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National Encampment in Houston – My Message to You

Brothers, we are only a matter of a couple of weeks before we convene in Houston, TX for the 144th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Like me, I am sure you have wondered what may have gone through the minds of those who preceded us as they were making last-minute preparations to attend their upcoming Encampment. Whether it is your first or one of many you have attended, the excitement is palpable in anticipation of meeting new Brothers or renewing long-standing fraternal bonds with Brothers from afar. Regardless, it is a monumental event in the history of our Order and I am proud to share it with you.

Our Host Department's Brothers have worked feverishly to fashion for you a memorable Encampment filled with special events and activities. I would ask you to seek them out and personally thank them for the everything they have done to make your time in the Lone Star State unforgettable.

Our National Officers and Committees have worked diligently this past year to give you their best as leaders. They ask that you actively participate and engage in the business sessions to come. Your voice is important as we forge ahead on the professional path of our Order's future. To complement our professional standing, this is a friendly reminder that during any business session of the National Encampment, all Brothers in attendance shall be in appropriate male business attire. This attire is stipulated in General Order #3, Series 2016-2017 to include jacket, tie, long pants and membership badge. Of special note, jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. Brothers may optionally wear uniforms patterned after United States Armed Forces uniforms 1861-1865, (with membership badge).

Lastly, I wish each of you safe travels. Remember, bring to Houston your enthusiasm and commitment to the Order we hold dear. I look forward to seeing you soon!

This Special Message is issued this 24th day of July, 2025.

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