

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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## 2020 Annual Encampment to be Held Virtually

Brothers of the Department of Indiana,

Due to the COVID-19 virus, I have decided to hold our upcoming 134th Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, scheduled for June 6, 2020, virtually. General Orders, Series 2019-2020, 17 and 22 allow the use of remote audio, video, or both conferencing until August 15th, 2020. While it would appear that we COULD, under the current public health guidelines, meet in person, on June 6th, the question then becomes SHOULD we meet in person. With consultation with others in the department, I have decided to not risk the health of our members, many of which are in the at-risk age group. To that end, we will hold our Annual Encampment, virtually, using Zoom. The Zoom platform has been used by other Departments and Camps throughout the order with positive results. I have also decided to cut back the number of agenda items and to only include items we have to address, according to our by-laws, which include elections of officers for the 2020-2021 term, the election of delegates to the National Encampment, and a few other related items. All other old agenda items will be addressed at the next scheduled Department Encampment. There will also be no reading of officer's reports. All reports should still be submitted to the Department Secretary, electronically, via email attachment, for the department's records, at the following address: adamswr949@gmail.com

The Zoom Annual Encampment will officially start at 9:30 AM EDT. I would encourage everyone to start logging in earlier, starting at 9:00AM EDT. After logging in, you will be in a virtual waiting room until you are moved into the live meeting room. Music will begin playing, in the live room, at 9:05AM EDT and will run until 9:30AM EDT.

Please see the Zoom meeting details on page 2 of this order. To login using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, you must have at least a microphone to be able to talk and a microphone plus a camera for a better user experience. You can login without either of these, but you will not be able to fully interact during the Encampment. To log into the meeting use the web address listed under "Join Zoom Meeting." You can login using any web browser, but if this is your first time using Zoom, you will be asked to download and install a piece of software that Zoom needs to work properly. If you decide to use a smart phone be sure you have downloaded the Zoom app prior to accessing the Zoom meeting. You should try and experiment with it beforehand if this will be your first time using Zoom. You may login anytime before the actual meeting date, and you will be told that the meeting has not started. You do not need a personal Zoom account to be able to participate, but if you do have a personal Zoom account, you may certainly use your login.

A telephone only option is available for those who chose to use this. A list of six telephone numbers are furnished for you to dial into the meeting, listed under the "Dial by your location." You may use any one of those six numbers that you like.

Regardless of the option you chose, please keep the Meeting ID and the Password handy as you will need them to access the Zoom Annual Encampment meeting.

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Zoom Meeting Details:

Dept. of Indiana SUVCW is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 134th Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana - SUVCW Time: Jun 6, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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If you have any questions, please let me know and I will try to assist you as best as I can. I can be reached at the following e-mail address <u>timbeckman@gmail.com</u>

Ordered this 15th Day of May, 2020

Timothy J. Beckman

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Commander - Department of Indiana Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Attested: William R. Adams Secretary - Department of Indiana Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War