

Announcement No. 6

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Brothers,

In accordance with the instructions of the National Order, each camp is to attempt to locate any existing GAR Post records in its area. The Department of Maryland covers four states and the District of Columbia, which by SUVCW records contained 252 GAR Posts. This is quite a task but I ask that the camps start working on this. Each camp should have a GAR records officer at this point.

As part of that process, I have done some initial breakdowns. Delaware and the District are the simplest of the jobs. I have been told that all Delaware records are at the Delaware Historical Society in Wilmington. I ask the Appomattox Camp #2 attempt to identify those records. In the District of Columbia, I ask that Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 commence researching the whereabouts of those records.

Maryland presents a different challenge. With three camps in the state, I ask that each camp take responsibility for finding records of posts in specific counties. Garfield Camp #1 will search for the records of camps in Baltimore City and County, Cecil and Harford Counties (a total of 31 Posts). Antietam Camp #3 will cover Allegheny, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett and Washington Counties (24 Posts). Meade Camp #5 will have the remaining counties (27 Posts). I have attached copies of the list of known GAR Posts in each jurisdiction with this announcement.

Virginia and West Virginia present other issues - Virginia had 28 Posts and West Virginia had 108! I will leave this issue to subsequent Department Commanders and Department GAR Records Officers to work out.

I ask that we merely start checking local historic and heritage societies to begin this lengthy, but important task.

Yours in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

Steve Hammond
Department Commander