

# SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

## COMMANDER DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

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Brothers of the Department of Indiana,

1. I am truly honored and humbled to have been elected to a second one-year term to the office of Department Commander. I would like to personally thank Alan Teller for his many years of service to the Department of Indiana. Brother Teller chose not to run for another term as Department Secretary. Brother Teller has served as Department Secretary for 16 straight years and three of those years he was the combined Secretary/Treasurer. I wish Brother Teller well as he certainly deserves a break from the hard work of the Department Secretary. I would also like to thank all of the members, both elected and appointed, who have chosen to serve in the many departmental offices for another year. The work of the department and the order would not be successfully preformed without your most able and generous service.

2. It was my great privilege to present the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker award to Vickie Day, a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Rebecca Otis Tent #54, Department of Indiana, on June 1, 2019, in Kokomo, IN. Sister Day has worked tirelessly in support of veterans and homeless veterans in the state of Indiana for many years. In addition, this June will mark her 50th year as a member of the DUVCW. Please join me in congratulating Sister Vickie Day for a job well done!!

3. I encourage all brothers to always *Keep Green in Our Memories the Boys in Blue* by participating in activities such as grave stone and monument rededication ceremonies, grave stone and memorial cleanings, and educational events at schools and living histories/reenactments. These activities are not only core to what we as an order are about, but are effective in drawing in new members through our good works and as a bonus these events also tend to draw media coverage which is critical in getting the word out about our organization.

4. All camps of the Department of Indiana should have filled Graves Registration, Eagle Scout/ROTC coordinators, and Patriotic Instructor offices. These are important camp positions that enable us to carry out the mission of the SUVCW. Patriotic instruction should be provided to members at all camp meetings. In addition, all camps should be filling out the Patriotic Instructions forms 40 and 41 in detail, including any and all costs of materials like office supplies, cleaning supplies for grave stones and memorials, recruiting and education brochures, flags, etc. These reports provide essential information used by the National Treasurer in reporting our charitable activities to the Internal Revenue Service in support of our 501(c)(3) tax exemption approval. **Please note that there were several camps in the department that did not turn in their camp's annual patriotic report to the Department Patriotic Instructor this year.**

5. The 26th Indiana Vicksburg Monument: The 26th Indiana monument is still currently located off of the Vicksburg National Military Park property. It appears we are still no closer to a resolution than we were two years ago. I remain hopeful that we will get this monument moved back to park property soon. All correspondence concerning this project



should be directed through the 26th Indiana Monument Committee of William Adams (PDC), Bruce Kolb (PDC), or Mike Beck (PDC).

6. After much consideration and feedback from members of the Department of Indiana, I will recommend to keep the date of the department's annual encampment on the first Saturday in June. I was very encouraged by the attendance at this year's annual encampment that took place on June 1, 2019. There were 19 members who attended, thank you. I will also recommend that the department continue to hold its midwinter encampment on the last Saturday in January. There are now very few departments in the entire SUVCW that have two departmental encampments (with a regular business meeting and voting privileges) per year.

7. Brothers, we are still in need of two new camps in the Department of Indiana. One to be located in west central Indiana and in one in south/southeast Indiana. The Terre Haute area would be a logical choice geographically for west central Indiana and maybe Jeffersonville, Madison, or Lawrenceburg for the south/southeast area of Indiana. Any members who live in these areas and would like to start a new camp, please contact the department as we would be most willing to assist in any way possible in getting new camps chartered in these areas.

8. I highly recommend that all members of the department plan on attending our 2019 National Encampment, to take place in Independence, Ohio (Cleveland Metro Area), on August 8-11, 2019. It is a relatively close trip by car for most of our members here in Indiana. See the 2019 National Encampment Website for more details:  
<http://2019nationalencampment.org/>

9. I strongly encourage all members to submit articles and pictures to the *Banner* and the *Indiana Legion*. If your camp participated in a ceremony or activity, please submit these to the editor. I have heard members complain that there is nothing from the Department of Indiana in the *Banner*. If you do not submit anything, that is what you will see.

10. This is YOUR Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and I value your comments, suggestions, and concerns. The headquarters for the Department Commander will be located at 1135 N. Leland Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219. All correspondence may be mailed to this address. I can also be reached at the following e-mail address [timbeckman@gmail.com](mailto:timbeckman@gmail.com) or at the following phone number: 317-410-1299.

Ordered this 15th Day of June, 2019

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