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MEMORANDUM TO ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
AND DELEGATES TO THE 2025 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

***Subject: Encouraging Participation and Completion of Memorial University by Elected
Department Officers and Delegates to the 2025 National Encampment***

Most of you are familiar with the SUVCW Memorial University. It is a part of the Order's Education and Training Program. The National website explains that it is designed to prepare us to be a "better leader and help shape [us] . . . into an inspiring role model for our organization." Successful completion of the online course is designed to enrich every Brother's ability to be a successful leader. Therefore, although participation is not mandatory, I ***strongly encourage*** each elected Department officer and each Delegate to the 144th National Encampment to challenge themselves by participating in and completing the online Memorial University course offered by the SUVCW. Doing so and being recognized at a National Encampment by the Commander-in-Chief will demonstrate our Department's leadership in and commitment to the Order as we honor our Union ancestors.

If each of us completes the course by 25 July 2025 our "Official Graduation Certificate" can be presented to us by the Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment. This will be coordinated by the National Patriotic Instructor Brother Tad D. Campbell, PCinC (our very own Department Webmaster/Signals Officer).

Instructions for Memorial University Online:

- 1) View the SUVCW Memorial University website at <https://www.suvcwmu.org>.
- 2) After reading the initial page, place your pointer over “Course Catalog” and then click on “S.U.V.C.W. Studies” from the dropdown menu (<https://www.suvcwmu.org/suvcw-studies>).
- 3) Next click on “Charter, Constitution & Regulations Course” (<https://www.suvcwmu.org/consitution-regulations>).
- 4) You should now find yourself on the webpage with instructions on how to begin the course, along with links to the twelve lessons and reference material, listed at the bottom of the page.

More details can be found on the Memorial University website. If you have questions, you can also contact National Patriotic Instructor Brother Tad D. Campbell (PCinC) at patrioticinstructor@suvcw.org.



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