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**General Order #28
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1. After receiving permission to divide, at the Department of Tennessee, with Alabama and Mississippi, Encampment held on June 25, 2020, its Camps voted 8-1, receiving the necessary superior majority, to allow the three Camps located in Alabama to become their own Department. Both Departments have the requisite number of Camps to continue. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 5. Departments may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of Camps for a Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of Camps for a permanent status Department.*)
2. The three Alabama based Camps are Major General James H. Wilson Camp No.1, Major General John T. Croxton Camp No. 17, and Private Richard Taylor Camp No. 53.
3. A Special Department Encampment will be called for the election of Department Officers and adoption of Department By-Laws at a mutually agreed time and place. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 3. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be called a special Department Encampment to be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Commander-in-Chief. At such special Encampment, complete organization of the Department shall be effected, including election of Officers and adoption of Department By-Laws.*)
4. The new Department must establish its own EIN. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 19. A Department must have an active Tax ID number with the IRS (EIN) regardless of whether it has a bank account.*)
5. Upon successful completion of the requirements addressed at the Special Department Encampment and obtaining an EIN, the Department may apply for its Department Charter. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 1. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be issued to it a Charter under the hand and seal of the Commander-in-Chief.*)
6. Until the Department Charter has been issued, the Brothers of the three Camps will participate at the National Encampment as members of the Department of Tennessee, with Alabama and Mississippi. Brothers from the three Camps have been already voted in as delegates.

Ordered this 26th Day of June, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. J. Norris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

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Attested:

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