

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration
MINUTES**

August 20, 2015, Richmond, Virginia

1. Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM on August 20, 2015. JVCinC Don Martin led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by National Chaplain Bunnell.

2. National Secretary Alan Russ called the roll of officers.

Voting Members Present:

CinC Tad Campbell	CofA Member Steve Hammond
SVCinC Eugene Mortorff	CofA Member Donald Shaw
JVCinC Donald Martin	CofA Member Ed Norris
National Secretary Alan Russ	CofA Member Walter Busch
National Treasurer Richard Orr	CofA Member Brian Pierson
National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler	CofA Member PCinC Ken Freshley

Voting Members Absent:

All voting members were present.

Non-Voting Members Present:

PCinC and Banner Editor Stephen Michaels	Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl
Executive Director David Demmy Sr.	Past Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson	Past Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy
Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Kreiser	Past Commander-in-Chief D. Brad Schall
Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell	Past Commander-in-Chief Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim	Past Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor
Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby	

Guests of the Council of Administration (taken from sign-in sheet):

Dan Bunnell, Dept. of Calif. & Pacific	Robert J. Wolz, PDC, Dept. of Ohio
Loran Bures, PCC, Dept. of the Columbia	Kevin L. Martin, Dept. of the Chesapeake
John M. McNulty, PDC, Dept. of Pennsylvania	Bob Petrovic, PDC, Dept. of Missouri
Bill Fischer, PCC, Dept. of Kansas	James Ward, PDC, Dept. of Florida
Henry Shaw, PCC, Dept. of Ohio	Kevin Tucker, PDC, Dept. of Massachusetts
Jim Houston, PDC, Dept. of Ohio	Jim Crane, Dept. of Ohio
Jerry Kowalski, Dept. of Illinois	Frank Avila, PCC, Dept. of Calif. & Pacific

3. Secretary Russ reported that no communications for the Council of Administration were received which had not previously been distributed.

4. CinC Campbell gave brief opening remarks.

5. OFFICER, COMMITTEE, AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Recommendation from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina for Form 4 revision. CinC Campbell referred this to the Program and Policy Committee.

b. All other officer, committee and department report recommendations will be addressed by the National Encampment.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Status of Encampment Proceedings. PCinC Ed Krieser reported that 2002 is yet to be done. The National Secretary is to print copies and get signatures, etc., for 2012, 2013, and 2014 proceedings.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Brian Pierson presented the proposed revision of the Ritual to be discussed at the National Encampment with the changes approved by previous encampments, along with a general clean-up.

b. Ed Norris – Rhode Island camp 7 is to be putting up a new monument using government headstone. They will wait to see what PCinC Kennedy comes up with in regard to this.

c. Brother Alan Russ was appointed as National Membership-at-Large Coordinator for three years by vote of the council with the term expiring in August 2018.

d. Brother Loran Bures was appointed as Camp at Large and Department Organizer appointed for one year by vote of the council with the term expiring in August 2016.

e. The Department of Connecticut is still under suspension until after the encampment. The department commander cannot be seated at the encampment per amendment passed last year.

f. Draft budget discussion by National Treasurer. It includes the recommendation to stop charging for ROTC medal. Monument preservation fund received almost \$12,775 and made grants of \$5,350.

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. CofA Member Hammond – Remembrance day will have a ceremony on cemetery ridge to commemorate the Medal of Honor awarded to Alonzo Cushing.

b. JVCinC Martin – new members processed by the JVCinC is up to 283.

c. PCinC Kuhn – remarked on how great the project was that was approved for Gettysburg Unity Park Project.

d. SVCinC Mortorff – talked with Sons of Confederate Veterans a couple of weeks ago. Brother Mortorff hopes to keep the good relationship with them. Some discussion followed.

e. PCinC Darby – Remember First Amendment and person's right to fly a confederate flag.

f. Brother Bures – Update to report submitted. Grant camp will submit forms for being of third camp in Arizona.

g. PCinC Orr – Application for 501(c)(3) may be about to be declined because we do not give enough to charitable purposes.

h. PCinC Orr – There will be the previously announced silent auction during encampment. It will contain forty lots. The silent auction is open to SUVCW members, only.

i. PCinC Pahl – 2017 Encampment is August 10-13, 2017, at the Radison Hotel in Lansing, Michigan.

9. CONCLUSION. CinC Campbell provided closing comments, followed by Chaplain Bunnell giving the Benediction.

10. Meeting was officially adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:

Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary