



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 8
SERIES 2016-2017
Department of Illinois
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

August 15, 2016

135th National Encampment Closes

Brothers,

The 135th National Encampment has now been completed. The flags are retired, the brothers have returned to their homes, and the Department of Illinois has been successful. I cannot tell you how many times I was riding the elevator or walking in the hotel or street and was confronted about this encampment. I heard items such as “this was 100 times better than the last one.” And “you guys did a great job with everything” and “I have truly enjoyed this encampment.” Even Past Commanders-in-Chief made several comments on how they appreciated the efforts of our department.

I would like to commend the efforts of the department committee and Chairman Bill Johnson for the work that has been put into this project. I assure you that it was noticed by all. I could not be prouder of the Department of Illinois and all that attended this encampment. I told my wife what an honor it was standing at the podium addressing the encampment and telling them how proud of the Department of Illinois I was. Thank you for allowing me to do that.

As you may recall my previous General Order #07 “By hosting this event it will prove to national and other departments that the Department of Illinois knows how to set the bar high for memorable encampments for years to come.” This, my brothers, was done just as we had hoped.

I am requesting that each Illinois brother step back and in your heart feel a sense of pride of making the 135th National Allied Orders Encampment in Springfield Illinois August 10th thru the 14th a major SUCCESS.

Thank you.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 15th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

/s/ Paul T. Zeien Jr
Department Commander

ATTEST: By: /s/ Steve Aarli
Department Secretary