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TO: All Department and Camps Officers and Members

SUBJECT: Thank you and Newsletter (2026 WLE-01)

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for entrusting me with the position of Department Commander at this year's encampment. It is truly an honor to serve as the 114th Commander of our Department. I am humbled and blessed to serve in this position as **WE** work to honor the “Boys in Blue.”

A few housekeeping issues;

NEWSLETTER: We are **IMMEDIATELY** putting together a **NEW** newsletter in a new format. I have appointed Jimmie Bodenhamer PCC of Camp 31 as Newsletter Editor. Jimmie brings experience as a SAR newsletter editor and I have set up a support team to help him accomplish his task. Here are my visions for **OUR** new newsletter.

- Please make it **FUN, EXCITING, INTERESTING and NON-INDUSTRIAL** I would like to use it as a recruitment tool for our camps. I envision people **WANTING** to join our order if they see the things we do. Let's face it, we do incredible things to honor the “Boys in Blue”. This is our chance to showcase our events and accomplishments. We have the infrastructure in place to make this a success. After five years of no newsletter, we need to step up and make this a priority.
- I will have a team that reviews your submissions. We are planning on doing quarterly newsletters. I am respectfully requesting **TWO ARTICLES** a year from each camp. Once our team reviews the submissions, we will choose the **BEST** article and place it on the **COVER PAGE**.
- Any Officer or Member may submit material. Please let us know in your submission which camp you represent.
- We will have historical information related to the ACW as it occurred in our states. We had **SO** much happen here! Let's tell the world!
- Please give us new material or allow us to share important information or pictures from your newsletter.

Let's have **FUN** with this newsletter. Tell the world what a great job your department, camp, and members are doing. Share with your brothers and the public.

PLEASE SEND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS BY March 27, 2026 at 5PM to editor@suvpac.org

DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS:

I have asked our Department Webmaster Tad Campbell to have a spot on our website for my communications (such as the one you are reading) in addition to our General Orders. I have also asked that he share this information on Social Media. I will be sending emails through our Department Email addresses. Please check your spam regularly as our emails sometimes go there. Some of your emails have blocking programs. We need to communicate, please let me know how I can assist.

I am **YOUR** commander and this is **OUR** department. I work for and represent **YOU**. Please let me know if you need my assistance.

In the last year, I participated in eight separate camp(s) meetings, mostly in person, but a few by Zoom. This does not include Camp 21 or 31 regular meetings that I attended as a member of those camps. I presided over two officer installations, and attended multiple events. If you have something you want me to participate in, please give me as much notice as possible. My dance card fills up quickly with other events. I plan on doing **A LOT** of officer installations, but give me dates ASAP so I can squeeze you in. I know some camps due dual meetings/installations, that is a great idea. It allows me to get to more camps. I am on standby for Camp 25's Cavalryman burial and my Memorial Day will be in Southern California. I am also committed to the 4th of July event at the Fort Moore event in Los Angeles. I will post a schedule of what events I am attending. I want to see as many of you as possible during the year to support your events.

Again, thank you for this honor. I consider each of you a Brother. We may not always agree, but you are still my Brother. God Bless each of you, your families, and camps.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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