***Dispatch***

***15 July 2008***

***I have the great pleasure to Thank everyone who made the Private Michael McElroy Reinterment on 30 May 2008 happen, as it was as stated by our Commander-In-Chief Charlie E. Kuhn"a ceremony I will remember for the rest of my life". For those of you who came and took part I think you would say the same, I know it was a once in a lifetime event for my family and I. For those who could not be there, mere words can not describe the feeling, so will not even try. There will be a CD made that will be available at the 2009 Expo, cost is not known as of yet. There are no program books left all 1,500 that were made are gone, if you have one take good care of it, we do have about 50 that have not yet been claimed (they are set aside for members from around the country who will be at the National Encampment in Peabody this August. If any are left they will be sold at the 2009 Expo.***

 ***The Dispatch will be released on a quarterly basis on 15 July 2008, 15 October 2008, 15 January 2009, and 15 April 2009. Deadlines for anyone to send events or stories will be by the 1st of each release month. All submissions can be e-mailed to me at*** ***Poppahazmat@Verizon.net*** ***. I will send reminders from time to time but if your camp or members wish to have items added it is up to the camps or members to get me the submissions.***

 ***Memorial Day events that I attended went very well, I was at Camp #3 at Swan Point on the 17th, Camp #12 in Sctiuate on the 25th, Camp #21 at Elmgrove on the 26th. No other times and dates were sent from the other camps.***

***Camp Secretaries please inform the Department Secretary of your Memorial Day plans or any event plans as soon as you have them so he can pass them on to the webmaster.***

 ***We are also in the planning stages of a monument restoration in Warren, Rhode Island. The G.A.R. monument a 10” Rodman Gun located at Town Common off of Main Street. Please check on the website for more information, proposed rededication will be October or November 2008.***

 ***Finally, the Expo Committee is looking for a few good Brothers who wish to improve the Expo and help it grow. Please contact Brother Benjamin J. Frail e-mail Civilwarfan@msn.com or call him at 401-464-2120.  Thank you the Expo Committee has been completed, plans are in the works to move the 2009 Expo to a different location, The Warwick Mall has always stood with us, but it is clear that a change of venue needs to happen. We get less and less help from members and reenactors every year, the same issues keep coming up; event at mall is too long each day, wrong target groups after 5pm, young adults in mall starting trouble around displays, to early in the year (weather is a problem, there was ice on the walkways this past year). Some of the new sites that have been mentioned are Lincoln Mall, somewhere in Newport area, URI, RIC, or CCRI.***

***I look forward to seeing EVERYONE at the National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts in August this year, the dates are August 7th-10th 2008. This is only minutes from here no need for an overnight bag, but just in case you do need one, it is at the Boston Marriott Peabody, check out*** [***www.suvcw.org***](http://www.suvcw.org) ***for more information. Lets be proud of Rhode Island and the SUVCW.***

***Rhode Island could be hosting the New England Regional Assoication meeting in October this year please visit the Department website for more information as it comes in.***