers to Department Officers serving June 2011 to June 2012.
7. The mailing address for correspondence to Commander, Department of Florida should be directed to Department Commander James Ward, Post Office Box 541273, Merritt Island, Florida 32954-1273. Correspondence may also be emailed to [cdr.dof.suvcw@gmail.com](mailto:cdr.dof.suvcw@gmail.com). The telephone

number is (321)453-7930 (home). This is also where Department Legislative Committee correspondence should be directed.

8. Correspondence to Secretary, Department of Florida, should be directed to Department Secretary Lloyd Monroe, 23646 Gracewood Circle, Land O'Lakes, Florida 34639-4952. Correspondence may also be emailed to [suvcw.fl@gmail.com](mailto:suvcw.fl@gmail.com). The telephone number is (813) 787-0169 (cell), and (813) 333-7270 (fax).
9. Correspondence regarding the finances of the Department should be sent to Department Treasurer C. "Buck" Custer, 6043 Lake Pointe Drive, #305, Orlando, Florida 32822. Correspondence may also be emailed to [buccus@aol.com](mailto:buccus@aol.com). The telephone number is (407) 382-3937.
10. Correspondence regarding prospective members, applications for membership, and member retention should be sent to Department Junior Vice Commander William Slavin, 3000 South Ocean Drive, Unit 816, Hollywood, Florida 33019. Correspondence may also be emailed to [William.slavin@gmail.com](mailto:William.slavin@gmail.com). The telephone number is (954) 294-0848. Each Camp processes applications for membership to that Camp. For regular (hereditary) members, this includes ensuring accurate documentation of qualifying service, and relations between generations. This is also where Department Membership Committee Correspondence should be sent.
11. Correspondence regarding Eagle Scout Certificates should be directed to Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator John Vaughn, III, 854 Hibiscus Street, Boca Raton, Florida 33486-3540; Correspondence may also be emailed to [SUVYankee1@aol.com](mailto:SUVYankee1@aol.com). The telephone number is (561)395-8844. Related items may be requisitioned from Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, 6519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill, Missouri 63016-2527, [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com), (636) 274-4567.
12. Correspondence for SUVCW Reserve Officer Training Corps Awards should be directed to Department ROTC Award Coordinator Richard Shaffer, 6721 Azalea Drive, Miramar, Florida 33023. Correspondence may also be emailed to [vinnfiz2@aol.com](mailto:vinnfiz2@aol.com). The telephone number is (954) 683-5241. Related items may be requisitioned from National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC, 5 Benny Lane, Ithaca, New York 14850, [QM@suvcw.org](mailto:QM@suvcw.org), (607) 272-7314.
13. Information related to educational and training programs should be sent to Department Patriotic Instructor Hardesty, 3106 Indigo Place, Seffner, Florida 33584. Correspondence may also be emailed to [rhardest@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rhardest@tampabay.rr.com) The telephone number is (813) 654-7032.
14. All Camps are encouraged to submit articles for the "Dispatch" newsletter. Articles should be sent to "Dispatch" Co-Editors John Vaughn (see address above) and Paul Pardee, (352) 428-8715; [papardee@gmail.com](mailto:papardee@gmail.com).
15. Please endeavor to keep Camp websites current. This is especially important for the schedule of meetings and activities, and for outreach to prospective members. Correspondence regarding the Camp website should be sent to Department Signals Officer Paul Pardee.
16. Brothers in need should be reported to Department Chaplain David Acheson, 1342 Castle Pines Circle, Saint Augustine, Florida 32092. Reports may also be emailed to [nacheson1@att.net](mailto:nacheson1@att.net). The

telephone number is (904) 940-3330. The death of a Brother should also promptly be reported to Department Chaplain Acheson.

17. All Department Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the December Mid-year Meeting and a second to support the 2013 Department Encampment. All Camp Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their respective Camps on the same schedule. Agenda items are invited 30 days prior to each Camp meeting. For your information, your Department is tasked with filing such reports for the November and Spring National Council of Administration meetings, as well as for the August National Encampment. If you keep your Department Secretary and Department Commander informed, we can help all Brothers be informed of your Camp's good works.
18. Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Department of Florida. I hope to see each Brother at a Camp meeting, at operations the Camp conducts or participates in, and at the June 15, 2013 Department Encampment.

Ordered this 1st day of July 2012:

James Ward  
Commander

Attest:

Lloyd Monroe  
Secretary