Letter from Deputy Commander SVR

Good Evening, General Staff Members and District Commanders:

In an effort to clear up any incorrect information that just might be circulating here and there, I wish to get each of you right up to speed on Remembrance Day 2013. The date is, in fact, 23 November 2013. For specifics, please refer to Gen. Grim's General Order 2013-1 attached to this note and which is posted on the SVR Web Site. It is my understanding that this information will also be published in the next issue of *The Banner*. Additionally, this information will begin appearing in upcoming editions of the various CW publications.

See also CinC Mellor's General Order 14 posted and distributed on this date.

Favorable contracts for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 have been entered into with the Wyndham Hotel at the rate of $113.00 per night, plus PA tax. Again, the details are spelled out in Gen. Grim's General Order 2013-1 and CinC Mellor's General Order No. 14.

The Wyndham was already booked with the Lincoln Forum for the 15th, 16th and 17th of November, otherwise accommodations could have been secured at the Wyndham for that weekend.

Without subjecting each of you to a lengthy litany about the difficulties that were experienced with room rates for next year at the Eisenhower Hotel, suffice it to say that it was utterly impossible to negotiate a lower rate than $169.00 + PA tax per night at Eisenhower I and $199.00 per night at Eisenhower II. That amounts to an increase of $70.00 per night at Eisenhower I and $100.00 per night at Eisenhower II over the 2012 rates. If you will recall, the 2012 rate at both Eisenhower I and II was $99.00 per night + PA tax.

It would be most appreciated if the District Commanders could get this information out to the various Units in your respective Districts and I would thus entreat you to so do with some degree of dispatch.

If you have any questions, concerns or the like, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at the contact information listed below.

Many thanks for taking time to read through this note and the attached General Order and many thanks for your anticipated assistance in getting the word out to our Brothers.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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