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1 Preface

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, and Department reports to the Council of Administration for their March 25, 2017 meeting in Columbus, Ohio. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

Supplement reports (Section 9) were received after the initial report was sent on March 12, 2017 to the Council of Administration.

If anyone wants one or more of the original reports please contact Ed Norris, National Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin, at norris.ed@comcast.net. The reports can be forwarded via email.

2 Recommendations

2.1 National Signals Officer & Webmaster: James P. McGuire, DC

There needs to be more discussion about the National Organization investing in its own server system or seriously consider renting significant and secure external server space to his this and other future databases, as well as to provide secure digital backup for the Order in general.

2.2 National Military Affairs Committee; Henry E. Shaw, Jr., PCC

AMENDMENT TO SVR REGULATIONS, CHAPTER IV, SECTION 2 PROPOSED BY NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Currently reads:

Section 2. To be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR, a Brother shall be a member or Associate in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Add the following to Section 2:

- a. Juniors and Junior Associates are permitted as members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. They are admitted under the same provisions as within the SUVCW regarding the monitoring of minors with additional restrictions.
- b. Junior and Junior Associates will not hold elected or appointed Commissioned Officer or Non-Commissioned Officer ranks in the SVR on any level.
- c. Junior and Junior Associates will not handle or fire any weapon while participating in a SVR or SUVCW event or activity.
- d. Junior and Junior Associates will not be counted toward the number required to start a new unit in the SVR.
- e. Junior and Junior Associates will be listed on unit rosters and count toward number to establish rank structure.
- f. The National Organization, SVR, the SVR Military Districts and the SVR Units shall not impose dues, fees, or any other monetary assessment on Juniors and Junior

Associates.

- g. All Junior and Junior Associates shall be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, SUVCW/SVR Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in ANY SVR activity.
- h. All Junior and Junior Associates shall be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, SUVCW/SVR Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in ANY SVR activity.
- i. At no time will a non-related SUVCW/SVR Brother be permitted 'one on one' contact with a Junior or Junior Associate. Any interaction with a Junior or Junior Associate must include at least two (2) SUVCW/SVR Brothers over the age 18 at all times.
- j. Any SUVCW/SVR Brother who witnesses or suspects in good faith any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any Junior or Junior Associate, **will immediately report in person such suspicion to local law enforcement first** and the local SVR Unit and the SVR Military District Commander immediately thereafter.
- k. Every SUVCW/SVR Brother over the age of 18 who may have contact with a Junior or Junior Associate should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America at <http://www.myscouting.org>. While this training is not a requirement, it is highly suggested that the training be done to be used as a tool to protect our youth and SUVCW/SVR Brothers.
- l. Ultimately, all SUVCW/SVR Brothers must comply with all applicable Local, State and Federal laws pertaining to child abuse.

2.3 Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance: Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

That the CofA make the spring meeting in Springfield the weekend of the Lincoln Tomb program a permanent meeting just like the winter one Remembrance Day weekend. This will show the support of the Sons and encourage more members to participate in the Lincoln Tomb Observance. This is needed because the attendance every year is getting smaller and smaller.

2.4 National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flag Policy (2017): Brad Schall, PCinC

This recommendation is not a discussion of the Confederate Flag but the narrow focus the encampment charged us with, the prior resolution.

I spent a great deal of time discussing this issue with other Brothers and several members of the SCV. The flag issue is a sensitive issue now and probably will be forever. Our resolution is designed to be an organizational response.

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors and marines who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity.

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War STRONGLY oppose the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, STRONGLY oppose the defacement or destruction of any Civil War Monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, do support the flying of all U.S. Flags and C.S.A. flags at our Nation's Civil War historical sites.

THEREFOR, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.

2.5 Department of Colorado and Wyoming; Garry W. Brewer, DC

Recommendation: The Camp & Department Patriotic Instructor's report form on the National Website should be converted to a "fill-in" form.

3 National Elected Officer Reports

3.1 Commander-in-Chief: Donald L. Martin, CinC

1. Redesigned Quartermaster online store opened. 21 Nov 16
2. Letter of Reprimand issued concerning a Brother's actions. 23 Nov 16
3. Fraud, Harassment, Whistleblower, and Nepotism Policies sent to Programs and Policies 26 Nov 16
4. Harassment Policy reviewed and posted on web site. 28 Nov 16
5. Signed new contract for our National Headquarters in Harrisburg, PA. 2 Dec 2016
6. History Committee to examine contributions of others beside Stephenson in creating the GAR. 14 Dec 16
7. Ruling concerning voting for new member applications must be at a Camp meeting. 14 Dec 16
8. General Order 10, in Memory of PCinC Charles Kuhn 16 Dec 16
9. General Order 11, Camp and Department Bylaws will have provisions for Brothers under 18. 3 Jan 17
10. Letter sent to Ensign John Davis Camp 10, London, England celebrating their first year. 6 Jan 17
11. Ruling concerning use of word "May" Chapter I, Article I, Section 1, "Camps may be named" 8 Jan 17
12. General Order 12, Developed corrections to the inconsistencies in FORM 50. 8 Jan 17
13. General Order 13, New Patriotic Instructor Handbook and Patriotic Instructor Forms 40, 41, 42 27 Jan 17
14. General Order 14, No "Virtual Camps"
15. Funding provided for Julius Hermann Kroehl, USN, monument in Panama City, Panama. This is per CofA approval on 19 Nov. 17, in the amount of \$5000 from the special projects fund. 31 Jan 17

Attended the following events:

1. Department of Kansas Encampment, Lawrence, KS 14 Jan 17
2. Testimonial for the CinC, Columbus, OH, 21 Jan 17
3. Department of Wisconsin Encampment, Wauwatosa, WI 4 Feb 17

4. Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative, Washington, DC 12 Dec 17
5. Department of Florida Encampment, St. Cloud, FL 18 Feb 17

3.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief: Mark R. Day, PDC

See the following Report on the Activities of the SVCinC since the adjournment of the Gettysburg CofA meeting

1. On the 11th of December, I attended annual National Park ceremonies at the Irish Brigade Monument in Fredericksburg, VA. Following the ceremony, I had the pleasure of eating lunch with the brothers of the Irish Brigade Camp # 4 from Fredericksburg, VA which is part of the Department of the Chesapeake.
2. On the 23rd of December my wife Barbara and I attended the Funeral of PCinC Charles Kuhn in Gettysburg, PA.
3. On the of January I attended the Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 meeting in Lynchburg, VA
4. On the 14th of January, I had been scheduled to attend the Meade Camp, Department of the Chesapeake and at their request and with the assent of Department Commander install their officers. Unfortunately the weather prevented my attendance
4. On the 17th of January, I attended the Chamberlain Camp #20, Department of the Chesapeake and at their request, with the assent of the Department Commander install their officers for the year 2017.
5. On the 11th of February, I attended the Taylor-Wilson Camp #10, Department of the Chesapeake 9th annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner.
6. On the 12th of February, I attended the annual Lincoln birthday celebrations, which are held at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC
7. On the 2nd of March, I attended the Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 meeting
8. On the 3-5th of March, I attended the Department of Tennessee's Annual Encampment, which was held in Murfreesboro, TN as the National Representative and installed their officers for 2017.

3.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Donald W. Shaw, PDC

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels these last few months, I have also been busy with Junior Vice Commander in Chief duties at a National level. I have monitored and participated in the discussions regarding questions coming before the Council. Further, I have cast votes on the issues put to the Council for discussion and decision.

I have attended various dedications and events promoting the Order and honoring the service of our Civil War ancestors. I attended the testimonial for C in C Martin, where I had a grand time.

I have been appointed an aide to the P & P committee and have been monitoring what goes on there, so if I have anything to do with that committee next year, I will have a better grasp of what subjects they have dealt with and how things on that committee operate.

I have processed, since my last report, 89 applications for membership sent in to the Order. Most of these have already been sent on to the Department Junior Vice Commanders for assignment to camps. Some had problems as regards missing signature or no check attached. Those matters were referred back to the applicant and in most cases, the error was corrected and the entire application package sent on to the Department.

Additionally I have fielded various emails and telephone calls with questions regarding membership.

I continue to serve as Co-Chair of the Michigan Host Committee for the 2017 National Encampment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I have no recommendations to put before the Encampment at this time.

3.4 National Secretary: Jonathan C. Davis, PDC

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings: Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Saturday, November 19, 2016.

MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.

The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since November 2016. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below.

- Motion 11 Motion Passed January 12, 2017
A motion by Brother Jonathan Davis, seconded by Brother Mark Day to approve the minutes of the Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting held Saturday, November 19, 2016, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

- Motion 12 Motion Passed January 14, 2017
A motion by Brother Mark Day, seconded by Brother Donald Shaw to approve the revised Patriotic Instruction Reports, Forms 40, 41 and 42.

CAMP CHARTERS.

The following applications for permission to form a new camp will be expiring:

- Sgt. Charles Huxford Camp No. 63, Department of Connecticut. Expires May 15, 2017

- General Thomas West Sherman Camp No. 1, Department of Rhode Island. Expires Sept. 19, 2017

One new application for permission to form a new camp was received since November 2016:

- Old Glory Camp No. 6165, Department of Illinois – Expires December 27, 2017

The following charters have been issued by CinC Martin since November:

- (2017-01) Curtis King Camp No. 37, Department of Iowa. Date of ranking: February 5, 2017.
- (2017-02) General B. McPherson Camp No. 1, Department of Missouri. Replacement Charter.
- (2017-03) General Winfield Scott Camp No. 73, Department of New Jersey. Date of ranking: March, 2017.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

Represented National during the Department of Indiana Winters Meeting on January 28, 2017 in Richmond.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Have not yet received the National Encampment Proceedings for 2015 or 2016 for printing and distribution.

3.5 National Treasurer: David McReynolds, DC

I continue to feel honored with the trust placed in me as National Treasurer. It has been a very busy five months in the Office of the National Treasurer. This report will summarize these activities:

- The financial statements for the seven months ended January 31, 2017 are available and have been sent as part of this report.
- After filing the 1023 application on 23 October 2016, we received 501(c)(3) status from the IRS effective 8 February 2017 for the National Organization. We then went through the process to update all the EIN information (Form 11s) for the subordinates who want to be part of the group exemption as well as review letters requesting inclusion in the exemption. We submitted the Group Exemption Application on 7 March 2017. The IRS has 60 days to respond. We are hopeful for a “swift” and positive response.
- Filed the necessary 1099s for 2016. One got “lost in the mail” but was replaced swiftly after contact.
- Filed the Pennsylvania semi-annual and the New York annual Sales Tax returns on time without any penalties and receiving available discounts.
- Continued to change the names on the various bank accounts maintained by the SUVCW. Process is complete. As reported last time, it might be wise to consolidate some of these accounts. However, we also must keep in mind the limitations on FDIC insurance and not keep too much in one place. An ongoing project. Many decisions will be in the future as various CDs mature.

- The bank statements and reconciliations for our primary checking account at the CBBC Bank in Maryville, TN will be available for review at the CoA meeting. However, they will not leave the possession of the National Treasurer as these are permanent records that cannot be lost.
- Obtained a satisfactory proposal from an outstanding CPA firm located in Knoxville, TN for the Fiscal Years Ended 2017, 2018 and 2019. Our auditor for the past 3 years, Maher Duessel in Pittsburgh, PA did a great job for us but strongly suggested that we obtain audit services close to where the National Treasurer is located. The CoA will need to approve this change of auditor. C-in-C Don Martin and Counselor Don Darby have reviewed the proposal.
- Worked with P&P Chair Mark Day to complete the Nepotism, Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower policies for approval by the CoA.

See Appendix A (Section 9).

3.6 National Quartermaster: Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC

The quartermaster store has made changes Brother Freshley is now a contracted Web Master, and has made a Brand new web site. I believe will help sales in the long run. Postage rates have went up three times since the last time and has been raised to six dollars which made it necessary.

We have new knives with logos for suvew and sons of veterans reserve at a sales price of five dollars. Sales have been down the last two weeks have been real good (my books will not show the 5,000 from rotc program for they are now free.) I would like everyone to view the new site for their is a lot of items never listed on the old site. I decided with spring coming to list bulk orders for GAR and Sons grave markers Every day I get happy when I get orders so keep them coming and let all members know that the site is a new experience.

3.7 Council of Administration – 2017: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

I have the honor to submit the following report:

1. Assisted the National Patriotic Instructor to draft an updated edition of the National Patriotic Instructor Handbook, including formatting the handbook and annual Camp, Department and National PI reports.
2. Voted on all measures to come before the C of A.
3. Am currently undertaking a project to have a grave marker erected for Pvt Charles Higby, 1st PA Cav, Medal of Honor, in Mcloud OK; his grave is unmarked. Am coordinating with the Soldiers and Sailors Museum in PA and his descendants to apply for a headstone from the VA.
4. I plan to run for another term at the next National Encampment.

3.8 Council of Administration – 2018: Edward J. Norris, PDC

I participated in the online discussions and took part in all online voting motions. I was not able to attend the Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting. I will be representing our Commander-in-Chief at the following Department Encampments: Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and Missouri.

3.9 Council of Administration – 2018: Fredric E. Lynch, PDC

1. Unable to attend 2016 Gettysburg COA meeting, and Remembrance Day activities, due to illness.
2. Participated in all virtual votes to date in 2017 concerning national policy proposals presented to COA.
3. Represented national SUVCW Jan. 19 at opening event in Dayton, Ohio celebrating 150th anniversary of 1867 establishment of Dayton Veterans Administration Center as National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.
4. Represented national SUVCW at Greater Miami Valley SUVCW Union Defenders Day Lincoln Dinner February 18 in Miamisburg, Ohio. Brothers from four Camps, Auxiliary SUVCW National Chaplain and Department Vice President, among 62 attendees.

3.10 Council of Administration – 2019: Michael A. Paquette, PDC

Since my last report, I have participated in the following SUVCW related events and activities;

- SVR Breakfast - 19 November, Gettysburg, PA
- Remembrance Day Parade – 19 November, Gettysburg, PA
- Council of Administration Meeting – 19 November, Gettysburg, PA
- Battle of Fredericksburg Anniversary, wreath laying at the Irish Brigade Monument sponsored by the NPS with Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake – 11 December, Fredericksburg, VA
- Installation ceremony for 2017 Camp Officers and Obligation of two new Brothers, Irish Brigade Camp #4 – 26 January, Fredericksburg, VA
- 5th Annual Lincoln Dinner, sponsored by Irish Brigade Camp #4 – 11 February, Fredericksburg, VA
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Armstrong at Spotsylvania High School annual award ceremony – 23 February, Spotsylvania, VA
- Camp meetings of Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake – 17 November, 15 December and 26 January, Fredericksburg, VA
- All Monument Grant Committee voting sessions
- All Council of Administration voting sessions.

3.11 Council of Administration – 2019: Paul Davis, PDC

To date, I have attended all regularly scheduled COA Meetings and will be attending the March COA Meeting in Columbus.

I have voted on all motions.

I am currently serving on two committees.

The first is the Memorial Day Committee. I have had communication with Keith Harrison, Chair of that committee, and one meeting for the purpose of discussion and planning. Via Email communication a position has been developed and Keith Harrison will be communicating that position in his report.

The second Committee is the Heritage Committee chaired by Jim Ward. At this time I have nothing to report on the activities or my involvement on that committee.

I had the honor of being a guest of the Department of Ohio and attended the Testimonial for Commander In Chief Martin.

I attended the Lincoln Birthday Services in Washington D.C. on February 12, 2017. In April I will also be attending the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois as well as the memorial services at the Stephenson monument in Petersburg, Illinois.

I continue to regularly work with the Department of Michigan Officers and attend Camp meetings within the Department to assist them and serve the needs of these Camps. I also regularly attend Sons events and Memorial Services and public events to promote the identity and work of our Order.

In March, for the eighth consecutive year, I will be participating in educational presentations at the Freeland Middle School, which we have adopted, engaging five 8th Grade history classes of approximately 150 students during their studies of the Civil War.

The Department of Michigan is hosting the 2017 National Encampment and I am the event Executive Host Committee Co-Chair with along with other task group responsibilities.

I will be attending the Gettysburg Remembrance events this November and will be at the COA Meeting there as well.

3.12 Council of Administration: Eugene Mortorff, PCinC

I have no formal report. I will address my efforts to assist the National Executive Director as his assistant.

3.13 Banner Editor: James B. Pahl, PCinC

No report received.

3.14 Executive Director: David W. Demmy, Sr.

National Life Member applications processed during 2016 resulted in 28; 8 more than 2015. This year to date we have worked upon 3 life membership apps; 3 less than early 2016.

The following statistics are offered as of end of 2016 on the membership of our grand Allied Order: Brothers, we are losing the skirmish!

Member Status	Year end 2016	Year end 2015	Year End 2014	Year End 2013
Associate	530	526	552	558
Junior	86	81	80	3
Life Member	394	376	374	373
Member	5,274	5,420	5,386	5,427
Real Son	3	5	9	10
Total:	6,287	6,408	6,401	6,455
Dual Associate	12	9	11	13

Dual Life Member	63	54	54	55
Dual Member	135	138	121	132
Honorary	4	4	4	4
War Zone Service	4	8	5	8
Total:	218	213	195	212

Department of Vermont's 46 Brothers continue to be suspended!

To New Brothers on Council, when 2017 Form 49s arrive at HQ, they will be scanned. Copies are shared with national officers and appropriate committee personnel that may need the data to carry out their SUVCW duties. Periodically, a report will be submitted to our fine webmaster to post on site for all readers!

Likewise, our national Eagle Scout Brother Jim, has been a tremendous help to take care of incoming applications whenever a department scout coordinator is unavailable. Remittances received are copied and mailed weekly to National Treasurer for his further action.

PCinC Brother Gene Mortorff, Asst Nat'l Exec Dir is enduring cross training at headquarters. I have and continue to make lists of duties and instructions with images to carryout most duties at HQ; for example: how to handle and process a form 30; remittances received at HQ, death notices etc. I believe it has been an eye-opener for Brother Gene!

4 National Appointed Officer Reports

4.1 National Aide-de-Camp: Dustin Martin

No report received.

4.2 Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines: Perley E. Mellor, PCinC

I have no report for this quarter. I will have one after May 30.

4.3 National Camp-at-Large & Department Organizer: Loran T. Bures, PCC

No report received.

4.4 National SUVCW Liaison to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS): Jeffrey C. Burden

I have recently contacted Department Commanders and Senior Vice-Commanders, in departments with a significant MOLLUS presence, as follows:

I write to you in my position as S.U.V.C.W. National Liaison to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion (MOLLUS).

I know that a number of SUVCW brothers are also members of the MOLLUS, and that the two organizations historically have cooperated on events and projects. One outstanding example of

that, is the cooperation between the two national organizations in organizing the annual Lincoln program in Springfield.

I would like to know of:

1) events and programs in your departments, within the last several years, that have been the result of joint efforts between SUVCW departments or camps, and Commanderies of the MOLLUS;

2) opportunities that you see in your departments where greater leverage of joint resources and manpower could increase quality, frequency and/or public exposure of events or programs.

The two organizations work toward the same ends, and both can bring to bear significant capital and human resources, on both the local and national level. I hope this communication can begin a discussion on how to more fully realize those possibilities.

I am awaiting responses from those individuals, will follow up to them with questions and with suggestions for further action, and will report further to the CoA on the results.

4.5 National Chaplain: Jerome Kowalski

At the CofA meeting in Gettysburg during the 2016 Remembrance Day, I was made aware for what was the very first time that my activities, time and mileage spent advancing the cause of the SUV and SVR were important - to the Patriotic Instructor, who is to keep records and reports our members' activities in his reports, so that the proper government bodies would know that we are doing something worthwhile. I am embarrassed to admit that I had never known this fact until November instant.

- Remembrance Day days	1435 miles,	\$1346 expenses	0.00 reimbursement	5
- Camp 1 Meeting 11/28/16 hours	45 miles	0	0	3
-National Pres. Reception Auxiliary hours	198	26.	0	5
-Funeral of PCinC Kuhn days	1480	1460.00	0	3
-Funeral of PDC Davis hours	54	35	0	6
-DuPage Historical Soc. hours	45	0	0	4
-Camp 2 Meeting 1/19/2017 hours	26	0	0	3

-Camp 1 Meeting 1/23/17 hours	45	0	0	3
-Northern Ill. quad camp banquet and meeting 1/28/17 hours	94	0	0	6
-4 Chaplains' Service, VA Hosp hours	43	0	0	3
-Lockport JrRotc, class pre- sentation on Civil War leadership hours	54	0	0	4
-Hosp visit to Alice B, mom of Camp 1 member hours	53	0	0	2
-School presentation, Naper- ville, Il to 5th grade hours	37	0	0	3

These are the activities that I have been involved in since my last report. In addition, phone calls, emails, time spent in prayer and preparation for articles and speeches can be included. In retrospect, I have not done very much and am embarrassed to report as much.

4.6 National Membership-At-Large Coordinator: Alan L. Russ, PDC

Dues collection for 2017 on going. Nothing additional to report.

4.7 National Chief of Staff: Edward J. Norris, PDC

I have responded to all requests from Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin. My primary task has been compiling the Council of Administration Report for the March 25, 2017 meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

4.8 National Patriotic Instructor: Jeffery French

It is with pleasure that I report to you and our fellow Brothers the progress for 2016-2017 2nd Quarter.

BANNER NPI ARTICLES:

The "Voices of Patriotism" has been established and published in the Banner as a regular printed article on behalf of the National Patriotic Instructors today and for many years to come.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY:

The Memorial University Pins have been received and are being sent to those who already received the Memorial University Certificates. Two more Certificates are being prepared to be mailed to Department Commanders.

National WebMaster Brother McGuire is working on a Plug-In package for email notifications to the NPI when an individual completes the Memorial University Course.

NPI HANDBOOK:

The NPI Handbook has been approved and posted on the WebSite. In addition; New Annual Patriotic Reports for the Camp, Department, and National have been approved and posted on the WebSite. Form 40 for Camp PIs, Form 41 for Department PIs, and Form 42 for the NPI. A fillable format is still being worked on.

It is an honor to serve in this capacity. Any questions please feel free to contact me.

4.9 National Civil War Memorials Officer: Walter E. Busch, PDC

See committee report, Section 5.11.

4.10 National Signals Officer & Webmaster: James P. McGuire, DC

This (these) office (offices) has (have) performed the duties as expected, uploading General Orders and forms as needed, updated listings of various officers and committees, adjusting web pages to reflect appropriate personnel, etc. More changes and requests continue to come in from a variety of sources. I do believe that at the time of this report, all forms are up to date. Form 49s will begin to trickle in after Department Encampments, and I will be sure that I am available to assist the office of the Executive Director with the master list of Department Officers in any way that I can.

Website updates: I have been informed that the Dept. of North Carolina is building their own webpage and that they will soon have their page ready and linked from the National website, thereby eliminating the need for the National Webmaster to update their Department information for them.

I am working on gathering all past proceedings of the National Encampment into one place by building a dedicated “National Encampment” page. Initially, this will be a place to house the proceedings, but it will have dual-use as a nice resource for all National Encampment related materials in the future.

I am building a “Remembrance Day” page with a history that is being provided by the National Historian and will also be able to serve as a resource in the future.

Social media updates: Facebook is going along with no real change. We continue to receive the occasional private message. Most are research requests about ancestors or those asking information about membership. These have been forwarded along to appropriate Departments. Additionally, we have secured the Twitter handle @suvcw from the Lincoln-Cushing Camp, Department of the Chesapeake. We have not actively begun using it yet, but will do so with some fanfare. We have also established an Instagram account with the handle @suvcw_national because we have had no luck in communicating with the individual who owns @suvcw. The account seems inactive and unaffiliated with our Order; I believe it is a combination of family initials, and not someone “parking” the handle.

Memorial University: UP AND RUNNING. After communicating with the National Patriotic Instructor, I understand that there is a real need for a better way for him to receive the results of the participants' tests. The quiz element that we use within Wordpress itself offers a plugin that can do this.

As mentioned in previous report, the Monuments and Memorials database project is never far from my mind. The database developer I have been working with, who is doing it for free for us, has had some significant personal struggles in his life the past couple of months, so I do not have much to report on this topic. The roadmap of the database is built out, but it has not been tested, and there has been no shell designed for it to sit in. We also do not yet know where we will host it.

There needs to be more discussion about the National Organization investing in its own server system or seriously consider renting significant and secure external server space to his this and other future databases, as well as to provide secure digital backup for the Order in general.

As ever, I am open to suggestions and comments, and will always welcome discussion on how matters of communication can be improved or adjusted.

4.11 National Color Bearer: Brian D. McManus

As National Color Bearer, I plan to attend the Lincoln Tomb ceremony, and the National Encampment in Lansing, MI. The Dept. of Wisconsin welcomed CinC Martin to our Dept. Mid Winter meeting on 4 February. I have nothing else to report up.

4.12 Washington DC Representative: Lee D. Stone, PDC

Having been re-appointed Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin at the National Encampment in Springfield IL, I beg leave to report the following:

I attended Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA on 19 November 2016, offering my support to National Officers of the SUVCW and of the Allied Orders.

I supported CinC Don Martin in his planning for the Lincoln Birthday ceremony on 12 February 2017 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC, ordered the wreath he would present on behalf of the SUVCW at that ceremony, took him to the ceremony and bore his flag as he presented the SUVCW wreath. I also supported the National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, ordering a wreath for her to present and offering her information about the ceremony and luncheon. I found a last-minute substitute lady to present the wreath for the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps as well.

I look forward to supporting the CinC SUVCW and National Officers of the Allied Orders at the National Memorial Day ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery on 29 May 2017, and at the ceremony hosted by Lincoln-Cushing Camp, SUVCW at Arlington National Cemetery on 30 May, the day stipulated by GAR CinC John A Logan in 1868.

My goals as Washington DC Representative of the National Order are to represent the SUVCW in the Washington Metropolitan Region, and to assist National Officers of the SUVCW and all the Allied Orders, whenever they visit this region.

I have no formal recommendations. If any National Officers, or any officers of our Allied Orders, wish my assistance in the Washington Metro Region, they have only to ask.

4.13 National Counselor: Donald E. Darby, PCinC

The fun continues for the National Counselor! Since my last report I have been involved with answering questions regarding the jurisdiction of the Commander-in-Chief upon the filing of an Article 17 summary disciplinary proceedings (yes, he does), the right of a Judgment Hearing in the same Article 17 hearing (no, you can't), the right of appeals and also the length of time a Brother has in which to file said appeal.

Based on some of these questions there has been seen a reason to clarify the Constitution and Regulations as written. There are no major changes being offered, just words to make the issues clearer. These changes will be presented to the Constitution and Regulations Committee so that they may work on them and present them to the next National Encampment for inclusion in the Constitution and Regulations.

I have also been involved with answering questions regarding the changes in policies or in the creation of polices so that all will be in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. I can tell you that the Programs and Policy Committee has been some busy Brothers. Then there are the normal questions regarding just where things appear in the C&R and if the interpretation by the Camp/Department officers of those Articles are correct.

Having said all of that, I will once again reiterate all the Camp/Department and National Officers need to read the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. The time to read the C&R is NOW not when the question arises. Just because you did not have a reason to take action using the Disciplinary Section of the C&R does not mean you should not know what it contains. The same applies to the polices of the Order and contractual authority contained within the C&R, to name but a few items. I would also add that studying Robert's Rules of Order should made the must read list of all up and coming officers at all levels of the Order.

4.14 Assistant National Counselor: Robert E. Grim, PCinC

No report received.

4.15 Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book: James B. Pahl, PCinC

The 2016 edition has been published, Regulations current through 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, IL and annotations current through 2014 National Encampment Marietta, GA. Further annotations are awaiting the publication of the 2015 and 2016 Proceedings. I am in the process of hot linking topics in the index with the items in the Constitution and Regulations, so as you consult the index and find what you want, you only have to click on the Article title and it will take you to the correct article.

4.16 Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings: Edward J. Krieser, PCinC

Working on the 2016 National Encampment Proceedings. It is 30% done.

**4.17 Assistant National Secretary – Department at Large Secretary/Treasurer:
James B. Pahl, PCinC**

Only one Camp at Large, Ensign John Davis Camp #10 in London, England. I have distributed a New Member Handbook to our new U.K. brothers and acting as a liaison and information source.

4.18 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator: James L. Lyon

No report received.

4.19 Assistant National Treasurer 1: James B. Pahl, PCinC

I have signed additional banking documents to aid in the transition to National Treasurer David McReynolds.

4.20 Assistant National Treasurer 2: D. Michael Beard, PDC

I have nothing to report as Assistant National Treasurer.

4.21 Assistant National Treasurer 3: Michael Downs, DC

No report received.

4.22 Assistant National Treasurer 4: Max L. Newman, PCC

I have nothing to report for the Council of Administration meeting on March 25, 2017, in Columbus, OH.

4.23 National GAR Highway Officer: Peter J. Hritsko Jr., DC

I didn't have anything new to report. Still working with the city's.

4.24 Assistant National Webmaster: Ken L. Freshley, PCinC

No report received.

4.25 National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store: Ken L. Freshley, PCinC

No report received.

4.26 National Graves Registration Officer: Bruce D. Frail, PDC

No report received.

4.27 National Guard: John K. Eger

On Saturday November 19th I attended Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. On Saturday January 28th I attended the Department of Indiana's Mid-Winter Encampment in Richmond, Indiana.

4.28 National GAR Records Officer: Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

See committee report in Section 5.8.

4.29 National Guide: Greg Carter, PCC

October, 2016

Attended Illinois Department mid-term encampment at Belleville, Illinois.

November, 2016

Attended monument dedication at Herod's Creek, Kentucky, with Dept. of Kentucky staff, on Veteran's Day.

December-February 2017

Nothing of note to report.

March 2017

Will participate as judge in Illinois Regional History Fair

April, 2017

Will participate in Lincoln Tomb/Stephenson Graveside Programs April 15

Will present SUVCW awards to SIU AFROTC Battalion, April 9

April 22 marks my 15-year anniversary in the SUVCW.

May 2017

Will attend Illinois Department Encampment at Springfield May 6

Will receive my Master of Arts degree in American History on May 13

Will participate in Memorial Day observance at John A. Logan home, Murphysboro, Illinois.

May 30.

4.30 National Historian: Robert J. Wolz, PDC

This is a very brief report, but I am continuing to answer questions regarding our history, details on badges and memorabilia, and occasionally inquiries for membership.

4.31 Parliamentarian: Kent M. Melcher

Nothing to Report.

4.32 National Legislation Officer: Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Introduction

The duties of the National Legislation Officer are to keep Brothers apprised of federal and state legislation affecting the welfare of the Order, or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. This report includes an analysis of such legislation.

Since the beginning of the first session of the 115th Congress on 3 January 2017, all previously introduced federal legislation has died. With so much controversy surrounding the President Trump's administration and new leadership in Congress, to date our federal legislature has not been especially productive. This is reflected in the relevant legislation that has been introduced or passed by Congress since 20 January 2017. As of 8 March 2017, I have identified selected pieces of federal legislation to report on and several items being considered in various state legislatures.

Legislation of particular interest is Ohio's General Assembly House Resolution 42 honoring SVR Co. C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Federal Legislation

Two companion bills (H.R.88 in the House of Representatives and S.100 in the Senate) have been given the title “Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act.” If passed and signed by the president, they would modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, and establish Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System. It would add areas known as “Fallen Timbers Battlefield,” “Russell House Battlefield,” and “Davis Bridge Battlefield.”

H.R.88 passed the House of Representatives on a voice vote on 27 February 2017 and was sent to the Senate the following day where it was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. S.100 is also awaiting action in this Committee, where, if the Senate agrees, the two bills would likely be consolidated.

Two other companion bills dealing with National Park boundaries are titled the “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act” (S.136 and H.R.558). These bills would adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill.

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was authorized as a unit of the National Park System on 26 June 1935. Prior to 1935, parts of the park had been acquired and protected by Civil War veterans and the War Department. The park protects Kennesaw Mountain and Kolb’s Farm, which are battle sites along the route of General Sherman’s 1864 campaign to take Atlanta. Most of the park protects Confederate positions and strategy. The Wallis House is one of the few original structures remaining from the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain associated with Union positions and strategy and is strategically located next to a Union signal station at Harriston Hill.

S.136 was introduced in the Senate on 12 January 2017 and was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. H.R.558 was passed in the House of Representatives by a voice vote on 30 January 2017 and sent to the Senate the following day where it was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and will likely be consolidated with S.136.

A measure introduced in the House of Representatives on 24 January 2017 expresses support for the designation of Patriot Week. H.Con.Res.12 recognizes that each generation should renew the spirit of the national based on the first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of the United States. This resolution would designate the week of September 11 to September 17 as “Patriot Week.”

House Concurrent Resolution 12 is awaiting further action in the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. A concurrent resolution is a form of legislation to express the feelings of both chambers of Congress, without proposing changes in law, thus not requiring approval by the president.

If it becomes law, the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Amendment Act (H.R.1161) would modify the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 to add Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County in Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. This bill has been referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

The preamble to the SUVCW Constitution sets forth the obligation of our Order “to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.” Additionally, the purpose and objects of the Order (Article II) requires us “to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any ware . . . and the love and honor of our Flag. . . .”

Current law only requires the POW/MIA flag to be displayed only on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day. Legislation introduced in the House of Representatives (H.R.504) in furtherance of SUVCW goals would require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property. This bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee where it is awaiting action in the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

The “Bring Our Heroes Home Act” (S.120) is a measure that is part and parcel to the many purposes of the Order with its activities to honor our Union ancestors and patriotic service. This bill would 1) require the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to establish the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Collection; and (2) establish the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Review Board, which shall require all missing Armed Forces personnel records to be transmitted to NARA and disclosed to the public in the collection.

S.120 was introduced in the Senate on 12 January 2017 and immediately referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

On 17 January 2017, the “Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017” was introduced in the Senate (S.150) and in the House of Representatives (H.R.506). These bills would amend the federal criminal code to declare that any person who knowingly engages in any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of veterans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining veteran’s benefits for that individual, shall be fined, imprisoned not more than five years, or both. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary where it is awaiting further action. In the House has been referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

The “Weekend Voting Act” (H.R.1094) would change the date for regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office to the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November in every even-numbered year. This bill has been referred to the House Committee on House Administration. Two similar bills, the “Same Day Registration Act of 2017” (H.R.1044) and the “Same Day Registration Act” (S.360) would amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration. These bills have been referred to House Committee on Administration and Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, respectfully.

On 2 March 2017, Senator Tester [D-MT] introduced S.521, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to veterans. As of this date, no details are available on this legislation and no action has been taken.

State Legislation California –

Assembly Bill 1249 – Existing property tax law establishes a veterans’ organization exemption under which property is exempt from taxation if, among other things, that property is used exclusively for charitable purposes and is owned by a veterans’ organization. This bill would provide that the veterans’ organization exemption shall not be denied to a property on the basis that the property is used for fraternal, lodge, or social club purposes. This bill was introduced on 17 February 2017 and is still awaiting referral to committee.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 16 – This measure would declare that President Abraham Lincoln be honored on 12 February 2017, the anniversary of his birth. It passed the Assembly Rules Committee unanimously on 6 February 2017. Ironically, to date, no action has been taken by the full Assembly, which would then have to send it to the Senate for approval.

Assembly Bills 455 and 467 – These bills would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the building of veterans memorials, buildings, and cemeteries. Both these measures are considered “spot bills” which essentially act as a placeholder for now a formal proposal can be written.

Florida –

House Bill 107 – This bill would, among other things, prohibit excavation, exposition, movement, removal, or other disturbance of contents of tomb or memorial and make a felony anyone who “destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures, or removes” a tomb or memorial. A similar companion bill (Senate Bill 844) has been introduced in the Senate.

Senate Bill 418 is the “Soldiers and Heroes’ Monuments and Memorials Protection Act.” This bill would make it a felony for criminal mischief that causes damage to certain remembrances erected to honor or commemorate a soldier, a historical military figure, a military organization, a military unit, etc. A similar bill with the same title was introduced in the House (HB 529), where it passed unanimously in committee.

Texas –

House Bill 545 (and identical Senate Bill 585) both relate to the opportunity of certain patriotic societies to present information regarding the society to public school students.

Illinois –

Senate Bill 687 would amend the Veterans Burial Places Act to provide that when a headstone or memorial marker is provided for a United States War veteran, by the federal government, the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs shall pay an amount not to exceed \$300 (currently \$100) to the next of kin or cemetery official responsible for the cost of transporting and erecting the headstone or memorial.

Ohio –

House Resolution 42 was adopted by the Ohio House of Representatives, titled "Honoring Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve on receiving a Commanding Officer's Unit Citation." The full text is included in Exhibit A.

Tennessee –

In the Tennessee General Assembly bills are generally introduced in pairs, with identical bills in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

House Bill 73/Senate Bill 125 are companion bills that would make the display of the POW/MIA flag over the capitol on any day that the U.S. Flag is flown over the capitol mandatory.

House Bill 456/Senate Bill 469 would forbid homeowners' associations from adopting or enforcing regulations that prohibit veterans from flying the U.S. flag and military flags. Interestingly under these measures, non-veterans could still be prohibited from flying the U.S. flag from their residence.

After a review of data in the following states, no pertinent legislation was found: Michigan, Georgia, North Carolina, Washington, Arizona, Indiana, and Nevada.

Assistant National Legislation Officer Steve Hammond (PDC) will report on legislation from several Mid-Atlantic/New England area states in his report.

If Brothers have questions about any of this or other legislation, please contact the National Legislation officer via email at <danearl64@comcast.net>.

EXHIBIT A

As Adopted by the House
132nd General Assembly
Regular Session H. R. No. 42
2017-2018
Representatives Hood, Dean, Scherer

A R E S O L U T I O N

Honoring Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve on receiving a Commanding Officer's Unit Citation.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve on being presented with a Commanding Officer's Unit Citation by the Sons of Veterans Reserve; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor is a fitting tribute to Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve, for it has achieved a remarkable record of service. Formed twenty-four years ago, the unit has taken part in more than two hundred events in thirteen counties, including Memorial Day parades and ceremonies, Remembrance Day activities, and dedications, and it has also conducted living history programs for schools and community organizations. These accomplishments are a justifiable source of pride and an outstanding reflection not only on the group itself but also on its patriotic members, for these individuals have certainly distinguished themselves as conscientious and hard-working Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve has enhanced the quality of life in our society, and through its generous contributions, it has earned the respect and gratitude of many. We are certain that as this worthy organization maintains its dedication to service, it will continue in the tradition of excellence that has been the hallmark of the Sons of Veterans Reserve since its establishment; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve has amply demonstrated its commitment to the principles of SVR, and it is truly deserving of high praise. We are proud to note that it is through the unceasing efforts of organizations such as this that the State of Ohio continues to prosper and remains a pleasant place in which to live and work; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve on its recent national accolade and extend best wishes for ongoing success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

4.33 Assistant National Legislation Officer: Stephen S. Hammond, PCC

I will concur with the report submitted by Brother Earl.

4.34 Assistant National Quartermaster: George Shadman

The National Quartermaster, Brother Danny Wheeler asked me to assume the responsibility of the ROTE/JROTC Award Program in May, 2016. The inventory of supplies were transferred to me at the New York Department Encampment that spring.

Since that time there has been little activity until the first of calendar year 2017. Of the total of 384 awards that I have processed since assuming responsibility, 291 has been since January 1, and I anticipate that through April will be quite active. During February alone I was processing an average of over 50 per week.

I would like to recognize the Departments of Texas and Nevada for their tremendous efforts in this program; they have kept me exceedingly busy. Overall, the transition to the new Form 7 has been nearly flawless across the country with the many camps and department showing much cooperation with very few issues.

The National Treasurer has all my financial records, submitted monthly, if anyone wishes to review them, and the National Quartermaster has the records of inventory purchases if anyone wishes to know those numbers. It has been my great pleasure to once again serve the national organization as I enter my 45th year with the SUV, and I am happy Brother Danny Wheeler reached out to me to coordinate this worthwhile program. If anyone has any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

5 National Committee Reports

5.1 National Committee on Civil War Memorials: Walter E. Busch, PDC

The biggest news is that I will be retiring from running Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site, Elephant Rocks State Park and Dillard Mill State Historic Site as of April 1. A lot of traveling hopefully is in my future and that means looking at a lot of monuments and most likely documenting them. For Missouri, this most likely means that the non-documented 12 monuments identified in our initial survey of 529 monuments in the state will finally be recorded and our efforts there, except for database entry, complete. If you'd like to see how I've set up Missouri's PDFs of monuments go to <http://www.suvcwmo.org/historical-records.html>

The national signals officer has shared with me a proposed database for monuments and things are progressing on that front.

At the Council of Administration meeting after the national encampment, the CW Memorials Officer was approved to be a permanent aide to the National Committee on Civil War Memorials Grant Fund (currently led by Brian Pierson, PDC). He has received a few requests so far this year and this seems to be working well. The 2015 form 62 also is working well for those who use it.

I sent out the following challenge to committee members and past committee members. The challenge seems to have been positively received. Brother Tom Gaard of Iowa has submitted 24 monuments and 7 last soldier markers since the challenge. Several other departments have

added monuments since the challenge and I will be making such a challenge in my encampment report.

The proposal has also yielded the suggestion from Brother Benjamin Frail that the committee divide up the US to do entries into the database similar to what is being done with graves registration. I sent this out to the rest of the committee and have had no comment on it. This may be plausible, but until we get a database up and at least testing, I am withholding making a decision on that.

Update on status of monuments

DIGITIZED RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS

STATE/LOCATION	July 2016 MONUMENTS	Mar 2017 MONUMENTS	Gain / Loss	Entered Database	Last Soldier Markers	LS Entered Database	Notes
Arizona	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Arkansas	4	4	0	239	0	0	Note 1
Australia	1	1	0	1	0	0	
California	40	40	0	0	0	0	
Colorado	4	4	0	4	0	0	
Connecticut	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Delaware	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Florida	2	3	1	2	0	0	
Georgia	7	7	0	7	0	0	
Idaho	9	9	0	9	0	0	
Illinois	128	132	0	0	0	0	
Indiana	5	5	0	5	0	0	
Iowa	8	32	24	6	7	0	
Kansas	14	14	0	0	0	0	
Kentucky	10	10	0	9	0	0	
Kazakhstan	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Maine	5	5	0	5	0	0	
Maryland	4	4	0	4	0	0	Note 2
Massachusetts	40	40	3	0	0	0	
Mexico	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Michigan	210	221	11	0	0	0	
Minnesota	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Mississippi	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Missouri	505	517	12	37	2	0	
Nebraska	6	6	0	6	0	0	
Nevada	4	4	0	0	0	0	
New Hampshire	18	18	0	9	0	0	
New Jersey	5	5	0	5	0	0	
New York	24	27	3	18	0	0	Note 3
North Carolina	12	12	0	0	0	0	

North Dakota	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Ohio	31	31	0	4	14	28	Note 4
Oklahoma	4	4	0	3	0	0	
Oregon	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Pennsylvania	27	28	1	0	0	0	
Rhode Island	27	27	0	0	0	0	
South Carolina	1	1	0	1	0	0	
South Dakota	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Tennessee	6	6	0	6	0	0	
Texas	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Utah	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Virginia	4	6	0	4	0	0	
Vermont	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Washington	13	13	0	10	0	0	Note 5
Washington DC	1	1	0	1	0	0	
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wisconsin	32	32	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	1228	1286	55	412	23	28	0

* Minuses are result of cleaning up duplicate files

Note 1: A Survey identifying potential markers has been completed and in our database

Note 2: 1995 Maryland Governor's Comm on Monuments report digitized

Note 3: 1992 New York SUV CW Monuments Book Digitized

Note 4: Ohio Last Soldiers in Database came from a listing of markers that had no Form 61 or Form 62 filed for them

Note 5: Washington 10 monuments in database are ones the WRC sent me and have no Form 61 or Form 62 yet
Mullins Company Monuments Catalog of 1913 Digitized

5.2 National Committee of Communications & Technology: James P. McGuire, DC

See Section 10.

5.3 Nation Committee on Constitution and Regulations: Robert E. Grim, PCinC

The committee is currently studying and evaluating several possible changes to the Regulations for presentation at the 136th National Encampment.

5.4 National Encampment Site Committee: James T. Crane, PCC

National Encampment 2017 Lansing, Michigan August 10-13

The Department of Michigan Host Committee has been hard at work getting the website up with all of the information needed to operate the Encampment. Hotel reservations were opened up the first week of February, as well as the National Registration Form. They are finishing other details such as Tours, a Dinner Banquet Form with menu choices, and other forms, as well as finishing the work to produce The Banner in April. The work continues and work has begun

with the hotel representatives to finish the planning stages for this Encampment. Many of the checklist items in the Guidebook have been accomplished, and they are on schedule to have a very successful Encampment. Guest room rates are \$109.95 per night for a double or king room. There are many restaurants within walking distance to the hotel, and other shops you may want to visit. Transportation to the hotel and back to the airport is free, but you need to contact the hotel to arrange for pick up. See hotel reservations on the website. The hotel is the Radisson Lansing at the Capitol. You can access the Michigan Website by going to the National website, and clicking on News, where their website is located. All the information you will need is on this website. The souvenir badge honoring General George Custer is selling at a fast pace, purchase it early.

National Encampment 2018 Boston, Massachusetts August 9-12

The Department of Massachusetts has been working on their Encampment since last year. They have finalized their Encampment tour, which will include a boat tour of Boston Harbor with lunch, and a tour of Ft. Warren, on George's Island, where Massachusetts Regiments were mustered and trained. The song, "John Brown's Body", (which became the music for the Battle Hymn of the Republic) was first sung here by mustering troops of the 13th Massachusetts Infantry. The fort also served as a prison for captured Confederates, including the VP of the Confederacy, after the War. The Host Committee is working closely with the hotel on the operations for this Encampment. They are also doing some interesting work on the Encampment medal, and one to offer to the Membership. One could be struck to honor the Society of "The Minutemen of '61", the first regiments from Massachusetts to answer President Lincoln's call for troops in April of 1861. This Encampment will be a treat, as they are putting together a nice plan for everyone to enjoy themselves. The hotel is the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center, about 20 miles from downtown Boston. The rate is \$109.00 for single and double rooms.

National Encampment 2019 Missouri Notice

We were informed by the Department Commander in Missouri that they were dropping out as the Host Department of 2019 due to their Department Encampment voting only to go to Branson, Missouri. A suitable hotel could not be found in Branson due to the rate structures of the hotel industry there. The one property that wanted to be the Host Hotel was not able to overcome the National requirements of meeting space needs. In regards to other hotels, we did not think that our Organization was ready to jump into the \$140.00 room rate per night. It was felt that membership may stay at a smaller hotel for a cheaper rate, therefore not meeting our room block with that hotel. If that happened, it may put the Host Department in a financial bind, that they could not overcome. We thank all of those who put a lot of time into this endeavor, in particular PCinC Ed Krieser.

As a result of their decision, the National Encampment Site Committee was tasked as taking on the responsibility to find a suitable Department to host the Encampment, per the C&R.

National Encampment 2019 Cleveland , Ohio August 8-11

The National Encampment will now be held in Cleveland, Ohio for 2019. It has been 70 years since it has been in that city, and 20 years since last visiting Ohio. Many plans are being drawn up for this Encampment, and work will continue this year and next. An information book will be sent to the CofA as soon as it is finished, with the names of the Host Committee, the possible tours, and other information that is pertinent to operating an Encampment. The Host Hotel will be the Double Tree Cleveland, located in Independence, Ohio about 15 minutes from downtown Cleveland, and many attractions. It is a suburban hotel, that is minutes from a couple of restaurants, and 15 minutes from the airport. The room rate will be \$114.00 per night for a single or double room. More information will be released at the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.

5.5 National Committee on Fraternal Relations: Kevin L. Martin, PDC

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, the committee sent notifications on March 1, 2017 via mail to fourteen (14) representatives of each of our kindred Societies listed in the recently updated National Fraternal Relations Guide. The notifications included details for the 61st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, parade, and luncheon in Springfield, Illinois on Saturday April 15, 2017.

5.6 National Committee on Graves Registration: Bruce D. Frail, PDC

No report received.

5.7 National Committee on History: Robert J. Wolz, PDC

The History Committee was polled for their consideration to allow the GAR History on our website to stand rather than include the Rev. Rutledge story.

5.8 National Committee on GAR Records: Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

This serves as a combined report of the National Committee on GAR Records and the National GAR Records Officer.

Current members of the GAR Records Committee are: Dean Enderlin, PCC, chair; Glenn Knight, PDC; Jeffrey Vaillant, PCC; Ernest Blevins; and Walter Busch, PDC. Aides to the committee are: Richard Orr, PCinC (Sr. Advisor); Glen Roosevelt, PDC; Brad Schall, PCinC, and Robert Wolz, PDC.

GAR Records Group on Yahoo.com: Our committee continues to use the *GARRecords* Group on Yahoo as our hub for communications and file sharing/archiving. The Group was created in March 2011, with Glenn Knight, PDC, and Dean Enderlin, PCC, as co-administrators.

Recent Activities: Public interest in the GAR Records Program has continued to rise in the 2016-2017 administrative year. Since August 1, 2016, the National GAR Records Officer has received 181 email inquiries. Dozens of inquiries were received over the holidays, resulting in a backlog. Efforts to catch up are underway. In addition, 35 tips regarding the location of GAR records were received by email, plus 14 tips received through our online submission form.

Department GAR Records Officer: With the office of Department GAR Records Officer now codified, we have begun tracking the progress of Departments in filling this office. The

Department of the Columbia, which had previously reported the appointment of a Department GAR Records Officer, recently advised the National GAR Records Officer that they no longer have that office filled. Brother Loran Bures is spearheading an effort to engage local Camps in that Department to expand the work. His efforts have already led to corrections and improvements in the database, along with the discovery of an important new GAR records collection in Washington State.

The following table shows Departments that have a confirmed GAR Records Officer.

Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer			
Department	Officer		Officer
California & Pacific	X	Missouri	X
Colorado/Wyoming	Pending	Nebraska	X
Columbia	Vacant	New Hampshire	
Connecticut		New Jersey	X
Florida	X	New York	X
Georgia & South Carolina		North Carolina	
Illinois		Ohio	X
Indiana	X	Oklahoma	
Iowa	X	Pennsylvania	
Kansas		Rhode Island	
Kentucky		Southwest	Pending
Maine		Tennessee	
Chesapeake		Texas	
Massachusetts		Vermont	
Michigan	X	Wisconsin	

Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Recommendation: Progress toward achieving our long-term committee goals was first reported to the 133rd National Encampment (2014) by the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning. One recommendation was included with the progress report: "Assist Departments in reporting locations of GAR records in their territories." Now that the office of Department GAR Records Officer is in place, our next task is to publish a handbook, similar to those now available to Patriotic Instructors and Graves Registration Officers. Work has begun on this document, with completion expected in the 2017-2018 administrative year.

Five Year Plan: A 5-year GAR Records Project Plan was approved at the 2012 National Encampment. Our committee is developing a new 5-year plan which will be presented at the 2017 National Encampment.

Recommendations: No Recommendations.

5.9 Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance: Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

I checked with the tomb superintendant and they do not need anything else from us. The chairs have been ordered. Also a contract with the band has been signed. Our 2 wreaths have

disappeared and I am trying to find them. If I cannot find them new ones will be ordered. Ribbons will be ordered this week. The only other items that still need to be done are to print the program and order the luncheon and I will do that on April 5th. The headquarters hotel is The Abraham Lincoln hotel, 701 E. Adams St., P# 217-544-8800. Room reservations must be made by March 25th. Luncheon reservations must be made by April 1st.

The Lincoln Tomb special program permit has been filled with the Tomb.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the CofA make the spring meeting in Springfield the weekend of the Lincoln Tomb program a permanent meeting just like the winter one Remembrance Day weekend. This will show the support of the Sons and encourage more members to participate in the Lincoln Tomb Observance. This is needed because the attendance every year is getting smaller and smaller.

5.10 National Committee on Membership: Donald W. Shaw, PDC

The main activity of this Committee was to be sure the lines of communication were open between myself and the Department JVCs. To that end, I have kept my listing of all DJVCs updated. I have been in contact with a number of those individuals in the processing of applications sent to their Departments. Those contacts have been not only by letter but in many instances by telephone and email. Most of the DJVCs are good about responding so as to assure me they have received the information sent to them and even the steps they have taken to get prospective members into a local camp for formal election to membership. I have processed 89 applications since the last report. Most of these have already been sent on to the Department Junior Vice Commanders for assignment to camps.

Of particular concern to me is the length of time that it takes to get a candidate from his application sent in to me, to a camp for election to the Order. Another concern centers on the number of applications where people have sent the application to the national, but already know people in the camp they want to join and ask that the application be sent directly there. A final concern centers on the number of people who send applications in at the end of December, with the appropriate fee for ½ a year, then we don't get them for processing until the fee for a full year is due. I will study these problems, consult with people who have done this job previously, and report back in my annual report the steps I believe we need to take to correct these matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I have no recommendations to put before the Encampment at this time.

5.11 National Military Affairs Committee: Henry E. Shaw Jr., PCC

This Interim Report will cover the activities of the National Military Affairs Committee from the 2016 Remembrance Day Weekend (18 November 2016 - 20 November 2016) through and including the date of this Interim Report of the National Military Affairs Committee.

- The National Military Affairs Committee held its meeting in Gettysburg, PA on the evening of Friday, 18 November 2016 at the Wyndham Hotel.

- Four SVR General Orders were issued since the date of this Committee's Tri-Annual Report dated 01 November 2016, specifically, SVR General Order 2016-09, dated 19 November 2016, SVR General Order 2016-10, dated 18 November 2016, SVR General Order 2017-01, dated 04 January 2017 and SVR General Order 2017-02, dated 17 January 2017 and which said SVR General Orders have been published on the Web Site.
- The Committee has worked on and prepared a draft to amend Chapter IV, Section 2 of the current SVR Regulations relating to Juniors and Junior Associates and will present the proposed amendment to the National Encampment in August, 2017 for consideration. Proposed Amendment is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND – 2016

- In the course of proceedings at the SVR Breakfast held at the Wyndham Hotel on Saturday morning, 19 November 2016, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer of the SVR, presented the following awards: Meritorious Service Medal: Sgt. Maj. Ivan E. Frantz, SVR Musician Sgt. Major; Major Terry Frost, Past Commander, 3rd Military District, Gettysburg Parade Provost; Major Leo. F. Kennedy, SVR Web Master, SVR Public Information Officer; 1st Lt. Shane Milburn, Commander, Co. C, 20th OVI, 3rd Military District; 2nd Lt. William Morris, 3rd Military District PIO and Newsletter editor; Lt. Col. James B. Pahl, SVR Judge Advocate General, 3rd Military District Adj.; Major Eric B. Peterson, Commander, 7th Military District; Major Allen Teller, Commander 3rd Military District. Distinguished Service Medal: Lt. Col. Edward J. Krieser, Commander, 4th Military District, Past Commander, 3rd Military District, Member of SUVCW Military Affairs Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW. Unit Citation: Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, SVR, 3rd Military District; Co. I, 83rd NY Vol. Inf. (9th NYSM), SVR, 2nd Military District.
- At the Woolson Ceremonies conducted on Saturday, 19 November 2016, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer of the SVR functioned as Master of Ceremonies and, in the course of the proceedings, presented a check in the sum of \$2,000.00 to Ed W. Clark, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, for monument preservation. That donation brings the total to date in the sum of \$82,500.00.
- The Parade was well attended, both from the perspective of the participants and the spectators. In fact, once again, it was necessary to secure special permission from GNMP to secure the use of a portion of East Confederate Avenue to accommodate the overflow of parade participants. Once again, the efforts of SVR Provost Major David K. Hann should be recognized for his extremely effective efforts at the staging area as well as Major Terry Frost doing the Provost duties at the reviewing area.
- The Ball was, as usual, quite a fine success with over 300 participants in attendance. It appears that a donation at least in the sum of \$2,000.00 will be presented to the Gettysburg National Military Park on 18 November 2017 in the course of the Woolson Ceremonies. As in numerous prior years, the efforts of SVR Provost, Major David K. Hann who handled the tickets at the door and Anne and David Sosnowski who did the Ball decorations should be recognized.

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- As previously reported, due to the unavailability of the Ball room at the Wyndham, it became necessary to change the status of the Headquarters Hotel to the Eisenhower Hotel. Five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex (formerly the Eisenhower Hotel) for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 have been entered into. It should be noted that the Eisenhower Complex has a substantially sized Ball Room.
- The five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex, among other things, provide for the identical group rate per night for each of the five (5) years, that is, the sum of \$129.00 plus tax per night. Insofar as the nightly group rate at the Wyndham for 2016 was the sum of \$116.00 plus tax per night, the fixed five (5) year rate of \$129.00 plus tax per night at the Eisenhower Complex thus represents an 11.2% increase over the 2016 rate at the Wyndham.
- The contracts with the Eisenhower Complex also provide for rooms, built into the contracts and at no additional expense, for the use of the Allied Orders to display and sell their various items, the same also holding true for the National Quartermaster. Additionally, a large room will be available for the SVR Breakfast, a room will be available for the Council of Administration Meeting and for the Church Service on the Sunday morning of each weekend. And, of course, the use of the Ball Room is built into the terms of each of the five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex. Also it should be noted that the Hotel will provide at no cost to those who are staying at the Eisenhower during Remembrance Day Weekend, an evening meal on Friday 17 November 2017, a breakfast on Saturday, 18 November 2017(not the SVR Breakfast which is separate) and an evening meal on Saturday, 18 November 2017.
- A 4 year contract for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 was entered into with the Philadelphia Brigade Band for purposes of providing period dance music at the Original Civil War Ball to be held in the Eisenhower ballroom. The contract also includes period dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. In addition to playing for the Ball, the Band will also render The National Anthem and provide period selections at the Woolson Monument ceremonies and will participate in the Remembrance Day Parade.
- Arrangements are being made with the various CW publications to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball. Issues of several of these CW publications containing the Remembrance Day 2017 ads will be distributed at the 154th reenactment in Gettysburg in July of 2017.
- Through the assistance of PCinC and SVR Web Master Leo Kennedy, Notice of the 2017 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2017 Original Civil War Ball are both posted on the SVR Web site.
- Major David K. Hann, Provost, SVR, fashioned a Remembrance Day Facebook Page in 2014 and which said page has been updated to include the 2017 events.
- Renewed State Auto Insurance Company Bond for purposes of protecting the Original Civil War Ball funds at no cost to the SVR. Funds for policy premium came from an anonymous donor.

- Original Civil War Ball tickets (350) were ordered on 22 December 2016 and were received on 30 December 2016. Total cost, including shipping, was \$125.00. To date, eight (8) Ball tickets have been sold.
- Further Tasks To Be Accomplished, between March, 2017 and the 136th National Encampment, And In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2017:
- Arrangements will be made, electronically, with PCinC James B. Pahl, the Editor of The Banner, to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball.
- Arrangements will be made, electronically, with All Sound Pro in Chambersburg, PA (Robert Ranalli) to provide Public Address system for Woolson Monument Ceremonies on 18 November 2017.
- A formal personalized letter of invitation will be mailed to Robert F. Costello, requesting him to deliver The Gettysburg Address in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument on 18 November 2017.
- A formal personalized letter of invitation will be mailed to Ivan E. Frantz, Musician Sgt. Major, SVR, requesting him to render TAPS at the conclusion of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
- A formal personalized letter will be mailed to Mr. Charles Hulse requesting him to have Boy Scout Troop No. 88 place refuse containers (as required by the Borough of Gettysburg) along the parade route, prior to the 2017 Remembrance Day Parade and then remove the same following the completion of the Parade.
- An Application for a Facilities Lease Agreement will be made to the Gettysburg Area School District for purposes of use of Middle School area for form up of the Remembrance Day Parade.
- An Application for a Parade Permit will be made to the Gettysburg Police Department for purposes of conducting the Remembrance Day Parade.
- An Application for a Special Park Use Permit will be made to the Gettysburg National Military Park for purposes of conducting the Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove, to be held at 11:00 A.M. on 18 November 2017.
- An Application for a Special Event Permit (Form TE-300) will be made to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Please note that this Application cannot be made until the Borough of Gettysburg issues its Provisional Parade Permit.
- Order Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.

- Make arrangements with Associated Products Services, Mechanicsburg, PA, for purposes of providing 3 portable sanitary facilities at the parade staging area and secure authorizations from Gettysburg Police Chief and the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Gettysburg Area School District to place the sanitary facilities in the proximity of the staging area along Lefever Street.
- Order 13 wreaths from The Floral Boutique in Gettysburg and arrange for the wreaths to be delivered to the Woolson Monument on Saturday, 18 November 2017 at 10:00 A.M.
- Make arrangements with Jeffrey C. Young, owner of Gettysburg Carriage Company, to have a carriage at the parade staging area to convey President Lincoln and John Hart (Gen. Scott) and two others in the Remembrance Day Parade.
- Secure Dance List from Larry Keener-Farley, the Victorian Ensemble Dance Master so that Dance Cards for the Original Civil War Ball can be prepared.
- Order Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
- Of Necessity, Further Tasks In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2017, Will Be Addressed Subsequent To The 136th National Encampment, specifically:
 1. Extend a formal written invitation to Major General Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer, SVR, to act as Master of Ceremonies at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, to present a check to the Gettysburg National Military Park, to lay a wreath on behalf of the SVR and to lead, along with Mrs. Grim, the Grand March at the Original Civil War Ball at The Eisenhower Hotel, commencing at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday 18 November 2017.
 2. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, to present remarks in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, and to lay a wreath on behalf of the SUVCW.
 3. Mail formal personalized letters of invitation to all heads of National Allied Orders, National and Pennsylvania Mollus Heads and all Pennsylvania Allied Orders Heads, requesting each to present a wreath in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
 4. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain, SVR, requesting him to deliver the Invocation and pronounce the Benediction at the SVR Breakfast and at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
 5. Arrange to have the Program for the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument printed and have sufficient copies made for distribution at the site of the Woolson Monument, prior to the commencement of the Memorial Service.
 6. Pick up Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from the R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.

7. Arrange to have Dance Cards for the original Civil War Ball to be printed, boxed.
 8. Arrange to have the various Certificates of Appreciation/Thanks prepared.
 9. Arrange ceremony for Friday afternoon, 17 November 2017, with Gettysburg business leaders, for presentation of Certificates in recognition of their \$1,000.00 parade permit donation.
- Schedule of Events for Saturday, 18 November 2017:
 1. SVR Breakfast at Eisenhower Hotel at 8:00 A.M.
 2. Parade Briefing at Eisenhower Hotel at 9:30 A.M.
 3. Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove at 11:00 A.M.
 4. Parade Form-Up at Gettysburg Middle School at Noon.
 5. Parade Commences at 1:00 P.M.
 6. Original Civil War Ball at Eisenhower Hotel at 8:00 P.M.

REMEMBRANCE DAY DATES – 2017 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 2021:

The following future dates have been established for Remembrance Day:

- Saturday, 18 November 2017
- Saturday, 17 November 2018
- Saturday, 16 November 2019
- Saturday, 21 November 2020
- Saturday, 20 November 2021.

5.12 National Committee on Program and Policy: Mark R. Day, PDC

Old Business and Action items from National Encampment Officer Reports

1. Complete Update on Form 5:
ACTION: P&P Committee is reviewing the form
2. From National Signals Officer (Recommendation #5) Social Media Policy7.
For the Communications and Technology Committee to research and devise an SUVCW Social Media Policy and Best Practices for submission to and approval by the Programs and Policies Committee.
ACTION: They Policy has been sent to the CofA for Approval
3. From Commander in Chief
Incorporate the provisions of PCinC Freshley's General Order #22 as was directed on page 86-88 of the 2014 Encampment Proceedings
ACTION: The P&P will bring this to the CofA no later than the next National Encampment.
4. From the Committee on Vision and Strategic Planning:
Bring desperate programs (ROTC Medal Program; Eagle Scout Patch; Flag Certificate) under one umbrella. Perhaps NPI

ACTION: The New Patriotic Instructor handbook and reporting forms 40, 41, and 42 were approved by the CofA and posted to the National Website

5. From the National Executive Director:

The National Executive Director has suggested changes to the form 27

ACTION: The updated form 27, which was approved in July 2016 has been posted to the National Website

6. From the CinC.:

To P&P to prepare appropriate wording to the C& R on the issue of Memorial Day Observances in support of the Special Committee on Memorial Day.

ACTION: The P&P committee has taken no action at this time but is prepared to act in support of the Special Committee on Memorial Day when so directed

New Business

7. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P adopt a written disaster contingency plan for the for the information systems, including financial records

ACTION: Until the P&P committee receives an input from the Communications Committee and the National Webmaster it can take no action, but is prepared to act when such input becomes available.

8. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P adopt a formal whistleblower policy

ACTION: The P&P has developed and submitted this policy to the CofA for Approval.

9. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P adopt a nepotism policy

ACTION: The P&P has developed and submitted this policy to the CofA for Approval.

10. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P review and update the conflict of interest policy

ACTION: The P&P has developed and submitted this policy to the CofA for Approval.

11. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P adopt a formal policy for the capitalization of fixed assets

ACTION: The P&P is in the process of preparing this policy for submission to the CofA.

12. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P create a separate process to approve invoices from cash disbursement process

ACTION: The P&P is in the process of investigating available methods for tracking invoices.

13. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P identify a methodology for performing reconciliation between the Executive Director's per capita tax receipts and the amount deposited in the bank

ACTION: The P&P has begun a discussion with the Executive Director and the National Treasurer in order to identify a process, involving additional spreadsheet documentation, to conduct the reconciliation. The P&P will need to work closely with the Executive Director in creating this process.

14. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P identify a methodology for performing reconciliation between the Executive Director's per capita tax receipts and the amount deposited in the bank

ACTION: The P&P has begun a discussion with the Executive Director and the National Treasurer in order to identify a process, involving additional spreadsheet documentation, to conduct the reconciliation. The P&P will need to work closely with the Executive Director in creating this process.

15. From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P identify a methodology for third party independent review of bank statements and reconciliations

ACTION: The P&P has not taken any action on this recommendation.

Forms

16. From Scholarship Committee Chairman

ACTION: Form 12 Address of chairman was updated and posted the revised form was posted to the website

17. From the Commander in Chief

The P&P is hereby tasked to make the necessary corrections to the form 50, remove inconsistencies and create a proper sequence of events. Any proposed changes to the C&R deemed necessary should be filled within the appropriate channels. Furthermore the P&P to consider making the following change to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1, removing the word "may" and replacing it with the word "shall". 'Camps ... be named . . .

ACTION: The P&P is currently working on this tasking and will have it ready in time for the Mid-year meeting.

18. From National Quartermaster

The Quartermaster asked for two changes routing addresses be made

ACTION: The changes were made and the revised form posted on the website

19. From Commander in Chief

The P&P will develop a fillable PDF template for producing membership cards on the cardstock sold by the Quartermaster Store.

ACTION: The template has been produced as well as a short set of instructions.

5.13 Battle Flag Preservation Committee: Edward J. Norris, PDC

There has been no activity other than posting Union battle flag related stories on our Facebook page. We now 1,688 people following our Facebook page. We have no recommendations at this time.

5.14 National Committee on Scholarships: Gene D. Turner, PDC

At this point I have nothing to report. The application deadline is March 31, 2017 and after that time the committee begins its work on the finalization of scholarship recipients.

5.15 National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

I have the honor to submit the following report:

The committee reviewed the following applications for grants, all of which were accepted:

2016-17-01, Dept of GA & SC, Restoration of the McPherson Monument, Atlanta, \$2,000

2016-17-02, Dept of the Chesapeake, Restoration of Point of Rocks Cemetery Monument, Chesterfield County, \$1,000

2016-17-03, Dept of Florida, GAR Memorial Hall State of Florida Historical Marker, St Cloud, \$700

In addition, the committee supported the effort of the US Embassy in Panama to erect a monument in memory of Julius Kroehl, US Navy Veteran and early submarine designer, in Panama City. At the November C of A meeting, the C of A approved a grant of up to \$5,000 for the proposal pending a request letter from the ambassador and a rendering of the monument, both which were provided and finalized by January 2017. The final price amounted to \$1,985, including shipping. At the time of this report, it is in the process of being manufactured.

Due to a question from the Dept of New Hampshire, the committee asked for a ruling from the C of A in November whether the committee's charter included grants to support the restoration of furniture in GAR halls. The C of A ruled that it did not.

The committee chair also consulted with the town of Deer Lodge, Montana currently in the early planning stages of restoring a cemetery with a GAR monument in need of repair.

The curator of Veteran's Memorial Hall, Rockford, Illinois, has also made an initial inquiry about a grant.

As was the case last year, the committee expects a number of requests in late spring and early summer.

Brothers Paquette and Norris are to be commended for their thorough review of these applications with respect to both their merit and to ensure they are IAW SUVCW policies. Brother Busch is likewise to be commended for his close coordination with this committee.

5.16 National Committee on eBay Surveillance: James Dixon, PCC

Nothing to report.

5.17 National Committee on Promotion and Marketing: Donald D. Palmer, PCinC

No report received.

5.18 National Committee on Vision and Planning: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

I have the honor to submit the following report:

1. The Committee will be soliciting officers and Departments in June for copies of their annual reports in order to prepare the Committee's annual analysis and report.

6 Special Committee Reports

6.1 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021): James Ward, PDC

I. Commander-in-Chief Martin attended the Department of Florida Encampment February 2017, where he heard the NSCOHI report (attachment #1) requested by Department Commander Reeves. Shortly after installation of Department Commander David Palmer, Brother Reeves, PDC forwarded to the NSCOHI Executive Director Demmy's Department of Florida printout. Using the Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4 section, a spreadsheet of Camp 4 Brothers was created, and the Union Veteran Ancestors data collected in August 2016 was entered and displayed at a Camp 4 meeting with a request to submit missing Union Veteran Ancestor names and data. The intent is to list an entire unit's (in this case Camp 4) regular (hereditary) members and their Union Veteran Ancestors so no one is omitted. Concurrently, the call is out for other Camps in the Department of Florida to do the same. Once all of a Camp/Department/other unit is complete, a media will be selected to publish the results. This continues the approach presented to then Commander-in-Chief Mortorff at NE'16 Campfire. Additional Departments are invited to communicate with the NSCOHI and follow a similar approach, or a different approach if better for them. The goal is to end up with a complete Union Veteran Ancestor database.

II. Media to make data received available to Brothers may be print as a start, but is intended ultimately to be a searchable database on the internet. Details are pending.

III. Committee Members have been asked to submit a formal or informal resume to Chairman Ward to ensure the Committee does not overlook talent and experience available within the Committee, and to identify what skill sets will need to be supplied from outside the Committee.

IV. Goals and enabling objectives remain to:

A. Advance and/or strengthen achieving the SUVCW mission

B. Better link generations from Applicant/Brother to Union Veteran Ancestor with qualifying service

C. Create an "ancestor with qualifying service" database

- D. Obtain descriptions and evaluations of
1. A “certified genealogist” syllabus
 2. Applications, “proving” requirements, data entry, storage, retrieval, and security systems for:

Daughters of the American Revolution
Descendants of Valley Forge
Founders of Hartford
General Society of Colonial Wars
Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors
Mayflower General Society
Military Order of Foreign Wars
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America
National Society of Colonial Dames of America
Order of Founders and Patriots of America
Saint Nicholas Society
Society of Colonial Wars
Society of the Cincinnati
Sons of the American Revolution
Sons of the Revolution
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Welles Family Association

V. This concludes the March 12, 2017 National Special Committee On Hereditary Issues Report to Commander-In-Chief Martin and through him to the Council of Administration.

Attachment #1 to NCOHI March 2017 Report To CinC/CofA

From: National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues
To: Department Commander Reeves
Via: Department Council

Subject: February 2017 Report To Florida Department Encampment including Four Recommendations

Recommendation#1: Department Secretary Whitlam provide a current Department roster to Chairman Ward.

Recommendation#2: Camp Secretaries provide current Camp rosters to Chairman Ward, in particular distinguishing between regular (hereditary) Members and Associate Members. Where available, also provide Union Veteran Ancestors of regular members, including name, enlistment date and place, discharge type, date and place, units served, action seen, and references where available.

Recommendation #3: Brothers with data compiling, storing, accessing and archiving expertise and experience provide a resume to Chairman Ward.

Recommendation #4: Brothers with web site creation or contracting experience, both for desktop searchable database displays and mobile searchable database displays, as well as web security, provide a resume to Chairman Ward.

1. National Encampment 2016 received the committee report, authorized a \$3,000 budget line item for research and development, extended the life of the committee (as noted in the “Banner”), and dramatically increased the scope of the committee.

2. Commander-in-Chief Martin appointed Brother Paul Davis of the Department of Michigan as an additional committee member. Committee Members are attached to this report and are posted on the 3-panel board in the back of the room.

3. Regarding the scope of the committee, the original three were (1) determine the feasibility of making a Union Veteran ancestor database available to members, and if possible to the public, (2) determine the feasibility of Brothers submitting “supplemental” applications (in other words identifying more than one Union Veteran from which a Brother is descended), and (3) determine the feasibility of a decoration with which a Brother might show how many Union Veteran ancestors he was descended from.

4. The status of those three remains (2) as complete following approval of the Department of Missouri’s proposal that a hereditary application be used with the word “supplemental” written at the top. What fee(s) would be charged is currently up to the camp to set. (1) is a two part task: (1A) compiling the list of Union Veteran ancestors from which Brothers with regular (hereditary) membership are descended, and (1B) creating/acquiring website software and host agreements, etc. to make the database accessible, secure, and scalable. (1A) has a further subpart which is designing a form for data collection. (3) continues to be deferred to a later time; in other words, data collection and an access mechanism have priority over display/recognition on a Brother’s clothing.

5. Returning to the scope of the committee, National Encampment 2016 expanded committee scope to also collect and display lineage information. This is a substantial expansion. This would likely reduce resources needed to complete and evaluate hereditary membership applications, and therefore would likely aid identifying prospective members and increase the number of prospective members converted to applicants. In any case, it appears at this time best to focus on original scope items 1A and 1B.

6. Regarding the committee extension to five years, this reduces the need to renew the committee each National Encampment. Our current approach will be to identify camps as units to vet their Brothers’ Union Veterans and to track progress by vetting their roster, and when Camps of a Department are vetted, then continue until all Departments are as complete as is feasible. In other words, our timeline is to proceed as quickly as will provide reliable data. If successful, this will take less than 5 year’s time, likely much less, especially since some camps already make this information accessible to the public.

7. In parallel (not serially), the platform for access is being sought. Again, this appears doable before 5 years.
8. The expanded scope of providing lineage data is a different matter. That will take longer. As for recognition/insignia, a consensus timeline is unclear.
9. As soon as it is clear what vulnerabilities exist/existed in the National Graves Registration database and access, and what successfully mitigates same, the Hereditary Committee needs to know to avoid experiencing the same denials of service.

6.2 National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign (2017): Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

The committee has been charged with developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations. Despite personnel issues, the committee has completed the first four Power points, covering an overview, History of our Order, Customs & Courtesies, and Badge Wear.

Two more presentations, Organization & Structure and Allied Orders Familiarization are being readied for council review and field-tested at two upcoming Member Orientations in Wisconsin. Other presentations on mission accomplishment and core values are planned.

All presentations include narration text and a review quiz.

6.3 National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials (2017): Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC

As no one has sent in any pre-registrations this far, I have nothing to report.

6.4 National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters: Jerome L. Orton, PDC

As far as I know brothers Upham, Pool and Oliver are still alive. They have been made life members, which was not done for some real sons. They have received SUVCW challenge coins/jack knives.

The 5 real daughters are still live. Sisters, Horton, Wilson, Albertson and Marriott. Irene Triplett, the last Civil War pensioner is still doing well. I send her \$20 a month. Brother Dennis St, Andrew, PDC OF NC visited her. He gave her a personal monetary gift and one from his camp.

6.5 National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flag Policy (2017): Brad Schall, PCinC

Below is the committee's recommendation for changes. Past CinC Krieser will present to the Council. I have a prior commitment to family time and can't make the meeting.

I wish to thank Brothers Kennedy, Darby, Krieser and Gant. Their input was terrific. This was not an easy subject to remain focused on. This recommendation is not a discussion of the Confederate Flag but the narrow focus the encampment charged us with, the prior resolution.

I spent a great deal of time discussing this issue with other Brothers and several members of the SCV. The flag issue is a sensitive issue now and probably will be forever. Our resolution is designed to be an organizational response.

I'm in the process of writing my great grandchildren a letter about growing up in Hutchinson, Kansas. The GAR monument in Hutchinson is one of the many stories. The saying on the monument is "Lest We forget – In Memory of All Soldiers and Sailors Loyal to our Flag.

That says it all.

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors and marines who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity.

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War STRONGLY oppose the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, STRONGLY oppose the defacement or destruction of any Civil War Monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, do support the flying of all U.S. Flags and C.S.A. flags at our Nation's Civil War historical sites.

THEREFOR, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.

7 Commander-in-Chief Committees

7.1 Committee on Memorial Day: Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

We are currently reviewing language for our final report, which will not be ready until the just before National Encampment.

8 Department Reports

8.1 Department of California and Pacific: Thomas T. Graham, DC

The Department of California and Pacific is composed of 13 Camps. During the period since the last report to the COA the Department has experienced a zero net change in membership. Camps have added 437 new graves registrations to the national database, and have edited 344 entries already in the national database.

Highlights of the activities of those Camps reporting are:

- Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4: Flag lowering ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park; San Jose Veterans' Day Parade; Remembrance Day ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park; Four Chaplains memorial service at Saint Francis Cabrini Church in San Jose.
- Gens. Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17: Wreaths Across America on December 17th; Remembrance Day activities; Labor Day Civil War reenactment at Huntington Beach, CA.
- Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18: Camp display at the Inland Empire Military Museum during the San Bernardino Veterans' Day parade; issued ROTC, JROTC and Eagle Scout awards; Camp display at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands, CA.
- Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21: Huntington Beach Civil War reenactment; Fallbrook Summer Nights Downtown Block Party "A Salute to the Military"; Remembrance day activities.
- Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22: Tombstone laying in Galt, CA; Veterans' Day activities.
- Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24: Fort Point Civil War Days event.
- Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25: Nevada Day Parade; Veterans' Day parade: GAR Fence rebuilding and cleanup; Flag Day activities; Wreaths Across America.

8.2 Department of the Chesapeake: Charles B. Hawley, DC

It is my pleasure to serve as the 114th Commander of our Department and to report that the Department is in good order and financially sound, and our membership numbers remain robust and strong.

The Department of the Chesapeake also continues its active involvement in promoting patriotism outside the order, presenting certificates of commendation to young men who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout or received ROTC awards. At the Department Encampment, I shared with the Department my vision to "Market Our Camps" and that was a message well received. I firmly believe that we need to get more publicity for activities that we create. This will have a real impact on our recruiting new members. Working together with Camp Commanders and Department Staff, we are proud to have developed our newsletter, "The Chesapeake Gazette". Another area we have vastly improved is the internet presence for the Department. We are working to make the Department Web Page more inviting and free of errors. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the Web Master for improving our internet presence.

I have had the opportunity to visit many of our thirteen camps in the Department and am excited and encouraged by the strong attitude and professionalism displayed by Camp Commanders and Members.

Activities Participated in This Period

- Saturday, Sep 24 Department Mid-Year Meeting at Waldorf Library
- Nov 5, 2016 – Speaker at Oakley Cabin, Brookville, MD
- Dec 4, 2016 – Alexandria Cemetery Dedication Program
- Dec 10, 2016 – Lincoln Cushing Camp Meeting, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Alexandria, VA
- Jan 22, 2017 – Talbot Monument Meeting Laurel, MD
- Jan 28, 2017 – Lincoln Cushing Audit, Fort Ward Museum

- Feb 12, Installed Camp Officers, Installation Dinner, Dover, Delaware
- Feb 25, 2017 – Installed Camp Officers, Harris Camp Luncheon, Lexington Park, MD
- Mar 7, 2017 – Antietam Camp invitation to speak to Norris Camp SCV at VFW, Gaithersburg, MD

My special thanks to the Department Officers, Camp Commanders, Ladies Auxiliary, and Appointed Officers for their support and encouragement.

8.3 Department of Colorado and Wyoming: Garry W. Brewer, DC

1. DC Salmon stated; Having been elected at the 88th Annual Encampment of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming held 5 June, 2016 at Colorado Springs, Colorado, I hereby assume command.
2. DC Salmon in one of his first duties submitted the following, after a vote from the 88th CoWy Department Encampment

Proposal to Amend the Rituals and Ceremonies Book

The establishment of Memorial Day as a nationwide observance is due in large measure to the publication of Gen. Logan’s General Order No. 11. Yet, the Rituals and Ceremonies do not include this document among its Memorial Day guidance. Many patriotic organizations include Gen. Logan’s order in their ceremonial handbooks. It is fitting, therefore, that we as the heir to the organization that established Memorial Day do likewise.

The Department of Colorado & Wyoming proposes that the Rituals and Ceremonies be amended to include Gen. Logan’s General Order No. 11 among the Memorial Day guidance thus providing a ready reference for those Camps and Departments that wish to incorporate it in their Memorial Day ceremonies.

We recognize that the Rituals and Ceremonies having been recently revised and reprinted, that it might not be practicable to implement this amendment until the Rituals are reprinted. Therefore it is further proposed that General Order No. 11 be included in the electronic version of the Rituals and Ceremonies posted on the national website. Passed unanimously by the Department of Colorado & Wyoming in Annual Encampment assembled, 6 Jun 2016

3. As of 12 July 2016 DC Salmon reported for his Camp Captain Lot Smith Camp 1 the following; , I have been working to finish the first edition of my Camp (Lot Smith #1) newsletter, a project initiated prior to my election as Department Commander. The newsletter has now been submitted for distribution to the members of the Camp.

4. A report from Capt. Lot Smith Camp # 1 show that the following 4-8 Book of Honor and Remembrance & Ceremony has been started which in camp meeting members share a picture and history of their Civil War Ancestor. Supplementals and cost was spoken about as member are considering additional ancestors.
Camp member are working on an new camp newsletter
5. GAR Highway: *The Utah Legislature, 8 years ago, took a chunk of the highway, from Spanish Fork, UT to Green River, UT and named it the Mike Dmitrich Highway, after a retired politician. They took down some existing GAR Highway signs, but did not replace them with the “new name”. Currently, there are only 2 known signs that correctly label Highway 6, the GAR Highway. One is in Western Utah near the Nevada state line. One is in the east, near Colorado state line on I-70. Currently PDC Richhart was able to establish contact with a new State Legislature, who is a distant cousin of his wife and there will be some meeting to correct this in justice.
6. Camp Webpage: Changes at National are occurring that the process for a Camp webpage will possibly be done through GoDaddy.com and it is estimated to cost \$ 80.00.
7. Mt Olivet Wooden Cannon: discussion included replacing the current wooden cannon with an aluminum one. It would cost about \$2000. The current wooden one was done as an Eagle Scout project many years ago. A new prospect has mentioned he might be able to assist in a new brass cannon at low cost
8. Teleconferencing: Capt. Lot Smith is investigating the possibility this as a way to get more membership involvement at meeting. Looking for the right tech savvy member.
9. The following are Centennial Camp 100’s activities since last Fall;
 - A Presentation to Rocky Mountain Civil War Roundtable and participation in the RMCWRT Study Group.
 - B Brothers participated in Fort D. A. Russell Living History event.
 - C 5 Nov 2016: Brothers participated in Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade.
 - D 5 Nov 2016: Brothers participated in Denver Veterans Day Parade.
 - E Dec 2016: Manned booth at Banes & Noble Gift wrapping event. Primarily a fund raising event, but also had displays and passed out literature on the GAR & SUVCW.
 - F Dec 2016: Presented wreath at GAR Monument in Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs.

Recommendation: The Camp & Department Patriotic Instructor’s report form on the National Website should be converted to a “fill-in” form
10. On 17 September 2016, Legion of the West Camp 7 Brothers Gary Parrott PDC, Garry Brewer PDC, David Haake CC, Danny Agajanian provided Civil War era uniformed honor guards for the participants in the Evening Historical Debate event: “Meet Abe Lincoln and Jeff Davis at the Museum of Western Colorado’s Two Rivers Chautauqua “. This was a significant event in that is was participated in and enjoyed by area school children and adults alike.
11. On the 9th of February DC William Salmon sent this out to all Camps of the Department and to the CinC; After much consideration I have decided that for personal reasons I must tender my resignation as Commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming SUVCW effective immediately. Because of this the Department Council was contacted

and it was their vote to immediately elevate DSVC Brewer to take over leadership of the Department. The new Department Commander sent this out.

- A.** Effective immediately, I assume command and control of the Colorado Wyoming Department. At this time the Office of Department Senior Vice Commander will stay vacant until the 17 June 2017 at the 89th Annual Encampment.
 - B.** All elected and appointed Officers are to be currently retained until the 89th Annual Encampment.
 - C.** The 89th Annual Encampment will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on 17 June 2017. All Brother wanting to be elected please contact me to have their names enter on the record for the upcoming Encampment.
 - D.** We thank William Salmon for his service to the Colorado Wyoming Department and wish him well.
- 12.** On President's Day 20 February 2017, Legion of the West Camp 7 dedicated a new GAR Highway sign. This was done by the Camp and was represented by DC Garry Brewer and assisted by local historian and Department GAR Highway Officer Gary Parrott. The Camp members and local public came together at the Point of Historical Interest site at mile post 12 in Mesa County Colorado near Town of Mack. The Camp members were all dressed in Civil War uniforms.
- 13.** From Chapman-Compliment Camp 2 we report; Last year we worked on renovating a dilapidated GAR sign in a local cemetery in Billings, MT. As to what we are currently working on. There is a grave in the same cemetery (Mountview) as the GAR sign was in that had the inscriptions chiseled in by hand on a large chunk of sandstone. The inscription is weak and there are some serious misspellings. We are currently working with the National Archives in Denver and local sources trying to positively identify this veteran. Once this is done, we will order and dedicate a new VA tombstone on his grave. Our plan is to once again have the event publicized in our local newspaper. This will help promote our organization and get the word out on who we are and what we do.

This is the report up to the present.

8.4 Department of Columbia: William R. Fleck

I am submitting this report on behalf of the Department of the Columbia with focus on one specific item warranting national attention, and if I could be so bold, some level of recognition to the two individuals very much involved in making it happen. On 10 Dec 2016, my son and I had the opportunity to participate in the funeral services for Civil War veteran James Power and his wife Irena. Here is a link to the news coverage this event had in the Pacific Northwest.

<http://komonews.com/news/local/civil-war-vet-found-buried-unmarked-grave-given-proper-burial>

Brother Jim Dimond, the Department's Historian and his wife Loretta, were the driving force behind ensuring the Powers were given an honorable funeral service that was a rare event in our region. This effort took hours of dedicated research and persistence to help undertake the

paperwork associated with claiming the couple's unclaimed remains and working with the Veterans Administration to ensure the couple's final resting place. Without any doubt, the ability of the SUVCW to partake in the GAR ritual for a passed comrade was one of the rarest events that the SUVCW Department of the Columbia will have had the opportunity to participate in. I would ask if there might be some level of National recognition for this effort by these two individuals?

Even a simple thank you letter to Brother Dimond and his wife Loretta from National would mean a lot to them.

I have also had some discussions with Brother Shaw regarding the Tuma matter. I leave that up to the process that has been established, however, I will note that I have received materials from the parties involved. I am continuing to monitor the situation as it unfolds within the processes that have been established.

Finally, I will extend an invitation to any Brother interested in attending our Department's Encampment in April. PCINC Tad Campbell will be participating on behalf of our Commander-in-Chief, however, I wanted to ensure that everyone is invited. We will be meeting at Historic Fort Steilacoom (<http://www.historicfortsteilacoom.org/>). Said Fort is one of the few Civil War era locations in our state. It is a rather unique location for Department's encampment.

8.5 Department of Connecticut: Stephen J. Twining, DC

No report received.

8.6 Department of Florida: Charles S. Reeves, DC

On February 18, 2017 the Department of Florida held its 22nd Annual Encampment in St. Cloud Florida and elected their 2017 Department Officers. David Palmer (863-648-4539 & davplm6@aol.com) was elected Department Commander and Larry Oppenheimer (941-378-8308 & leoppen@verizon.net) was elected Department Secretary. All Officers were installed by CinC Donald Martin.

8.7 Department of Georgia and South Carolina: William H. Miller, DC

Camp # 3 and the Department of GA & SC lost a stalwart brother with the sudden passing of Brother Al Platt. His commitment to the organization, Memorial Day, all veterans and first responders was unsurpassed. Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 in conjunction with the department will be placing a park bench on the grounds of the Picket's Mill Battlefield site.

The 10th Department Encampment will be held April 21-22 at the Hilton Marietta Conference Center in unison with the DUVCW conference. There is Friday evening Ice-breaker at the hotel and the encampment on Saturday. National Treasurer David McReynolds will attend as the representative of CinC Donald L. Martin.

With the addition of the Edward Wallace Camp #21 in Beaufort, SC and the Kenner Garrard Camp #4 in Roswell, GA there are now 6 Camps in the department.

The department has submitted a request to host the 2020 National Encampment. Brother Steve Reilly is spearheading this effort.

At the Department Mid-Year Encampment in Oct 2016, department and camp officer training was reinstated. Especially helpful to new camp secretaries and treasurers.

The Department of GA & SC has added new members as indicated per camp: Camp #1 - 3 members; Camp #2 - 1 member; Camp #3 - 4 members; Camp #4 - 7 members chartered 28 Jan 17; Camp #10 - 2 members; Camp #21 - 18 members chartered 29 Oct 16.

The department's SVR unit 14th Corps HQ Guard continues to participate in Memorial Day Ceremonies, Wreaths Across America, honor guards for SUVCW, DUVCW, and LGAR functions, and other activities as requested.

8.8 Department of Illinois: Paul T. Zeien Jr., DC

The Dr. Stephenson Plaza is moving forward but at a snail's pace. The Department of Illinois continues to seek additional funding and other support to make this a place of honor. I encourage all to visit during the Lincoln Death Day celebration in Springfield in April.

We had a very successful Quad Camp Dinner in Rockford at Memorial Hall. About 70 people came to the event and PDC Terry Dyer gave an excellent presentation on the history of Rockford's Memorial Hall.

To date I have issued 9 General orders and they can be found on the department website. Please continue to distribute these as they are issued to brothers that may not have computer access.

The following General Orders have been issued; they can be reviewed at the following URL: <http://www.suvcwil.com/Resources.html>

- General Order #1 DC Zeien Change of Command
- General Order #2 DC Zeien Memorial Day Recognition
- General Order #3 DC Zeien Father's Day Reflection
- General Order #4 DC Zeien Department Call to Action
- General Order #5 DC Zeien July 4th Independence Day
- General Order #6 DC Zeien Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation
- General Order #7 DC Zeien Final Reminder for Encampment Help
- General Order #8 DC Zeien 135th National Encampment Reflection
- General Order #9 DC Zeien Election Reminders

I attended Remembrance Day celebrations in Gettysburg in November of 2016. I found that someone had already placed state flags on the Illinois soldier's graves we had planned on placing flags ourselves.

The Springfield camp, McClelland Camp #4 is assisting with the refurbishing and rededicating the Eternal Flame Monument in Vermont Illinois.

We have a new camp forming within Chicago, IL we hope to have that process complete by the May department encampment.

Active Camps within the Department

- Bryner Camp #67, Peoria Illinois
- Custer Camp #1, Chicago, Illinois
- E.F. Dutton Camp #49, Sycamore, Illinois
- Hecker Camp #443, Belleville, Illinois
- Logan Camp #26, Rockford, Illinois
- McClelland Camp #4, Springfield, Illinois
- Reed Camp #24, Tuscola, Illinois
- Sheridan Camp #2, Aurora, Illinois

Total active members for the department 219.

Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime at zeien01@gmail.com or 815-298-5866.

8.9 Department of Indiana: Dennis H. Rigsby, DC

It is a privilege to report the following activities on behalf of the Department of Indiana for this reporting period.

- 1) January 14, 2017- I traveled to Valpariso, in. And attended the regular meeting of the David D. Porter Camp #116 and was privileged to install their officers for 2017.
- 2) January 28, 2017- I had the privilege to open and preside at the Department of Indiana “mid-winter” encampment held at the Masonic lodge hall in Richmond, IN.
- 3) February 12, 2017- I traveled to Spencer Co. Indiana and attended the Abraham Lincoln birthday ceremony held at the Lincoln boyhood national memorial with 18 other members of the SUVCW in Indiana.

8.10 Department of Iowa: Danny E. Krock, DC

To the best of my knowledge, the Department of Iowa is current on all required reports and monies. We are awaiting the issuance of Charter and date-of-rank for the Curtis King Camp #37. The Department and Camps have submitted their “Letters of Inclusion” to the National Treasurer. Our Department Encampment is scheduled for April 8, at Atlantic, Iowa. Our Department By Laws have been updated to comply with C-in-C Martin’s General Order 11, as well as other items to mirror the National Constitution and Regulations. The updated By Laws will be voted on at the Department Encampment.

Our Department Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor both maintain pages on the Department Web Site. www.iowasuvcw.org/chaplain/ and www.iowasuvcw.org/patriotic-instructor/

Our Department Grand Army of the Republic Records Officer continues to search for photos and obituaries for our “Last Soldiers” as well as searching for Post Charters. He maintains his own Web Site <http://iowagrandarmy.org/> and has expressed concern at the future cost of keeping it up and running.

Our Department Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer continues to do an outstanding job. Since his appointment two years ago, sixty new GAR Highway signs have been placed in the state of Iowa. I am recommending him for the “Meritorious Service Award”, please see the attached Citation. He maintains a page on our Web Site www.iowasuvcw.org/g-a-r-highway/ as well as a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/GARHighwayIowa?fref=ts

Our Department Graves Registration Officer www.iowasuvcw.org/graves-registration/ reports: “I am slightly behind last year’s pace due to the problems with the national data-base being shut down. Things are up and running again now, so I am trying to catch up. I just checked and currently there are 30793 CW veterans buried in Iowa and on the database. Since last year’s Dept. Encampment, 2506 new submission have been made. Of those, 2318 have been done by me. Last year over 3300 total were put on. I’m afraid I can’t match that by Encampment time, but I will try. We are using the GAR record cards which are now accessible on line (Family Search-LDS). The records are on by GAR Post, so each county has numerous Posts to go through, and of course members were not necessarily buried in that county. Lots of cross referencing and verification is required.

Our only real problem is the CAPTCHA requirement on searches. It is not a big deal if only researching one individual, but when we need to do dozens to be sure they are not already listed, it becomes a big inconvenience and waste of time. Otherwise the data entry website works very well. It is fast, straight forward, and easy to use. Just a lot of data to double check to be sure it is correct”.

Our Department ROTC/JROTC Coordinator reports: “While some of the ROTC /JROTC programs will not be completed until late May, the Iowa Department of the SUVCW is on track to have 100% of the 14 programs participating for at least the 2nd straight year.”

Our Department Eagle Scout Coordinator has issued fourteen Certificates and Patches during the past year. On average, Iowa has three to five hundred new Eagle Scouts each year. With our limited budget, our Coordinator has applications at Scouting Headquarters in Des Moines; the Scouts apply to us rather than the Department contacting each them.

Our Department Signals Officer reports: “The Iowa Web Site www.iowasuvcw.org has had 15,256 visitors in the past year, an increase of 28.7% from the previous year. Page impressions per session have increased 17.1%. Most “impressions” have come from google followed closely by the Nation Web Site. We have had visitors world-wide, accounting for 57.1% of visits.”

8.11 Department of Kansas: Mark A. Britton, DC

No report received.

8.12 Department of Kentucky: Bruce E. Fortin, DC

2016 Department Events

May 30. Memorial Day, 9th Michigan Vol. Inf. cemetery, Ft. Duffield, West Point. About 10 brothers and members of the 9th Michigan re-enacting group attended this dedication ceremony.

May 30. Decoration Day ceremony, New Albany National Cemetery, New Albany, Indiana. Officers of the department and Camp 1, and a representative of the NSDU attended. Members of the SVR acted as honor guard at the Decoration Day ceremony. Covered by the local press.

June 11. Department Encampment. Northside Branch of the Lexington Public Library.

Sept. 18. Battle of Tebbs Bend Interpretive Marker Dedication, Romine, Kentucky. Four brothers and one other person were in attendance for commemoration of the Battle of Tebbs Bend, July 4, 1863.

Sept. 19. Cave Hill Rostrum Re-Dedication, Louisville. The Rostrum was erected for GAR memorial ceremonies in 1898. Department officers and brothers were in attendance, as were representatives of the National Society of the Daughters of the Union and a SVR color guard. Representatives of the governor's office, mayor's office were also in attendance, as was a female choir from Male High School. Covered by WAVE3 News.

Sept. 24. Holt House Living History, Hardinsburg. Four brothers and associates attended this event, which was hosted in the home of Pres. Lincoln's Advocate General of the Army. Covered by the Breckinridge Herald-News.

Oct. 1. Lincoln Days, Hodgenville. Five brothers, associates and friends acted as escorts for the Abe Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln look-alike contestants, and acted as color guard in the afternoon parade. Covered by the local press.

Oct. 8. Granville Allen Monument Cleaning, Morgantown. Six present and former department officers and brothers traveled to Morgantown to clean the monument dedicated to the first Union casualty of the Civil War, Granville Allen. Co. D, 17th Kentucky Infantry.

Nov. 12. Kentucky Soldiers Home Highway Marker Dedication, at Harrods Creek. Approximately 15 SUVCW officers, brothers and SVR members attended the dedication of the marker to commemorate the existence of the only soldier's home for Union soldiers following the Civil War from 1891 to 1894. There were also about 15 members of the public in attendance, including Congressman John Yarmuth, who spoke, as did officers of the SUVCW. Covered by television stations WLKY and WDRB.

February 2017, Members attended the Ancestral Trails Historical Society book fair and recruited a new member.

Coordination is currently underway with the NSDU to dedicate a grave marker for Thurston Cable 20th Ky Inf. This event; with word getting out to the public FIVE new members have been recruited. Mr. Dennis Hutchinson, Camp Commander, John W. Foster Camp #2, Indiana Sons of Union Veterans will be speaking. Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will also speak. Date set is 8 April 2017 in Owensboro KY. The NSDU contacted the Indian camp not knowing there was a KY camp. Indiana have been in contact and graciously offered their assistance.

8.13 Department of Maine: David W. Sosnowski, DC

The Department of Maine took part in the return of the remains of Private Jewett Williams at the Memorial Bridge at Kittery, ME/ Portsmouth, NH, a ceremony at Togus National Cemetery. The Department also participated in the burial service of Pvt. Jewett Williams in Hodgdon on September 24. Thank you, Eric, Boothroyd, Steve Morgan, Peter Redman, Charlie McGillicuddy, and Morris Berry. I was unable to attend due to family responsibilities.

Private Jewett Williams was born in Hodgdon, Maine and at the age of 21, with only six months left in the Civil War, enlisted in the 20th Maine Infantry. At the war's end he headed to Minnesota then Oregon where he died in the Oregon State Hospital (Salem) at the age of 79. His body was cremated and unclaimed by any family members although he had married and had fathered 5 children. For the past 94 years, his unclaimed remains have been in the Oregon State Hospital.

I went to a separate ceremony at Togus VA Center on a different day. It also attended by PCinC Perley Mellor .

I attended the Pennsylvania Encampment.

I was unable to attend the National Encampment due to family responsibilities.

I participated at services for PDC Larry Williams on August 9th in Brunswick, ME.

8.14 Department of Massachusetts: Dexter A. Bishop, DC

The report for the Department of Massachusetts is as follows for this past reporting period.

Our Department has focused on our reporting requirements and development of plans for 2017. The Department Commander has explored the possibility of opening a camp in the Massachusetts State House. We are in hopes that we will soon be requesting permission to start a new camp there.

Camp 22 under the leadership of Camp Commander Charles Lewis will be sponsoring a Civil War Round Table style meeting at the Chelsea Soldiers Home in the hopes to increase its membership. The addition of this program will bring to three meetings per month at the home. Two meetings at the Quigley Hospital and one in the barracks. The need keeps growing.

The Department and Camp 5 have been meeting with Lynn's Veteran Agent to develop a plan to clean 10,000 veteran's head stones in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn over a 10 year period using D3. We are also exploring the possibility of bringing Wreaths Across America to Lynn and recommending that once the system is in place each camp in the Department to consider the same. Lots of work to be done before these programs can become a reality. (i.e. raise fund , get volunteers to do the work etc.)

We are preparing to hold our Encampment in April with CinC Martin in attendance. Also our 2018 Committee has been preparing for the National Encampment in 2018.

8.15 Department of Michigan: L. Dean Lamphere Jr., DC

On behalf of the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, we look forward to seeing you during our Department Encampment May 6, 2017 in Lansing, Michigan.

We have two camps Camp No. 1 – John A. Logan Camp in Grand Rapids and Camp No. 139 – Lockwood Camp in Alpena that have surrendered their charters. Camp No. 1 is related to the suspension of Bruce Butgereit and Camp No. 139 is a result of the remaining five members electing not to keep the Camp running beyond the 2016 year.

We have identified and installed a Department Secretary Dick Denny, PCC who is helping getting the Department organized once again. My Chief of Staff David F. Wallace, PDC is assisting Brother Denny get acquainted with the materials and records of the Department. We have submitted Form 22 to National for all camps, except the two identified as surrendering their charters. Brother Denny has been in contact with Executive Director Demmy and working through any requirements coming through National Headquarters.

We have two groups working on Camp organization efforts one in Arbor Springs, Michigan and the other to re-organize a Camp in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We have high hopes that both of these initiatives will be successful.

I am aware that the former members of Camp No. 1 have sent packets to you, the Past Commander-in-Chiefs and Council of Administration members. However as stated in paragraph two of this report they have surrendered their charter and requested discharges, which have been granted, from the Order as of Dec. 12, 2016. The packets were sent out reflecting the final meeting of the Camp, even though they dated and sent the packets as of Jan. 19, 2017, and since those individuals are no longer members of the Order and have ended their relationship to it, they have no further voice in the order. However in this officer's opinion some of the suggestions towards improvements to the disciplinary procedures are valid. I will review with local camp and make proper recommendations through department.

We look forward to welcoming the Allied Orders to Lansing, Michigan during the National Encampment.

8.16 Department of Missouri: Randal A. Burd Jr., DC

The Department of Missouri is going strong as we prepare for the May 27th rededication of the Missouri memorial at Vicksburg, Mississippi. The regular activities of our camps are reported in our department newsletter, The Missouri Unionist, which you can find at <http://www.suvcwmo.org/the-unionist.html>.

Department Committees

Department Awards Committee
SVC Dale Crandell, PCC – Chair

Department Bylaws Committee
SVC Dale Crandell, PCC – Chair

Department Encampment Site Committee
Ed Krieser, PCinC - Chair

JROTC Selection Committee
SVC Dale Crandell, PCC – Chair

Membership Committee
Committee
JVC Sumner Hunnewell – Chair

Marketing and Comm/Tech

James Dixon, PCC – Chair

Graves Registration Committee
Robert Hammack – Chair

Memorials and Records Committee
Dept. Sec. Walt Busch, PDC – Chair

Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee
Donald Palmer, PCinC – Chair

Department Activities Committee
Martin Aubuchon, PDC – Chair

I will shortly be dissolving our existing 2019 National Encampment Committee – Ed Krieser, Chair, and forming a new National Encampment Host Committee – Bob Petrovic, Chair, to create a proposal for a St. Louis National Encampment.

Department Orders

I have issued the following Department Orders since my previous report:

No. 11 JROTC Selection Committee (3/11)

No. 12 Excess Payment Policy (3/11)

Department Communiqué No. 2 – Blank Forms & Life Membership (1/31).

These orders can be read in their entirety at <http://www.suvcwmo.org/department-orders.html>

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8.17 Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas: William H. Dean, DC

Harrison Camp 53-2:

November – 21 Veterans day program at the Wisner-Pilger Jr-Sr High School Fine Arts Center
December – 18th Wreaths placed at the Wisner and Pilger Cemeteries Civil War Monument and Wisner Veterans Memorial

Shiloh Camp 2:

November - 11 - Veterans Day parade and flag raising at Pioneer Park in Lincoln. 19th - Gettysburg address at Capitol building in Lincoln and Nebraska Historical Society for living history. Over 100 people attended.

Dec. 17th - Wreaths Across America at Governor Thayer's monument, Wyuka and Calvary (Victor Viquain Monument) Cemeteries in Lincoln.

Febr. 12th - Lincoln's Birthday celebration. Stood guard at Lincoln's statue at Capitol building in the morning, then living history at Lincoln Southeast High School in the afternoon.

March 1st - at 9am The Nebraska Rangers raised a 37 star flag for the start of Nebraska's 150th years of statehood.

Victor Viquain 1- helped Shiloh with Gettysburg address and Nebraska Historical Society in the afternoon. They marched in the Bellevue Veteran's Day parade. They also did Wreaths Across America at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha. They also helped with Lincoln's birthday celebration in Lincoln.

As Commander, I helped with all events except for Harrison Camps and Wreaths Across America. I had family plans already scheduled on the day Wreaths Across America, so I couldn't attend.

8.18 Department of New Hampshire: Thomas J. Cullinane, DC

I am pleased to report that the 80 strong Department of New Hampshire remains actively engaged in the preserving the memories of our Union Defenders in all corners of the Granite State.

The years 2016-2017 have been marked by great transition. PDC Dave Nelson completed a three year run of departmental command. The under mentioned was elected in his stead. Long serving Department Secretary PDC Peter Whelpton stepped down with Brother Michael Shklar being appointed to take his place. The transitions will continue with Brother Clayton Longver, having provided decades of impeccable service as the Department Treasurer, having signaled his intention to make this his final year in this key position.

The overarching goal of the department is to compel our state leadership to properly preserve the regimental colors of the Union forces dispatched to quell the Great Rebellion. We will not rest until this mission is accomplished. When not working toward this goal, we continue to carry out the normal duties and activities of our order. Most camps actively support their community's Memorial Day ceremonies as seen by the below picture of Sleeper Camp #60 and Ladies Auxiliary members near the G.A.R. Memorial in Salem, NH.



The Department received a great boost in publicity when it featured in an article by in the Fall 2016 edition of *SooNipi Magazine*.



Brother Michael Shklar provided a very well received talk entitled “The Real Heroes of Little Round Top” at our Remembrance Day Observance conducted in Keene, NH on November 5, 2016. Our annual Union Defender’s Day ceremony was weathered out, but has been rescheduled for March 24, 2017. Brother Larry Knight will give a talk on two of his ancestors who were incarcerated in the infamous Andersonville Prisoner of War Camp.

We remain very proud of Brother Michael Sweet who was the recipient of the National College Scholarship. He has posted a banner year at Saint Anslem’s College in Manchester, New Hampshire and remains heavily engaged in the activities of his home camp.

The Department is currently gearing up for its annual encampment on April 8, 2017 in Concord, New Hampshire. There we will plan our course of activities for the upcoming year to support our never ending task of preserving the memories of the Union Defenders.

8.19 Department of New Jersey: Frederick A. Mossbrucker, DC

Our department continues to uphold the charge before us of keeping "green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic."

We have added two new camps this year which brings the total number of camps in New Jersey to nine. All camps have been busy recruiting new brothers by participating in public celebrations of various kinds. These recruiting stations have been instrumental in bringing in new and enthusiastic brothers across our state.

Many of our camps have attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for deserving scouts and presented them with a certificate of achievement from the SUVCW. We have also been busy in awarding the JROTC medal to many deserving students in many high schools in NJ. Every camp in our department attends the Remembrance Day Parade and ceremonies in Gettysburg in November. Activities there include: the parade, playing for the Civil War Ball and many monument dedication ceremonies (the Woolson Ceremony in particular), Honor Guard at the Illumination in the cemetery).

Some of our camps also raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project and area food banks. Funeral services have been held for deceased brothers.

All camps hold Memorial Day Services on 30 May every year. Most of our camps march in the Memorial Day Weekend Parades as well.

As for myself, I have been busy educating my students about the Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic and the SUV in the classroom. I have performed a first person impression for elementary schools and my own high school and middle school. I have been very busy attending camp meetings across the state and will continue such.

I also have the honor of serving on staff during the Remembrance Day Parade as Assistant Provost Marshall.

8.20 Department of New York: Paul F. Ellis-Graham, DC

The following is my Department Report for New York for March 2017:

Having served now for the last ten months as Commander of the Department of New York, I am pleased to report that we have been actively engaged in a variety of activities across the state seeking to bring positive attention to those issues and events affecting the memories of our beloved ancestors who served the Union during the Civil War.

Since our last department encampment in May of 2016, I was pleased to attend several events over the past summer. They included a memorial ceremony in Shohola, PA, hosted by the Colonel Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp #124 and the Wayne County (PA) Historical Society, which was the site of a horrific train accident killing and injuring many unfortunate Confederate prisoners of war, union guards, and Erie Railroad employees. A descendant of one of the CSA dead who was buried nearby attended the ceremony and was deeply appreciative of the event. In August, the George L. Willard Camp #154 of Albany, NY held a ceremony honoring a Medal of Honor recipient, Peter Van Hoesen, buried in Coeyman's Hollow, NY. Over 100 people came to the event.

In October, the Department lost of one its most active and respected brothers, Earl Allen. Earl was a Past Department Commander and served as the Secretary-Treasurer for two of our camps, Homer Searle Camp #114 and Stewart-Hope Camp #126. Myself and representatives from across the state attended the memorial service held in his honor. He was truly dedicated to those he served and also to those he honored. He will be missed terribly.

We continue to reach out for new members, believing that as our existing members age we need them to sustain and grow the organization. I would like to single out my Junior Vice Commander Leo McGuire was offering wonderful ways to accomplish this task. Our Rally Around the Flag Committee has been searching for ways to finance the restoration of the NY State Civil War battle flags. In Brooklyn, the Oliver Tilden Camp #26 has made progress in establishing a museum to remember the USS Monitor where it was built and launched in 1862. In November, the Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 assisted the American Legion in dedicating a new headstone for George Gerry Thayer in Lyndonville, NY. Thayer served in the 8th NY Heavy Artillery.

In terms of communications, we have a website maintained by an appointed webmaster (Robert Paul). Our Department Newsletter was published in December and another is due out in April just before our next encampment. We regret that our newsletter editor, Donald Zeilman, will be stepping down from his position after seven years of excellent service to the department.

I will be attending and representing the Dept. of New York at the annual Ulysses S. Grant Celebration which will be held on April 30th. Our 134 Department Encampment is scheduled to take place May 6th and 7th at the Ramada Inn in Ithaca, NY.

Finally, I wish to thank my Counselor Danny Wheeler, my Department Secretary Robert Pugsley and all the other elected and appointed officers for their advice, counsel, and support.

8.21 Department of North Carolina: Gerard M. Devine, DC

Members of several camps attended the Re-Enactment at Fort Fisher in January. A booth was manned for the two day celebration, and information about the SUVCW was disseminated and distributed. Several prospective new members were identified.

Members of MG Thomas Ruger camp 1 will participate in the Re-Enactment of the Battle of Bentonville in mid-month. This is the site of the only Union Monument, financed and erected by the Department, on state property in North Carolina. Gibbons Burke camp 2 is interacting with the Boy Scouts in the Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and with local High Schools with JROTC awards programs.

The Gibbon Burke Camp 2 will host the Department Annual Encampment on May 5th in Salisbury, NC. There are several thousand Union soldiers buried in the National Cemetery there who were prisoners of war, and plans are underway to honor them as part of the Encampment ceremonies.

8.22 Department of Ohio: Peter J. Hritsko, DC

As Department of Ohio Commander I have attended the 2016 National SUVCW Encampment in Springfield Illinois on August 12-14 where I accepted the awards for Father Jerome Lukachinsky for Moody National Chaplin's Award, The B.F. Stephenson Award and Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award for David Rish having the most new member under 40 years old.

Attended Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade November 19, 2016, in Gettysburg, Pa.

All Department of Ohio Camp of installations have been completed to my knowledge either by myself or with; James Crane, Dept. Sr. V. C, Kerry Langdon, Dept. Jr. V. C, Jonathan Davis, PDC and Ken Freshley, PCinC.

The suspension of General Henry B. Banning Camp #207 has failed to submit their Form 27 Annual Report and pay per capita dues as of April 30, 2016. As of February 6, 2017 suspension is still in effect. No contact from camp yet.

In this first half of year, membership within the department has shown an increased with 16 new members and 3 reinstated and we lost 1 due to death. The current number of members within the department stands at 498 per the Executive Director.

The Department of Ohio Genealogist Michael Spaulding, CC during the second half of 2016 has helped 5 new men become members for the SUVCW

There has been 1,600 new burials added to the registered Database. Ohio has 71,691 and Ohio has currently registered about 15,000 more burials than any other state. The National has over 465,000 registered state by Ken Dorr, PCC Dept. of Ohio Graves Registration Officer.

The Department of Ohio has given 26 Eagle Scout Awards Certificates as of March 6, 2017.

I attended the Testimonial for CinC Donald Martin, myself Department Commander Peter J. Hritsko and Auxiliary Department of Ohio Cindy Hilliard.

On 22 April the Department of Ohio will be giving an ROTC Award to Midshipman Second Class Brett Haynes of Miami University of Oxford, Ohio.

The Department of Ohio has completed all information concerning all Ohio Camps EIN Camp Reporting Form 11 as request to the letter from National Treasurer McReynolds was filed February 25, 2017, as per Jonathan Davis, PDC Dept. of Ohio Secretary/Treasurer.

The Department of Ohio Encampment will be held on June 10, 2017, at the Clintonville Woman's Club 3951 High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

8.23 Department of Oklahoma: Rex E. Griffin, DC

The Department of Oklahoma is proud to announce that, since the last quarterly report, two new members have been added to the Department roster. Indian Nations Camp #3 has added Joe Curtis Williams of Barnsdall while Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 now includes Jeffrey Kennedy of Oklahoma City.

The Smith Camp, along with the Sisters of Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War celebrated Remembrance Day at the GAR monument at Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City. That same day Brothers of Indian Nations Camp and Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4, along with the ladies of the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary, were at the GAR

monument in Tulsa's downtown Oaklawn Cemetery where they heard, among other things, the Department Commander recite the Gettysburg Address from memory.

Brothers of Indian Nations Camp #3 also participated in Tulsa's Veteran's Day Parade. Mike Rusk, PDC and Patriotic Instructor for the Indian Nations Camp, joined with the Tulsa Historical Society to organize the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the historic Perryman Cemetery in Tulsa. The Perrymans, a prominent Creek family in the area, have four Union veterans buried there. Members of the Bixby High School JROTC color guard and 77th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry living historians escorted ladies from the Daughters of the Revolution to each grave where they placed wreaths. The Sons of the American Revolution and Bugles Across America also participated.

In February, Brother Brian Pierson, PDC, reset the headstone and placed a GAR marker for James Dunn, 44th Illinois Infantry at Calvary Cemetery in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Also in February, the Department of Oklahoma held its annual department-wide meeting at the Battle of Round Mountain reenactment in Yale, Oklahoma. Department and camp reports from all three camps were given. There was some discussion of the annual Spring Encampment coming up April 22.

In other news, Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4 will soon begin selling commemorative bricks to pave a walkway for the GAR monument at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa.

Dennis Hoch, PCC of Indian Nations and JVC of Overturf Camp, was given the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Military History Center in Broken Arrow, where Overturf meets and Brother Hoch is a docent.

Finally, Brother Norman Crowe has returned home from Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 in Oklahoma City to Indian Nations Camp #3 in Tulsa. Crowe, a Vietnam Veteran and descendent of Pvt. Henry Walkabout of Company M, Third Indian Home Guard, will be missed at Smith but welcome at Indian Nations.

8.24 Department of Pennsylvania: John S. Frantz, DC

1. Unfortunately due to low reservations, the annual Lincoln Luncheon had to be cancelled by our J.P. Brindle Camp #50 in Carlisle, PA. It was disappointing since it was planned to be at an excellent venue with a well-known speaker. 50 reservations were needed to break even, and at 2 weeks before the drop-dead on reservations, only 8 reservations had been taken. It's hard to say if this is a sign of the times we live in today or not.

2. However, on a very different note I'm very happy to report on the progress of the Departments Education Committee, chaired by immediate predecessor, Douglas P. McMillin. They are in the process of obtaining a 360 degree "circle vision" camera which will allow them to present a full-immersive educational experience. Among the experiences planned are a Civil War Encampment, perhaps a short battle, plus situations more near and dear to our organization, such as a recreation of a GAR meeting in a GAR hall and Lincoln giving his Gettysburg

Address. The progress has been very promising and I look forward to reporting more on its successes in the future.

8.25 Department of Rhode Island: James P. McGuire, DC

Winter in New England means winter quarters and not as many boots on the ground events for the various Camps of Rhode Island. Each Camp held annual seasonal festivities according to their traditions and the Department was pleased to have representation at those events. Currently, all of our efforts are focused on our upcoming Annual Department Dinner on April 7 and our Department Encampment on April 8. We are delighted to be hosting the Commander-in-Chief and other honored guests at both events, and look forward to a successful Encampment. Each year the Department offers the Stephen A. Kettle Award to a deserving citizen outside of the Order whose exceptional work has benefitted the mission of the SUVCW. This year, Sullivan Ballou Camp no. 3's nominee, Mrs. Pegee Malcolm of the Rhode Island Historic Cemetery Commission will be awarded the honor.

Other items of note for this report:

The Department's annual Lincoln's Birthday Potluck Dinner was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Department Graves Registration Officer has been working with the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery to clarify the State's flagging program. There is much yearly waste and redundancy, and as the Sons play such a vital role in the program, we are doing our part to make sure that flags are not being misused or wasted, and that each flag distributed to any group in the State finds its way to a veteran's grave.

The Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy has launched an effort to restore the iconic Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Monument that stands in Kennedy Plaza in front of Providence City Hall. The DPPC has engaged this Department in a meaningful partnership that will allow the Sons to play a significant role in this restoration effort and in the rededication at the end of the project.

Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp no. 11 has officially surrendered its Charter to the Department and the three remaining brothers have been reassigned to other Camps within the Department.

The still-forming Gen. Thomas West Sherman Camp no. 1 has scheduled its second organizational meeting and will be submitting bylaws to the Department in short order.

In February, the Department Commander was invited to speak at the historic Varnum Armory in East Greenwich to "reintroduce the SUVCW" to the local historical community. It was an address long in the planning and was warmly received by the representative members of several local historic organizations who have not had much interaction to speak of with the SUVCW for over a decade. The Department continues its thus-far successful task of repositioning itself in the community and raising its public profile in order to advance the mission of the SUVCW.

8.26 Department of the Southwest: John R. Conrad, DC

The Department of the Southwest held its First Annual encampment on March 11, 2017, with over 25 brothers in attendance. Our National Guest was PCinC Tad Campbell. We approved bylaws revisions and elected our officers for 2017-2018:

Commander: David A. Swanson

SVC: Robert D. McCord

JVC: Gerald N. Bloom

Secretary/Treasurer: Dale E. Enlow

Council Member: Randy D. McNally

Council Member: Henry Allan Nash

Council Member: David R. Palmateer

Each of the three Camps in the Department has conducted its quarterly meetings, which have been well attended. Each Camp has regularly initiated new members.

And we are planning to participate in Picacho Peak Days in March, which commemorates the western-most skirmish of the Civil War, at Picacho Pass, Arizona in 1862.

Our Graves Registration Officers have been very busy in registering and updating graves of Union soldiers.

We are renewing our efforts to have a memorial to Union Soldiers in Arizona erected on the State Capitol grounds, hoping for approval in the 2018 Legislative Session.

8.27 Department of Texas and Louisiana: Charles W. Sprague, DC

The following is a report of the actions and activities of and the individual camps of the department since Remembrance Day.

The past year has again, been a very productive one for the Department of Texas.

The Department, and each of three camps, continues to remain strong in membership and each is independently financially stable. Department membership has grown approximately 10% since the annual report last year.

Recruiting remains our highest priority and focus. The Department is always actively seeking to interact with the public and identify potential new members. The Department is also promoting best practices to retain current members and to reconnect with past members.

The Department of Texas will elect new officers at the Department Encampment in June. I will not stand for election for a second term. Instead I will support the candidacy of my current Senior Vice Commander, Beau Moore. The Department Encampment will take place June 24, 2017. We look forward to welcoming C-in-C Martin to Texas. The Department will invite the presidents and members of the allied orders to attend our encampment. They include the Sarah

Emma Seeyle Auxiliary Tent #1, the Latha Jane Boyd, Tent #1, Sarah Emma Edmonds Tent # 4 and Clara Barton Tent #22 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War .

The Department of Texas and Louisiana has participated in numerous activities to fulfill each of the goals and objectives of the SUVCW, as well as the recruiting goals of the Department, and has been extremely active in support of its Allied Orders. The Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp #1 in Ft. Worth, Texas committed time and camp funds for the maintenance of Gen. James J. Byrne's headstone and gravesite at the Pioneer Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth. They rededicated Gen. Byrne's grave again this year. They also participated with the Latha Jane Boyd, DUVCW Tent #1 in the Massing of the Colors Ceremony in Fort Worth. The Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2 in Houston, Texas, along with the Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary Tent #1, participated in the Wreaths across America event held at Houston National Cemetery and assisted in the laying wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried there. In January, they participated in the 153rd Battle of Galveston Commemoration and re-dedicated the headstone of the Camp namesake in Trinity Episcopal Cemetery and they were again ably assisted by the Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary Tent #1 in performing this event. Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp #18 in McKinney, Texas has also expended time and camp funds to restore the gravesites of Union Veterans at the Greenwood Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. The camp also provides a color guard and music for the annual Medal of Honor Parade held in Gainesville, Texas in conjunction with Co. K, 1st US Infantry, SVR. All the camps actively support the annual Memorial Day ceremonies in Fort Worth, Houston and McKinney in conjunction with the local allied orders and SVR. I am planning to attend the Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary Tent #1 President's Tea in Dickenson, Texas.

All Department Officers, Camp Commanders/Officers, and members from the Department are to be commended for their zeal and faithful adherence to the tenets of our order. The goals of service, recruitment, and retention of membership are primary to the continued success of the Department of Texas.

8.28 Department of Tennessee with Alabama and Mississippi: Michael P. Downs, DC

Our Tennessee Department Encampment was held on March 4, 2017 so this will be my final report after my two year tenure as Department Commander. During the past months I have continued writing my "From the Book Rack" column for the Camp newsletters within the Department as well as writing articles for the Department newsletter the "Mid-South News and Musings." Additionally, I add the latest news to the Department web site. I currently serve as an assistant to the National Treasurer, Brother David McReynolds, and also as the William McTeer Camp #39 Secretary and Patriotic Instructor. Finally, I have attended all of the McTeer Camp "Messess" and Quarterly Camp meetings.

In December, 2016 I participated, on a very chilly and windy day, in the "Wreaths Across America" program at the National Cemetery in Knoxville. I laid over fifty wreaths on veterans of all wars grave sites. Additionally a donation was made to the "Wreaths" program in the name of the Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In early February I attended an organizational meeting to plan the formation of a new camp in the Knoxville area.

On Friday, February 17th I did a program that reviewed the history of the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic to the "Patriots' Club" at the Knoxville (TN) Christian School. My audience was made up of fifteen, primarily middle school students who were very attentive and asked numerous questions throughout the program. At the conclusion I discussed the role of the Sons of Union Veterans and talked about becoming Junior Members of the organization.

On March 5th at our 2017 Department Encampment Brother David McReynolds was selected to be the new Commander of the Tennessee Department.

8.29 Department of Vermont: John Cogan (Temporary)

No report received. Brother Cogan is attempting to straighten out the situation in Vermont.

8.30 Department of Wisconsin and Minnesota: Alan O. Petit, DC

Since my last report I filled the ROTC Coordinator and PI positions. At department level all is running smooth. The camps are doing well and have recruited several new brothers.

One camp, Camp #56, has had a problem with new member application delays. I think we have gotten through to them and the logjam has broken, The department secretary received a bundle of five applications from them, all finished up. I will check with the camp CC and JVC and see if we can streamline their procedures.

Brothers from several camps attended Veteran's Day ceremonies on Nov. 11 and brothers of three camps took part in the Wreaths Across America program on Dec. 17.

We held our department mid-winter meeting of Feb. 4, 2017 with the CinC Don Martin attending.

Hans Heg Camp #15 is working on a bronze plaque prototype for permanently marking the gravestones of the Last Soldier project (by attaching it to the stone with epoxy glue) in all the counties of Wisconsin. It will have an engraving similar to the GAR bronze flag holders with the appropriate inscriptions. One was passed around. Final design will depend on the manufacturing costs. The CinC was quite interested and suggested that if we can make this work in one department that there may be a possibility of expanding it to the other departments and to national.

9 Appendix A - National Treasurer: David McReynolds, DC

Notes To Financial Statements

For the Seven Months Ended January 31, 2017 and 2016

1. The attached Balance Sheet (or Statement of Financial Position) shows no significant changes from December. Assets consist primarily of cash and investments. Liabilities are

low. There is no long-term debt. Investment risk remains low to moderate with investments paying dividends at or near market rate.

2. Net income for the seven months ended January 31, 2017 is \$68,781 compared to \$77,075 last year.
3. The difference in net income is driven by expenses. Of significance is the cost of the 501(c)(3) conversion (\$3,412) and the registration in the various states as a charitable organization including the payment of penalties (\$11,014). We have also accrued audit fees and 990 preparation fees in the amount of \$9,000 for the FYE 2017.
4. Program expenses are higher due to a difference in the amount of Scholarships and Grants paid this year (\$14,750) versus last year (\$1,000).
5. The final expense increase is in returning to the regular publishing schedule of The Banner. Costs this year are \$21,943 versus \$9,554 last year.
6. The increase in total expenses (\$42,772) has been offset by increases in unrealized gains on investments this year versus last (\$41,476).
7. Per capita dues are tracking slightly behind last year. Financial viability is a function of recruiting new members to the SUVCW. Not only new members but younger members. Relatively small percentage increases in membership can translate into not only higher per capita dues paid to the National Organization but also increased Quartermaster sales and the creation of other fundraising opportunities, particularly as we transition into our 501(c)(3) tax status.
8. Quartermaster sales remain down but are beginning to pick up with the new web site and other promotions. The uptick in sales will be more evident in the February numbers. We have had to reevaluate the shipping and handling charges and make small increases due to the increases made by the United States Postal Service in January. Packages sent cross country can now cost up to four times more than the previous rates.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
At January 31, 2016 and January 31, 2017**

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	377,367	381,853
Other Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	2,673	32
Undeposited Funds	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	12,421	11,899
Inventory	30,509	30,515
Total Other Current Assets	45,603	42,446

Total Current Assets		422,970	424,299
Fixed Assets			
	Furniture and Equipment	41,651	37,151
	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(32,137)</u>	<u>(29,739)</u>
Total Fixed Assets		9,514	7,412
Other Assets			
	Other Assets		
	Marketable Securities	527,136	496,865
	Certificates of Deposit	<u>184,182</u>	<u>179,180</u>
Total Other Assets		<u>711,318</u>	<u>676,045</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>1,143,802</u></u>	<u><u>1,107,756</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
	Current Liabilities		
	Accounts Payable	-	2,215
	Accrued Expenses	9,206	202
	Due To Other Funds	-	-
	Deferred Revenue	<u>345</u>	<u>116</u>
	Total Current Liabilities	<u>9,551</u>	<u>2,533</u>
Total Liabilities		9,551	2,533
Equity			
	Unrestricted Net Assets	554,893	530,920
	Member Designated	82,271	77,016
	Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	293,423	285,578
	Permanently Restricted	134,884	134,634
	Net Income	<u>68,781</u>	<u>77,075</u>
Total Equity		<u>1,134,252</u>	<u>1,105,223</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		<u><u>1,143,803</u></u>	<u><u>1,107,756</u></u>

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
Seven Months Ended January 31, 2017 and 2016**

	Consolidated Totals 2017	Consolidated Totals 2016
INCOME		
Donations		
Individual, Business Contributions	250.00	293.95
MOLLUS	1,100.00	-
NMAL Donation	-	314.50
Fundraising - Challenge Coins	549.50	75.00
Fundraising - T-Shirts	-	485.27
Total Donations	1,899.50	1,168.72
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	3,269.56	227.96
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	8,891.34	(32,585.12)
Dividend Income/Mutual Funds	14,333.45	17,907.76
Total Investments	26,494.35	(14,449.40)
Sales		
QM Sales	23,937.34	27,944.55
QM Shipping & handling	2,274.75	2,402.75
Miscellaneous Revenue	223.31	203.65
Total Sales	26,435.40	30,550.95
Program Income		
Banner Subscriptions	147.00	48.00
National Encampment Reg. Fees	2,535.00	2,460.00
Per Capita Dues	133,636.00	136,672.25
Life Membership Fees	4,470.00	4,090.00
Honor Roll	-	250.00
New Member Fees	1,680.75	2,165.00
Charter Application Fees	177.75	75.00
Miscellaneous	65.25	17.80
Reinstatement Fees	552.50	310.00
Total Program Income	143,264.25	146,088.05

TOTAL INCOME	198,093.50	163,358.32
 COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales		
Cost Of Sales - QM sales	13,887.35	15,068.22
QM Shipping & Handling	2,551.64	2,062.18
Paypal Fees	528.81	418.70
Cash Shortage and Overage	(17.78)	(306.97)
Cost of ROTC Program	548.57	
Total Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	17,498.59	17,242.13
 GROSS PROFIT	 180,594.91	 146,116.19
 EXPENSES		
Bad Debt Expense	-	-
 Administrative Expenses		
Commander-in-Chief Expenses	3,364.86	7,000.00
National Secretary Expenses	859.96	2,381.81
National Treasurer Expenses	2,356.53	666.92
National QM Expenses	2,196.72	3,000.00
CinC Representative Expenses	-	50.84
Executive Director	14,280.00	14,790.00
Executive Director Expenses	-	-
Junior Vice C-in-C Expenses	-	106.75
Banner Editor Expenses	1,999.35	667.62
Bank Charges	142.00	108.94
Credit Card Fees	29.44	36.17
Miscellaneous Expenses (Income)	(503.35)	-
Total Administrative Expenses	24,725.51	28,809.05
 Contract Services		
Accounting Fees	1,405.80	3,063.31
501(c) (3) conversion	3,412.50	-
Charitable Organization Fees	11,014.00	-
Audit and 990 Preparation	9,000.00	69.97
Total Contract Services	24,832.30	3,133.28
 Facilities and Equipment		
Rent	6,952.50	5,407.50

Depreciation and Amortization	971.84	1,567.90
Total Facilities and Equipment Expenses	7,924.34	6,975.40
Insurance		
Liability Insurance	1,461.88	2,324.70
Directors & Officers	877.94	-
Total Insurance Expenses	2,339.82	2,324.70
Operations Expenses		
Advertising	-	3,128.00
Office Expenses	885.65	665.67
Proceedings Transcription	1,404.00	1,232.00
Proceedings Printing	-	245.40
Miscellaneous	716.88	-
Quartermaster Supplies	-	80.61
Postage	731.14	419.40
Printing & Photocopying	173.35	109.30
Supplies	235.21	203.83
Software	21.19	73.20
Telephone and Internet	1,603.71	1,256.88
Web Hosting	125.44	205.41
Total Operations Expenses	5,896.57	7,619.70
Program Expenses		
National Encampment Host Committee	424.27	107.74
National Encampment Site Committee	1,218.74	1,064.07
Awards	873.91	361.09
Memorial University	670.76	-
Scholarships	5,000.00	-
Grants	9,750.00	1,000.00
Advertising	-	225.00
Miscellaneous	1,168.70	-
Wreath	90.95	-
Photographs	-	-
Lincoln Memorial	-	37.14
Remembrance Day	1,822.90	2,001.53
Cathedral of the Pines	100.00	100.00
Grant's Tomb	169.99	-
Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins	11.15	126.37
National Photographer	1,662.35	850.00
National Photographer - Supplies	-	138.72
National Encampment - Printing	1,146.19	1,001.32

Sons Of Confederates Representative	-	112.17
Special Projects	-	3,500.00
Banner	21,943.16	9,554.02
Total Program Expenses	<u>46,053.07</u>	<u>20,179.17</u>
W/O Intercompany balances	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>111,813.61</u>	<u>69,041.30</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>68,781.30</u>	<u>77,074.89</u>

10 Supplemental Reports

10.1 National Committee of Communications & Technology: James P. McGuire, DC

Of particular note for this cycle is that the Committee drafted and submitted a basic set of Guidelines and Policy for Social Media for the SUVCW. This document was generated in large part from researching other high-profile non-profits' social media policies, especially those that work with youths and those that have specific rules about partisan and sectarian positioning, including the Boy Scouts of America, the YMCA, and several colleges and universities. The document is a basic set, and it should be considered an ever-evolving process, with review occurring with regularity to ensure that the Order is up to speed with current regulation and trends in social media management.

With the policy submitted, the committee will now endeavor to finish the questionnaire for the Social Media and web presence survey (the audit), and deploy it, as was the original intent, so that data can be compiled and presented at the National Encampment.