



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR Department of Massachusetts



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Department Commander

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FIRST DEPARTMENT CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

1. 2011 marks the beginning of the Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) of the American Civil War, which began April 12th, 1861, with the firing on Federal forces at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, by the Confederate States of America, and was followed by four years of horrific war with more than 10,000 battles, big and small, resulting in excess of 1.1 million casualties, including 620,000 deaths, - more than all other American wars combined.
2. As it is our sworn duty to keep green the memory of Union Soldiers and Sailors who sacrificed, fought and died in order to preserve our country and end the scourge of slavery, this auspicious anniversary offers our Order a unique opportunity to bring the deeds and legacy of Union Soldiers and Sailors to the attention of the American public through large commemorative events and memorial services in cooperation with other government, Veterans and historical groups.
3. Therefore, the Department of Massachusetts, in cooperation with the American Legion, Abraham Lincoln Post 11 G.A.R. Memorial Hall Association, Charlestown Historical Society and the National Parks Service will be sponsoring a Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration on Sunday, April 10th, 2011 at the Charlestown Navy Yard National Historic Park in Charlestown Massachusetts.
4. The sponsors have reached out to the Civil War Community for speakers, performers and Reenactors, and have received a great response from the Round Tables of Massachusetts, Civil War Era Musicians, Naval Reenactors, Zouave and Infantry Reenactors, who are enthusiastically willing to participate in the event.
5. The tentative schedule for the event on Sunday, April 10th, 2011, will be as follows:
 - 10 AM – 3 PM** - Living history encampment by the New England Brigade of Civil War Reenactors
 - 10:00 AM** – Precision bayonet drill demonstration by the Salem Zouaves, Civil War Era Reenactors
 - 10:30 AM** – Presentation: “Another Look at the Emancipation Proclamation” by Col. DeLane Anderson, USMC, Ret., Attorney at Law
 - 11:00 AM** – Musical Presentation: “Navy Musicology of the Civil War Era” by Robert E. Kilham, Jr. and the Amoskeag Players, Civil War Era Musicians

11:30 AM – Presentation: “The Rescue of Old Ironsides” by Paul Kenworthy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

12:00 Noon – Precision bayonet drill demonstration by the Salem Zouaves, Civil War Era Reenactors

12:30 PM – Presentation: “Naval History of the Civil War” by Charles Viet of the U.S. Naval Landing Party, Civil War Naval Reenactors

1:00 PM – Presentation: “Charlestown in the Civil War” by Ed Callahan of the Charlestown Historical Society

1:30 PM – Presentation: “History of the Charlestown Navy Yard” by William Casey of the National Parks Service

2:00 PM – Musical Presentation: Concert by the Providence Brigade Band

3:00 PM - Civil War Remembrance Program with representatives of the American Legion, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Memorial Hall Association, U.S. Parks Service, Charlestown Historical Association, USS Constitution, Massachusetts National Guard, Charlestown High School Junior ROTC Commonwealth of Massachusetts, City of Boston, and others

4:00 PM - Memorial Ceremony and Wreath-laying Ceremony. At the conclusion of the program, participants will march to the Training Field for a “G.A.R.-style” memorial ceremony by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and wreath-laying at the Charlestown Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

4:30 PM - Collation for participants at Bunker Hill American Legion Hall

6. As the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be responsible for conducting the Memorial Service at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, I am asking all Brothers with Civil War uniforms to participate in the ceremony, if you are able. We need a color guard, firing squad, and non-firing soldiers in uniform. Please make every effort to attend.
7. As the U.S. Parks Department does not allow ammunition of any kind within the park, Brothers volunteering for the firing party will store their powder at the American Legion Hall, near the Training Field, where we will retrieve it before the ceremony there.
8. There will be limited parking at the Navy Yard for those participating in the day’s events. I will need the name of at least one person in each car, in advance, in order to submit them to the Parks Service. There is also public parking for the general public in several places in and near the Navy Yard.
9. Along with Brothers who are participating in the event, I hope that all Member’s family and friends will join us for a great day of Civil War events, with “Old Ironsides” and the USS Caisson Young as a back drop, I am sure you will be informed, amused and entertained. I look forward to seeing you in Charlestown.

By Order of,



Kevin P. Tucker
Department Commander

Attest:

Daniel Murray
Department Secretary