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**134<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**  
**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**  
**August 20 – 23, 2015**

1. I want to encourage as many brothers as possible to attend the 134<sup>th</sup> National Encampment this year. The fighting in the Civil War came to an end one hundred and fifty years ago, and the Richmond area is an extremely rich environment for Civil War history. This is an opportunity to get an in-person tour of some of the battlefields and museums in the area.
2. The Department Commander and all holding the honor of Past Department Commander have automatic voting rights at the National Encampment. Additionally, delegates and alternate delegates were elected at the Nineteenth Annual Department Encampment on January 10, 2015. All brothers of the department who are not automatically a voting member of, or delegate to, the National Encampment were elected at the Department Encampment as alternate delegates. Kansas is authorized a total of six voting delegates, and, at this time, there are voting delegate spots available.
3. If you are an elected delegate, I hope you will make every effort to attend. Those who are alternates may vote on the floor of the Encampment in the absence of one of those elected.
4. The Chair of our Kansas delegation will have authority to grant voting rights to alternates at any Encampment session to assure that the total number of Kansas votes will be present.
5. Contact your camp officers for additional information about the 134<sup>th</sup> National Encampment. Also, see the latest issue of the Banner or visit the National Website at [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org).

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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Department Commander

ATTEST:

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