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Newsletter of Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, London, UK, Department at Large.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY - 20th October 2018

Both the Commander in Chief of the SUVCW and the National Chief of Staff will be attending our Remembrance Day programme.

This is a great honour for us. Please do make every effort to attend.

11am - Ritual Meeting - Chelsea Old Church Hall, 64 Petyt Hall, Cheyne Walk, London, SW3 5LT

2 pm - Remembrance Service - Chelsea Old Church, Old Church Street, London, SW3 5DQ

NOTE: Officers should report for rehearsal at 10am.

The Camp Officer nominations form contains a section for you to register your attendance. Alternatively, please email commander@suvcw.co.uk ASAP.

CAMP OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Please remember that nominations are required for the Elected Camp Officer Roles for the next Command Year.

For your information the current Officers are listed on page 3 of this Newsletter. Please make your nominations using Google Forms; you should already have received an email with instructions concerning this. Please advise if you require a Form.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING SURVEY

A survey of a sample of departments within our Order was recently completed; 310+ members, 5% of our membership, participated. What the participants felt strongly about are the same subjects that we hear being discussed in our Camps and Departments all around the SUVCW. Please click on the following URL to view the PDF containing the results:

<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-Survey-Results-for-Strategic-Development-Planning.pdf>

2018 MEMORIAL DAY

The United States Memorial Day, National Day of Remembrance is observed each year in the last week in May.

“Time will not dim the glory of their deeds” - General John J. Pershing

Recognition of Memorial Day is a prime directive for all camps in the Sons of the Union Civil War Veterans, directly from our national organisation. This year we participated in two Memorial Day Ceremonies:

On Sunday 27 May 2018 our Senior-Vice Commander attended the Ceremony and laid a wreath on behalf of our Camp at Brookwood American Military Cemetery & Memorial, near Woking, Surrey. Open to the public, the ceremony was well attended and included keynote remarks from His Excellency Robert Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Vice Admiral Lisa Franchetti, Commander U.S. 6th Fleet.



On Monday 28 May our Memorial Day ceremony took place at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial, Parliament Square, Westminster. During the short service, Tributes and a wreath were laid at the foot of the memorial. Thanks are due to all Camp members and guests who were able to attend, with special thanks to Lieutenant General Andrew Figgures CB CBE who provided a stirring address.



CAMP OFFICERS



Matthew O'Neill PCC
Camp Commander



Lawrence D. Smith
Senior Vice-Commander



Michael J. Hammerson
Junior Vice-Commander



Captain Kyle Jerichow
Patriotic Instructor



The Reverend Canon David Reindorp TD TL
Camp Chaplain



Dr. Kenneth Dubnick
Camp Secretary



William Simons
Camp Treasurer



Maxwell Dubnick
Camp Guide, Guard & Colour Bearer

Andrew Hopkinson

Aide-de-camp to the Camp Commander : andrew.hopkinson@outlook.com



Fraternity, Loyalty, & Charity

Camp Snippets

David McReynolds says:

We are very proud of our new camp, the Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in London. This camp was “born” from our own camp in the USA, the Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 of Maryville, TN. One of our members, Dr. Doug Fidler has worked with our UK members and the family of Ensign Davis to secure the marker that was dedicated by ceremony on 23 July 2016 by members of Ensign Davis’ family, members of the new camp and Dr. Fidler and the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, Gene Mortorff.

‘A Marvel of Mercy The Life-story of John Davis, American Naval Officer and London City Missionary’

There is a copy of John Davis’ biography, written by Rev. H. Codling, in Southwark Library. Originally published circa. 1894.

Remembrance Day

Various events are being planned around Remembrance Day to entertain the Commander-in-Chief. You are invited to give your availability for this period to the Aide-de-camp. Thank you.



Articles & Photographs

All Brothers are very welcome to submit articles and or photographs for inclusion in future Newsletters.

Please send your submissions to:-

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OR,

secretary@sucw.co.uk

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