

DEPARTMENT ORDER # 6
July 29, 2012

- 1. On October 20, 2010, I issued Department Order #5 in regards the gravesite of Major General George Henry Thomas, located at the Oakwood Cemetery, Troy New York pursuant to a resolution adopted at the Department 127th Encampment. At that time, I noted that General Thomas, a native Virginian, served the Union with great distinction in the American Civil War. On September 19, 1863 at the Battle of Chickamauga, his stubborn defense of Snodgrass Hill, saved the Union Army from a rout and earned him the sobriquet "The Rock of Chickamauga." In addition, he was in command of the Union forces that smashed and destroyed the Confederate Army of Tennessee at the Battle of Nashville, Tennessee on December 15 and 16, 1864, one of the most decisive victories of the war. I further noted that it is important that his gravesite receive appropriate care and that it was possible to adopt his gravesite and directed that the Department adopt this gravesite which adoption subsequently occurred.**
- 2. Recently the Col. George L. Willard Camp#154 SUVCW, in whose jurisdiction General Thomas's gravesite is located, also has adopted the gravesite of this important Civil War figure and American. In addition, they have formulated a plan and scope of work for the maintenance of the site including a small budget of about \$200.00 to commence work, which among other things would include the cleaning of the General's monument.**
- 3. The Willard Camp is to be commended in this effort and its actions are in keeping with the intent of my General Order #5 of October 2010 and the resolve of the 127th Encampment of Department of New York.**
- 4. In order to assist in this effort the Department will donate \$50.00 of the Department Commander's expense budget to support this program and Department brothers are encouraged to assist the Willard Camp in this effort.**

So Ordered this 29th day of July 2012
Jeffrey Albanese
Department Commander, Department of New York
SUVCW

Attest;
Michael Bennett
Department Secretary
Department of New York, SUVCW