

Announcement No. 1

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Brothers,

As we start my term as Department Commander, I am proud to say we are about to embark on two new efforts to improve communications within the department and between the camps.

The first will be part of our web page - a department calendar. I hope all the camps will contribute to this so that all of us can be aware of meetings, special events and ceremonies. I hope to use it to plan my visits to camps. This will also, hopefully, allow us to avoid scheduling conflicts! Please provide our webmaster Brother John Moscoe (harleynuke@cox.net) with your camp schedules so we all can be informed.

The second effort will be the much-discussed Department Newsletter. Again, Brother John Moscoe is leading the way on this. Send him any news items from your camp, photos from camp events and other pertinent information. John has done a great job with The Harp, the newsletter of the Brady Camp, so I am quite sure this will be another outstanding publication. We are still working on distribution of the newsletter - it will be emailed to start, but regular mail distribution is in the budget. Please, you know what type of items make these newsletters interesting, so send it in and we can have as good a newsletter as any Department!

And lastly, take time to look at the Department web site (<http://www.suvcw-md.org>). Check your camp's information and make sure it is correct and up-to-date. And look at the news/newsletter link. If your camp is mentioned in the local press, send that link to the webmaster so we can get it on the page. Remember, it is publicity like this that gets us new members - the lifeblood of our organization.

Yours in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

Steve Hammond
Department Commander