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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
134th National Encampment, August 21, 2015**

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. We don't need to post the Colors. They've already been posted this morning. I'm going to appoint the following Brothers as Encampment Officers. Brother Wes Mumper will be our Guard; Brother Bob Heath will be our Color Bearer; and Past Commander-in Chief James B. Pahl up here will be our Parliamentarian. Guide, determine if all present are entitled to remain. Color Bearer, assist on the right. This means have your membership cards or voting cards up.

**Adam Gaines, National Guide**

I have found everybody to be entitled to sit except for one who I don't think is a member and that is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS Gene Simmons. I have been informed though that we won't kick him out of here.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

He is certainly entitled to remain.

**Adam Gaines, National Guide**

I also found a few where they have voting credentials but not their card. I believe should be acceptable.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And we will accept the fact that if they have a card that obviously they are a registered delegate. A reminder that if you are going to speak before the Encampment, please use one of the microphones announce your name and your position. Also, if you have any cell phones, please turn those off or have them on vibrate. We don't want anybody to be whistling Dixie in here. Secretary, will you please call the roll of officers of the Encampment?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Tad D. Campbell	Present
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Eugene G. Mortorff	Present
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin	Present
National Secretary, Allen L. Russ	Present
National Treasurer, Richard D. Orr	Present
National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler	Present
Council of Administration member, Steve S. Hammond	Present
Council of Administration member, Donald W. Shaw	Present
Council of Administration member, Edward J. Norris	Present
Council of Administration member, Walter E. Busch	Present
Council of Administration member, Brian C. Pierson	Present
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Ken L. Freshley	Present
Banner Editor, Steven A. Michaels	Present
National Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Sr.	Present
National Aide-de-Camp, Frank C. Avila	Present
National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, Loran T. Bures	Present
National Chief of Staff, Kevin L. Martin	Present

National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch	Present
National Counselor, James B. Pahl	Present
National Signals Officer and National Webmaster, Joshua A. Claybourn	Absent
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert M. Petrovic	Present
National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr	Present
National GAR Records Officer, Dean E. Enderlin	Present
National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail	Present
National Guide, Adam W. Gaines	Present
National Historian, Robert J. Wolz	Present
National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Perley E. Mellor	Present
National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffrey C. Burden	Present
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan L. Russ	Present
National Patriotic Instructor Gregory M. Carter	Present
Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Edward J. Krieser	Present
Assistant National Treasurer, Max Newman	Absent
Washington D.C. Representative, Lee D. Stone	Present
Assistant National Webmaster backup, Ken L. Freshley.	Present
Past Commanders-in-Chief, Gordon R. Bury, 1986-1987	Present
Past Commander-Chief Richard O. Partington, 1987-1988	Absent
Past Commander-Chief Lowell V. Hammer, 1990-1992	Absent
Past Commander-Chief Elmer F. Atkinson, 1992-1993	Absent
Past Commander-Chief Allen W. Moore, 1993-1994	Absent
Past Commander-Chief Keith G. Harrison, 1994-1995	Absent
Past Commander-Chief Richard D. Orr, 1997-1998	Present
Past Commander-Chief Andrew M. Johnson, 1998-1999	Present
Past Commander-Chief Danny L. Wheeler, 1999-2000	Present
Past Commander-Chief Edward J. Krieser, 2000-2001	Present
Past Commander-Chief George L. Powell, 2001-2002	Present
Past Commander-Chief Robert E. Grimm, 2002-2003	Present
Past Commander-Chief Kent L. Armstrong, 2003-2004	Absent
Past Commander-Chief Stephen A. Michaels, 2004-2005	Present
Past Commander-Chief Donald E. Darby, 2005-2006	Present
Past Commander-Chief James B. Pahl, 2006-2007	Present
Past Commander-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., 2007-2008	Present
Past Commander-Chief David V. Medert, 2008-2009	Absent
Past Commander-Chief Leo F. Kennedy, 2009-2010	Present
Past Commander-Chief D. Brad Schall, 2010-2011	Present
Past Commander-Chief Donald D. Palmer, Jr., 2011-2012	Present
Past Commander-Chief Perley E. Mellor, 2012-2013	Present
Past Commander-Chief Ken L. Freshley, 2013-2014	Present
That concludes the roll call of Officers, Commander-in-Chief	

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Secretary. Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

**Encampment (in unison)**

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session to review the work of the past and to plan for our future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance, and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our county, our Order, and to ourselves. The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Daniel M. Bunnell, National Chaplain**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, high and mighty ruler of the universe who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask Your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order. Grant that it may long exist and continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to properly carry out its principles and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them in all things with Your special mercy. Grant us your aid in conducting the business for which we have assembled and so bless us that charity and justice, peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

**Encampment**

AMEN.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, our National Patriotic Instructor will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, please present the colors.

**Encampment (in unison)**

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers who are qualified to enter.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

First things first. We have with us delegates from a brand-new department. And I would like to formally welcome them and present them with their department charter. Will the delegates from the Department of the Columbia please come forward?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Loran Bures is a big part of establishing this, but he is otherwise occupied right now. It's a great honor to welcome this new Department. It's the first new department that we've had since 2008, I think? Something like that. We've got a great bunch of guys up there in the northwest. This covers Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. I'd just like to formally welcome them and have them

seated as delegates for the very first time from this new department. Congratulations.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And you'll notice that these guys are so on fire that they already have their Department flag here. They just don't have a flag pole for it.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. Brother Danny Wheeler was kind of interested in seeing the quality of the new manufacture of flags. So this flag is the first Department flag to be manufactured that the National Quartermaster produced. It turned around in three weeks. If you want to see the quality that the current vendor that's being used by the National Quartermaster, Camp, or Department flags, you can take a closer look at our flag and see what that quality is.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Loran. We also have a new camp charter to present today. And I know we have a representative of the General R.H.G. Minty Camp #2 Camp-at-Large from Arizona. Please come forward. With the formation of the Department of the Columbia, that left us with a single Camp-at-Large within the organization. That being the camp in Arizona. We now have a second Camp-at-Large in the Flagstaff area and looking to form a third camp. Their intention is that when that happens, they will petition the Commander-in-Chief at that time to form a Department and we will no longer have Camps-at-Large within this organization for the time being. So, I'd like to present them with their charter.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Here comes the good stuff. The rules of the Encampment. Our deliberations will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, 11<sup>th</sup> edition. National Counselor, James B. Pahl, PCinC, will serve as our Parliamentarian. The Rules may be suspended by 2/3 vote of the Encampment body present and voting. With the exception of the Commander-in-Chief, the officers, and committee chairman, shall not read their reports, but shall submit the written report to the National Secretary. When called upon, they shall approach the microphone, identify themselves, state upon which page of the *reports* packet their report may be found, read any corrections and/or additions to their report and read any recommendations requiring action of this Encampment. While speaking on any issue before this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice to each issue, each time not to exceed five minutes. Exceptions may be granted by 2/3 vote of the Encampment body, present and voting. Except that the person making the motion may answer questions and use up to two minutes to close the debate which privilege shall not be cancelled by action ordering the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit the debate on any particular issue, including but not limited to designating a maximum number of speakers allowed to speak as to each side of the question on the floor. Cell phones shall be turned off and set to vibrate to alert for incoming calls. All phone

conversations shall take place outside of the Encampment room. At the sound of the gavel prior to the election of officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to enter until the session is completed. All discussions will be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. In general voting, please use your voting card. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting including, but not limited to, private ballot, rising, or role call voting as he deems appropriate from time to time. All motions, amendments, substitutions, or other actions initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or corrections of spelling of typographical errors shall be in writing for the minutes of the National Secretary and for final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. Encampment committees shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving those items on the floor of this Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendation to adopt, reject, refer, or other appropriate action. While rising to address the Encampment, use one of the available microphones. Upon being recognized, salute the Chair and announce your name, Department, and national office, if any. These proceedings are being recorded. And it is critical that you identify yourself each and every time you use the microphone. This helps the transcriptionist accurately compile the proceedings. Any requests for funds from the Special Projects Fund or other funds from the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to noon tomorrow. Such requests must include a description of the project, who's chairing the project, and the address for which any award may be sent. All such requests will be presented to the Encampment for consideration. Finally, we do have an official photographer here. That's Brother Paul Zeien. He has priority over pictures. Please give him the courtesy of allowing him to do this job first and then you may take all the pictures you like. Anybody have any questions? I would like to take a moment to recognize those veterans among us. If you are a veteran or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, please rise if you are able and be recognized as your branch of service is called. Army. Thank you gentlemen. Navy.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Go Navy!

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Marine Corps.

**Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Oorah!

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.. Air Force.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. The Revenue Cutter Service, I mean, Coast Guard.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you all for your service to our country.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Our credentials committee this year was comprised of Brother Joe Hall, chairman; Brothers Tom Brown and Walt Busch. Brother Hall, do you have a preliminary report from the Credentials Committee?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Commander-in-Chief, Joe Hall, chairman for the Credentials Committee. We currently have 153 Brothers present at this National Encampment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. We will now appoint our Encampment Committees. These are the committees that are going to receive items out of the reports. They're going to review them and come back with their recommendations to this body. Constitution and Regulations will have Bob Grim chair, Brother Dan Earl and Brother Doug Fidler. Resolutions Committee will have Mark Day as chair, Kevin Tucker; and Doug McMillin. Officer Reports, Ed Norris is chair, Don Shaw from Michigan, and Jim Lyon from Illinois. Ritual and Ceremonies, Brian Pierson, chair, Perley Mellor; and Paul Davis. And for our Fraternal Relations Committee, will have myself as chair; Gene Mortorff; Don Martin; and Brother Frank Avila. Our visitation to the Auxiliary will occur tomorrow morning at 8:45 a.m. before our meeting is re-convened here. Please meet outside the Auxiliary meeting room which is the Potomac Suite. Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson will provide our response. Unfortunately, none of the other Allied Orders are meeting with us this year. Therefore we will not require any formal visitations. If representatives from the WSC, LGAR, or DUVCW do bring us greetings, Brother Andy has graciously agreed to provide the responses to them as well. We will now proceed to the officer reports. I want to entertain a motion that all officer reports with recommendations be referred to the appropriate Encampment committee.

**Unknown**

So moved.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. First up is the report of the Commander-in-Chief. I will therefore yield control of this meeting to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief while I present my report. And if it pleases you, I would like to present it from here.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Absolutely.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Wow! That's my first word in my report. What an amazing year. The



opportunities afforded to the office of Commander-in-Chief are incredible. While at the same time, the responsibilities resting upon the office can be quite daunting. The position is a lofty one. The Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW is the head of an august national organization which has existed since 1881 and which legally represents the Grand Army of the Republic, the largest and most powerful association of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The GAR fought for the rights of all Union Veterans, not just those who *were* members of the GAR. And likewise, our membership does not require a qualifying ancestor to have been a member of the GAR. As such, I believe it can rightfully be said that the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW represents all of the more than two million Union soldiers who fought and died to save the Union and free an entire race between 1861 and 1865. It was with these weighty responsibilities in mind that I took the oath of office and was installed as your Commander-in-Chief at last year's National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia. I thank you for the confidence placed in my abilities and I hope that I have met or exceeded your expectations. As most of you are aware, my wife, Rachelle Campbell, was installed as National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War last year as well. This is the first time since 1985 that the two National heads have simultaneously been from the same household. This presented a unique opportunity for one of my first official duties. At the Allied Orders banquet last year, our then six-year old daughter, Emelia, was initiated in to the Auxiliary. The oath was administered by the National President, her mother, and her membership badge was pinned on her by the Commander-in-Chief, her father. A very moving experience which garnered a standing ovation from the banquet attendees. Anyone who's followed my experiences online this past year can attest to the fact that I traveled a tremendous amount. Just how much? A little over 115,000 miles. That's more than 4½ times around the globe.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. I was privileged to attend thirteen Department Encampments, one mid-winter department meeting, a department awards banquet, two new monument dedications, and meetings of all three of the Order's Camps-at-Large. I am particularly indebted to the many Brothers and Sisters around the country who showed me so many courtesies during my visitations. The transportation, meals, tours, and general comradery really helped me feel at home everywhere I went. I visited both the eastern and western termini of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Provincetown, Massachusetts and Long Beach, California, which actually gave me the opportunity to use the word "termini."

### **Encampment**

(laughter)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

In September, the Department of California-and Pacific hosted a testimonial banquet in honor of the Commander-in-Chief and National President. It was truly a special event with members of our Allied Orders family coming from near and far to help us celebrate. And I would point out that one of the gifts I received from a Brother in California that many of you know, Brother Jerry Sayre, who unfortunately couldn't be here, was this look alike bobble head. And Rachelle has an identical one that looks like her over in her meeting room. Other highlights of the year included participating in ceremonies at Grant's Tomb in New York City; the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.; Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois; Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; and the Sesquicentennial events at Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia. The greatest honor of the year, and probably most past

Commanders-in-Chief would agree, was the presentation of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. What a moving and humbling experience. My travels took me to dozens of cemeteries over the past twelve months. I was able to personally pay my respects of the graves of all seven of my direct Union ancestors. Those remains rest in Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, and Tennessee. In addition, I visited the final resting place of fifteen blood uncles who fought for the Union, for a total of twenty-two Union ancestors visited. I also had the honor of visiting graves of six Commanders-in-Chief of the GAR, namely Orlando Somers in Indiana; Stephen Hurlbut in Illinois; Russell Martin and Overton Mennet in California; Lucius Fairchild in Wisconsin; and John Logan in Washington D.C. The amount and quality of the work being done at the camp and department levels is incredible. The travel to the various departments serves as a valuable reminder to the Commander-in-Chief that the work of the Order is done at the camp and department levels. And that the National Organization is here to serve and support them, not the other way around. I am proud to report that our Order is strong and vibrant. While our overall membership numbers are down slightly, this year we chartered nine new camps and one new department, the Department of the Columbia, the first new Department since 2008. With the exception of Arizona, all states and territories of the United States are now covered by one of our existing Departments. And a new Department in the southwest is in the early planning stages, and will include Arizona. This new Department, tentatively called the Department of New *Mexico* and Arizona, will likely come to fruition within the next year. There are efforts under way to establish Camps on foreign soil, an issue that will undoubtedly be discussed later in this Encampment. All of these developments position us for significant expansion and growth in the coming years. Many Brothers and Sisters assisted in making my administration a success and my travels enjoyable. Some of them went out of their way to do so, including the following: Loran and Tricia Bures; Greg and Kim Carter; John Conrad and Paula Vessels; Bill Fischer; Alan Hembel; Ed Krieser; Jim Lyon; Johnny Manley; Perley and Diane Mellor; Alan Russ; Joseph Stevens; Mark Stevens; Lee Stone; Alan Teller; Roger Tenney; Gene Turner; and Gary Ward. I thank each of them for their time and generosity. All of my officers and committees deserve thanks. But my Chief of Staff, Kevin Martin, and his wife, Rosemary, were particularly invaluable. Their behind the scenes efforts and dedication were unsurpassed and the depth and nature of their assistance was so varied as to make listing all their contributions impossible. Kevin certainly knows the meaning of the phrase “other duties as assigned.”

### **Encampment**

(laughter)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I also thank and congratulate my counterparts in the other Allied Orders for a successful year. National President, Cindy Zerkowski, of the Woman’s Relief Corps.; National President, Judy Rock, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and National President, Ellen Higgins, of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. Let’s see, it seems like I’m forgetting somebody. Oh yeah! National President, Rachelle Campbell, of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. She and I worked particularly closely this year. Lastly, I must thank my daughter, Emelia Campbell. She was able to accompany us on several trips. But for the most part, she would agree that Daddy was either at work, sleeping, glued to the computer, or out of state. Her patience and sacrifices were greatly appreciated and I have promised to make it up to her this coming year. Collectively, all of our ancestors saved the Union and freed a race. This is our proud heritage. This is why we belong to this great Order. And this is why I served as your Commander-in-Chief. I thank you once again for the opportunity to do so. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Sir, I now return to you the gavel.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. We will now call for the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Eugene Mortorff. Oh, I have no recommendations in my report.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Eugene Mortorff. My report is on page three. I have nothing to add. And no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Don Martin.

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Don Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. My report's on page three. On 20<sup>th</sup> of July, I reported having 259 new applications. Just an update on that. By 17 August, we are looking around 283. And no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

National Secretary, Alan Russ.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Secretary, Alan Russ. My report is on page four. No change, no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And Brother Secretary, do you have any communications?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yes, I do. The first communication. It's a thank you note. "Dear Grand Army of the Republic Scholarship Committee, thank you so much again for awarding me this year's scholarship. My last semester at the University of Pittsburgh at Georgetown is quickly approaching and words cannot describe how grateful I am for the financial support you have provided me over the past four years. As my undergraduate quarter comes to a close and I begin the next stage of my life, much appreciation to all of you. Sincerely, Britta Musser." from Friedens, Pennsylvania. The second one is from Mark Schlegel, to Mr. Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer. "I would like to express my greatest gratitude for selecting me for a Grand Army of the Republic Scholarship. I am very grateful to the entire organization and I will continue to serve it as faithfully as ever as I make my transition to college. In the fall, I will be attending University in Pennsylvania, majoring in secondary education with a focus on history. Good luck in all your future endeavors as you continue to honor our ancestors. In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Mark E. Schlegel, Senior Vice Commander, General J.P.S. Gobin Camp #503."

I have also received a couple of resolutions in support of candidates for National Office. I will not read the actual resolutions unless it's requested. One is a resolution from the Department of Missouri in support of Brother Robert Petrovic for the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The

other is a resolution from the Department of the Chesapeake in support of Brother Mark Day for the office National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. For any resolutions received regarding changes to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, the submitter was informed they are required to submit it in writing to the Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, and the National Counselor no later than thirty days prior to the National Encampment. I believe all did do so. And those will be included in the report from the C and R Committee. Other resolutions I received a recommendation from Brother David Swanson of the Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1 in Arizona to read this about the issue of the SUVCW and in support of the display of the Confederate Battle Flag. Commander-in-Chief, I would recommend that be addressed later in the meeting.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That will be addressed later.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

That concludes communications received for the National Encampment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Secretary. National Treasurer, Rich Orr.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, Rich Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. My report begins on page eight. I have nothing to add to that. And then the financial statements begin on page eighty-one followed by the 2014-15 budget for actual and 2015-16 proposed budget. I have three recommendations. The first one pertains to the ROTC Program. One of the things the I.R.S. is questioning now is the procedure of our activities that are really raking us over the coals because less than 10% of the money they spend is considered by the I.R.S. to be charitable purposes. The ROTC Program has eight motions. One, effective 1 January 2016, ROTC medal, certificate, and ribbon will be available without charge when an application form is completed and submitted. Two, effective January 1, 2016, the sale of ROTC medals, certificates, and ribbons will cease. Three, the ROTC form be amended and posted on the website in the new form no later than 15 December 2015, deleting the information regarding the name of the cadet. No one is keeping this information and it often is not known when the badge is ordered. Four, an Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC Program be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief and all subsequent Commanders-in-Chief to be responsible for the ROTC Program. Effective January 1, 2017, all ROTC requests must be submitted electronically. The budget reflect the cost of the ROTC Program, which was \$1,900.00 if we had not sold the badges provide them free of charge in 2014-2015, fiscal year, as a charitable expense. The National Quartermaster continue to be responsible for ordering the ROTC medal, certificates, and ribbons and supplying the same to the Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC Program. That he forward all invoices to the National Treasurer for payment and provide an accurate inventory of those items in his possession as of the last business day of June of each year. The Aide to the National Quartermaster for ROTC Program be required to forward copies of all medal applications and postal receipts no less than monthly to the National Treasurer and provide an accurate inventory of all items in his possession as of the last business day of June of each year to the National Treasurer. Eagle Scout Program. The National Treasurer and National Quartermaster track the volume of Eagle Scout certificates and patches along with the costs of the program to determine if it is beneficial to create a program for Eagle Scout similar to the ROTC Program. And last one, currently there are two \$2,500.00 scholarships awarded each year. This is the largest single charitable endeavor of the Order. We need to explore the possibility of expanding this program either in total amount awarded or the number of recipients. The Council of Administration is

responsible for the financial well-being of the Order; therefore, it is recommended that a committee of five members of the COA chaired by the National Treasurer review current funding and alternative funding which would allow expansion of this program. Commander-in-Chief, that concludes my report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Your recommendations will be referred to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

No Changes or recommendations. It starts on page 9.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Council of Administration member, Brian Pierson.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Sir, Brian Pierson, Council of Administration. Just one amendment to the third bullet there. Credit should go to Brother Don Martin for coming up with the design, that excellent design of the Boy Scout patch. I just did the artwork to make it useable for Danny Wheeler to have it manufactured. That's all, sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Council of Administration member, Ed Norris.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. My report's on page ten. No additions. No recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Council of Administration member, Walt Busch.

**Walter E. Busch, Council of Administration**

Council of Administration member, Walt Busch. Bottom of page ten. Nothing to add.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Council of Administration member, Don Shaw.

**Donald W. Shaw, Council of Administration**

Commander, Council of Administration member, Don Shaw. My report starts on page ten. The bulk of it is on page eleven. I have no additions to that report and I have no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Council of Administration member, Steve Hammond.

**Steve S. Hammond, Council of Administration**

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration. My report is on page eleven. No changes. No recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Steve. Council of Administration member and immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley.

**Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration**

Council member, Ken Freshley. No additions. No recommendations. And it's on page eleven.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Next officer who has already made his way to the microphone here deserves a round of applause for his work over the past ten years as our Banner editor.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Stephen A. Michaels, Banner Editor**

Thank you, Brothers. Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels. My report starts at the bottom of page eleven and goes on to page twelve. I have no additions and no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you, Steve. Executive Director, David Demmy.

**David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director**

Commander, Executive Director, David Demmy. I've got nothing to add.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Nothing to add. National Aide-de-Camp, Frank Avila.

**Frank C. Avila, National Aide-de-Camp**

National Aide-de-Camp, Frank Avila. Nothing to report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, Loran Bures.

**Loran T. Bures, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer**

National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, Loran Bures. My report starts on page thirteen. I have one update to the report. The second bullet point under the "State of Arizona" refers to the General U.S. Grant Camp #3 of Flagstaff, Arizona. They will be having their organizational meeting tomorrow in northern Arizona. They plan to file their forms fifty-four and fifty-five on August 31<sup>st</sup>. They receive their date of rank. The State of Arizona will be able to petition the Commander-in-Chief for formation of a new Department. Under recommendations, in March I submitted amendments to the National Regulations to repurpose the office of National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer and rename it to the National Organizational Expansion Officer, expanding the duties because once the Department that includes Arizona is formed, I have no work left to perform for the Order.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Loran T. Bures, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer**

And I'd really like to have something to do. So, I would like to see the C and R Committee has that task in their possession. Thank you, Commander.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Loran. National Chaplain, Dan Bunnell.

**Daniel M. Bunnell, National Chaplain**

I have nothing to add Commander-in-Chief.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Nothing to add. Thank you. National Chief of Staff, Kevin Martin. He hasn't done anything this year.

**Kevin L. Martin, National Chief of Staff**

It's been boring. Kevin Martin, National Chief of Staff. My report starts on page fourteen and goes into page fifteen. I have no changes. No recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Kevin. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walt Busch.

**Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer**

Civil War Memorials Officer, Walt Busch. My report starts on page fifteen goes through seventeen. There are some additions. Missouri's added four additional monuments for a total of 488 for their state. There's a correction to North Carolina. They have eleven, not twelve. Total monuments for the report that we have on file so far is 1049.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Walt. National Color Bearer, Justin Dorsey, is absent excused. His report appears on page seventeen and contains no recommendations. National Counselor, Jim Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor, James Pahl. My report begins on page number seventeen. There was one formal opinion issued this year and I'd like to thank the students of my governance law class in helping me do the legal research to write this opinion.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Jim. Assistant National Counselor, Josh Claybourn. His report is provided separately and contains no recommendations. National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Bob Petrovic.

**Robert M. Petrovic, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator**

Bob Petrovic, National Eagle Scout Coordinator. There are no corrections or additions. No recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Bob. Anything from the Aide to the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Loran Bures?

**Loran T. Bures, Aide to National Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator**

Aide to the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Loran Bures. I do not have any report. I printed the report there but I didn't mark what Bob Petrovic particularly in the states that did not have a Brother working as the Eagle Scout Coordinator. Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator for those states that are slowly disappearing, I ask for at-large status.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Loran. National GAR Highway Officer, Pete Hritsko. Is Pete here? I don't believe his report has any recommendations.

**Unknown**

No.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

National GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin.

**Dean A. Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer**

Commander, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. My report appears on page twenty-one. There are no additions or recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Dean. National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Graves Registration Officer**

National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce Frail. My report starts on page twenty-two. There is an addition. The administrator of the database now has the authority to post photographs to each record. If this works out, we don't have any bugs, we will be going live on the public in one month. And no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Bruce. The National Guard and the National Guide only have duties at this Encampment so they have nothing to report yet. National Historian, Robert Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Robert Wolz, National Historian. My report is on page twenty-three. There are no additions nor corrections.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Bob. National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Perley Mellor.

**Perley E. Mellor, National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines**

My report's on page twenty-three, I believe it is. No reports and no additions or corrections.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Perley. National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeff Burden.

**Jeffrey C. Burden, National Liaison to MOLLUS**

Jeffrey Burden, National Liaison to Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. I



have my report appears on page twenty-four. I have no corrections or additions. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Jeff. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ.

**Alan L. Russ, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator**

Alan Russ, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. My report appears on page twenty-four. No additions or changes or recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. National Patriotic Instructor, Greg Carter.

**Gregory M. Carter, National Patriotic Instructor**

Commander-in-Chief, Gregory Carter, National Patriotic Instructor. My report is on page twenty-four through twenty-eight. Corrections I'd like to make. On page twenty-five, under "Memorial University" I'd like to add Brother Dale Crandell of the Department of Missouri. On page twenty-seven new patches and new programs the ROTC medal, I would like to strike recommendation number two that I have already posted. And then number four also because I don't have an alternative solution to what I recommended. I have two recommendations. Number one, that the Sons should take an ROTC or JROTC census to see how many members of the Sons actually have received the ROTC award. My third recommendation is a restructuring of the National Committee on Americanization and Education among the officers who have a vested interest in seeing its success and already have duties tied directly to it. I have no other things to report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Greg. The Patriotic Instructor's recommendations will be referred to the Committee on Officer Reports.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, can I quickly clarify that recommendation one remains?

**Gregory M. Carter, National Patriotic Instructor**

Yes.

**Gregory M. Carter, National Patriotic Instructor**

One and three.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One and three. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Assistant National Secretary from Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Secretary/Department-at-Large**

Looks like in a month I'll be out of a job. (laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Jim. Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Ed Krieser.

**Edward J. Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings**

Ed Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings. My report is on page twenty-seven. I have nothing to add and no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Ed. National Signals Officer, Josh Claybourn, has reported and provided his report separately. It contains no recommendations. Assistant National Treasurer number one, Jim Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Treasurer #1**

No report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

National Webmaster, Josh Claybourn, has no recommendations. Assistant National Webmaster, Ken Freshley.

**Ken L. Freshley, Assistant National Webmaster**

Nothing to report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. We are going to move on to the reports of standing committees. If anybody needs to go down the hall or get a smoke, help yourself. I'm just gonna push on through since we got a late start this morning. Let us know on what page your report appears, any corrections, additions, or any recommendations. National Committee on Americanization and Education, Greg Carter.

**Gregory M. Carter, Americanization and Education Committees**

No changes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

No changes. National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation, Ed Norris.

**Edward J. Norris, Battle Flag Preservation Committee**

Ed Norris, National Committee Battle Flag Preservation. My report starts on page twenty-eight, goes through to page twenty-nine. No changes. No recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Ed. National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund. The report had no activity and no recommendations. National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Steve Hammond.

**Stephen S. Hammond, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee**

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration. My report starts on page forty-nine and rolls over to twenty-nine, and goes over to thirty. I have one recommendation and it's merely housekeeping on the website to basically have the name and address of the person who will be leading the committee as opposed to the man who had it two years ago. To get that updated, that's my recommendation.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I believe we can refer that to the incoming Commander-in-Chief to direct that to be done. Are there any objections to that?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walt Busch.

**Walter E. Busch, Civil War Memorials Committee**

Walt Busch. See the report that was on page fifteen... sixteen...seventeen...wherever it was. No recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Walt. National Committee on Communications and Technology. No report given. No recommendations. National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Bob Grim.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that Committee recommendations be taken up ad seriatim, approved at the sound of the gavel where there is no objection.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second to approve recommendations of committees ad seriatim where there is no objection. Discussion on the motion? All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. Brother Bob, feel free.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Brother Grim here. Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the C and R Committee. I would request permission to give this report from the podium. It's going to take a while.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Please come forward.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

The Committee on Constitutions and Regulations have report that begins on page thirty in your booklet. First proposal that we'll have to consider is the resolution from the Department of New Jersey. It's an amendment to Chapter I, Article II, Section 6, which can be found on page fifteen of the regulations. This is a note from the committee. If this proposal is adopted, dual members would pay national dues only for their home camp, and they would pay department and local camp dues to each department and camp they belong to. The C and R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposal. A similar amendment was presented last year and three years ago by the Department of New Jersey and was rejected by those National Encampments. The change would be Section 6, which you can see the in the report. It says applicants who are Brothers of the Order in and would strike out "another" and replace that with "one" Camp or a Member-at-Large, may become a dual member of

another Camp. The applicant and then we would add this new bold printed language “is not subject to the National per capita assessment for camps which he joins as a dual member. He pays National per capita assessment only for his primary or home camp. Dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new camp.” The committee moves that you not accept this proposal.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

Point of order. Chuck Poland, Department of the Chesapeake, Secretary/Treasurer. As the next proposal also deals with the subject of dual members, and a good deal of the discussion at the last Encampment on this particular amendment dealt with the difficulty of tracking, I would like to propose this proposal be dealt with second and that this next proposal be dealt with first.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Does anybody have any problems with that?

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, as Parliamentarian, I would object to that because if the current proposal one as presented does not pass, it eliminates the need to discuss proposal two. If we discuss proposal two first and then proposal one fails, you’ve wasted all that time discussing proposal two. So proposal two would automatically be eliminated if the committee is followed as proposal one. So we only need that discussion on the second proposal if the first proposal...

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

It was my understanding there were other reasons why proposal two is also desired such as discussions about who could run from what camp and so forth.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

That’s not in the proposal.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

It says nothing about why one needs to register a primary camp. And there was discussions about who could run from their primary or secondary camp. And another reason why one might wish to know the primary camp.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

That’s my opinion as Parliamentarian.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I’m going to concur with the Parliamentarian. We’re going to handle the first one first.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

I’d like to comment on the proposal.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We’ll go ahead and have the discussion then.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

That's fine. So, I continue with my objection. And there are many other organizations which exist, I've mentioned a couple of them, the SAR is one and the Society of the War of 1812 is another. It's allowed members to have dual membership and do not require that they pay the National dues a second time. The biggest objection to have me paying dues a second time, it was too difficult to track. It is certainly not a difficult matter to track. And I see no reason why we should require paying the National dues a second time. It's a simple matter to keep track of, the fact of which one's the primary one. It's done in many other national organizations. It's not a difficult thing to do.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Chuck. I'm going to ask the National Secretary to give us some background from last year's Encampment.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

This is what I have concerning the motion from last year. Section 6, applicants who are Brothers of the Order in another place the word "one" camp or a Member-at-Large may become a dual member of another camp. The applicant is not subject to the National per capita assessment for camps which he joins as a dual member. He pays National per capita assessment only for his primary or home camp. Dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish a new camp. That was what the ultimate amended proposal was finishing with the incoming CinC shall appoint a committee to work this out for implementation and going back to the Council of Administration by Springfield Council of Administration meeting with the CinC authorized to forward this to the C&R Committee and/or the P&P Committee. The sentence "dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish a new camp" shall be deleted. That was the action that I have as recorded at the last Encampment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And I will admit fault that I did not form that committee. So that never got dealt with this year as it was supposed to. Brother Harry.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. Where does that leave us? Is this something we can forward to the new incoming Commander-in-Chief to create a committee for implementation by next year? Because this is something that the Encampment voted on. It needs to be worked out. Where does this leave us?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Charlie.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn. I'm in agreement with the theory that people should only pay per capita one time to National. But, I will be the secretary/treasurer for the Department of Pennsylvania. Until we change the entire structure of the organization based upon the fact that members would be a member at National level first and then a member of a camp later. Whereas our Order right now is structured on a camp up organization where the camps form departments; departments form the National. Until that is changed, I don't see how you can do it. I mean, physically, I don't see how you can be able to track where a member paid his dues at this camp or at this camp or at this camp. They can make a claim on their application, but that throws a burden of responsibility upon the Department

secretary/treasurer to determine if they have paid their dues or not. I know in Pennsylvania we have many, many members that are dual members of two or three camps. It's going to create a nightmare for me, for our new secretary/treasurer for the Department and any other secretary/treasurer for any Department. And also for camp secretary/treasurers knowing whether they've paid dues at another Camp. So that's my gripe. I'm not against the idea of only paying one time. But until we change things in the Order, I don't see how it can physically work.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. Perhaps it will help somewhat if I explain what we do. We do not track individuals' dues at the National level. The National organization imposes a per capita tax on the Departments based on the number of members. That's it. That's all the information we collect. How many members there are in each Department determines how much they will have to pay, up to \$22.00 per member. What the Departments in turn do as they are instructed, they impose the per capita tax on the camps based on how many members they have. The only place that the individual dues is tracked is at the camp level. When that happens, I can belong to a Camp in twenty-six different Departments, claim I paid dues in any one of those Departments and never pay dues. If you're saying I don't need to pay. I'm a dual member. It's what the Boy Scouts used to do. They stopped doing it for that simple reason. I know people from seven or eight different Scout troops and never paid dues as an adult. Because they just said I'm dual registered. And they got away with it. And that's the same thing many face here, if you're crossing Department lines. If in the Department, the Department institutes somewhere that they want to track that. But that means that the Department has to track something they're not doing now which is proof who paid their dues and who didn't.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. Last year, I made this comment, National Treasurer said under his breath, "You've never done bookkeeping." Honestly, yes, implementing this may be difficult for a couple of years. You have to work out assigning membership numbers, of dealing with it. But like I said, the Encampment voted on this with the instruction that it would get it ready for implementation. At that point, I think the discussion was over. All we need to do is move forward with committee to discuss how this is going to be implemented because it is the will of this Encampment which is the supreme governing body of our Order.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. Referring to what we did last year, we never adopted a program. It was never approved. The discussion was held. The matter was referred to committee to be studied how it would be implemented if it was passed this year. It was not passed last year. The National Encampment last year never instructed the Order to implement or come up with a plan. It was never voted on.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Loran.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. One of the things that was missing from last year's discussion that should be added to the duties of the special committee, is to determine the financial impact of eliminating the dues paid per capita by dual members. It has a potential of raising for everyone their National per capita dues by eliminating it from the dual members. And I think we need

as a National Encampment to have solid figures as to what the financial impact would be on the National Organization by eliminating National capita dues paid by dual members and the cost to implement it, to be able to make a true informed decision. They do have the option of becoming a Life Member and that would eliminate any National per capita dues and you can be dual members in as many Camps as you want. All you have to do is become a life member. That is one of the solutions that's currently available to them to avoid paying it. But, I would like to see, if possible, we could amend the instructions so that the special committee also present with their plan what the financial impact would be to implement the program if they recommend it. If there's a way we can do that, I think it would be good to do, so this National Encampment can make a fully informed decision. I am going to make that motion with the assistance of the National Counselor.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

We have an objection ad seriatim so We need a motion.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief and National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I move you that Committee be concurred.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Orr has moved that the Encampment concur with the Committee's recommendation to not adopt this. And we have a second from Perley Mellor. Now we can move to discussion.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. As far as the motion, it's just approved. All right? I do not concur with that motion. There is dissent among the Brothers. That's forcing the thing to say, well, we'll just go ahead without it and everybody has got to pay our dues for every camp we belong to. I think we should pay dues for every camp we belong to. I think that's what the Brother here pointed out, a vile situation. You know, what impact it's gonna make? I think we're saying we have 9,000 members in the United States. I think that's a false number because of the fact that we are counting people two and three times, who belong to several camps. I think we need to decide either we look at things and decide on that, not just to say okay, we're just gonna go with what they said. That's why I said I do not concur with what Brother Orr said on his motion. I would like to go back and readdress the situation. And second, do we have a transcript of last year's Encampment? That we can read the part because I know it happened on Friday cause I was there Friday. It was one of the first things we discussed.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes. That's what Brother Alan read to us.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Can you read that transcript one more time? The first part about that?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I will say first of all this is from what happened last year as it was happening, what I got from it. I did not pull it from the actual transcript.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Because I felt that we had approved that in 2016. That's (indistinguishable) secretary/treasurer and I didn't have to deal with this.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Sorry. The proposal as amended was that Section 6 read, “Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in one camp or a Member-at-Large may become a dual member of another camp. The applicant is not subject to the National per capita assessment for camps which he joins as a dual member. He pays National per capita assessment only for his primary or home camp. Dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish a new camp. The incoming C in C shall appoint...” Now that was the proposal as amended. And then the motion was “The incoming C in C shall appoint a committee to work this out.” Charlie, there’s some of your verbiage here, “for implementation and bring back to the Council of Administration by Springfield C of A with the C in C authorized to forward this to the C and R Committee and/or P and P Committee. The sentence ‘Dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members to establish a new camp’ shall be deleted.” That was all approved (indistinguishable) Committee...the...the National Encampment last year. We approved all that. So in another words, National Encampment did approve the fact that (indistinguishable) starting next year (indistinguishable) and C in C was to implement that. The C in C was to appoint the committee for working out implementation that would then end up going to the C and R Committee with that proposal coming back for (indistinguishable).

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

So in other words, we did not approve last year, the Brothers paying dues only once.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Right.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. That’s what I wanted clarification on. Thank you. In that case, I withdraw my objection to Brother Orr’s motion.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And just for clarification, that didn’t happen. It got lost in shuffle and I did not appoint that committee. I take full responsibility for that.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander, Commander-in-Chief, there was a request for some information regarding the financial costs of this. This is Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. The Executive Director indicated we had 142 dual members, which would mean an increase of \$3,036.00 in per capita. Should they not need to pay it. In the proposed budget we already have is a negative \$3,000.00. This would put us another \$3,000.00 in the negative for the budget.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ National Secretary. My question through you to the National Treasurer, how many of those dual members are life members to which National per capita is not being



paid?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Fifty-one that is being paid.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Is being paid?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

It's transferred from the life fund at the full amount of \$23.00. And if they're a dual member and a life member, those funds are getting hit twice.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Isn't that four times.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Oh, yes, four times.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So we still have a motion that... What is the motion now?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

The motion is to concur with the Committee's recommendation.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

To concur with the Committee's recommendation. Which is that this not be adopted at this time.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Right.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

Chuck Poland, Department of the Chesapeake, Secretary/Treasurer. If we concur with the Committee's recommendation as Brother Orr has suggested, what does that do to the decision of last year's decision of the Encampment? Will we still have the committee formed that got lost in the shuffle? Or will we ignore the recommendation of last year's Encampment

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I would suggest, obviously, I can't make a motion, but I would suggest that the Encampment might want to confirm the desires of last year's Encampment and that way the incoming Commander-in-Chief could be directed...

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

...That's my question. If we vote as Brother Orr has suggested, does that destroy last year's Encampment's recommendation, or does it still stand? Mr. Parliamentarian, could you give me a recommendation?

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, Parliamentarian. It was direction of last year's Encampment to do things by a

specific time, that time has passed. I think it would be dead unless it's renewed by this Encampment which if you take no further action, it is dead.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

Okay. The action is dead. And therefore, if you want to reinstate that, we have to vote against Brother Orr's...

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

No. Whether or not Brother Orr's motion passes and the Committee is concurred with and it does not... You could still make a motion to appoint a committee to study and report back next year.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

I'd like to make a substitute motion that we do what we recommended last year which is to establish that committee to do exactly what we had last year.

**Unknown 1**

Second.

**Unknown 2**

Point of clarification. By making the substitute motion would you be in effect tabling the motion that's currently on the floor?

**Unknown 3**

Indeed.

**Unknown 2**

So, the whole issue would be brought back up at next year's Encampment.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

I'm substituting my motion for his. Would Brother Orr accept that as a friendly amendment to his? He will not. I thought not. So, I'm substituting my motion for his. That's a legal procedure, as I understand it.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So, we have a second.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

As amended. Okay. Without rereading Section 6 again, "The incoming C in C shall appoint a committee to work this out for implementation and bring back to the Council of Administration by Springfield C of A with the C in C authorized to forward this to the C and R Committee and/or the P and P Committee. The sentence 'Dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish a new Camp,' shall be deleted."

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

We don't need the sentence about dual members not being counted because this proposal doesn't have it in there. But essentially, it's just the same thing. That this be sent to a committee ordered by the incoming Commander-in-Chief to then be sent to the C and R. And come back to report to this...

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

If I may, the reason for the part about the members not being counted is because that was in the original proposal last year to the C and R Committee and the original and the proposal this year again.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

Okay.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

So, you are saying you want to take that out.

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

Okay, fine. But since essentially, what I want to do is to reinstate the motion that was approved last year which got lost in the shuffle. So, we do exactly what we voted to do last year again. And I want to substitute that motion for Brother Orr's motion.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on this?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. I move to amend the substitute motion to include the committee's tasks must include the financial impacts of their proposal. So that's clear that we would have that information.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Chuck, are you okay with his amendment?

**Charles Poland, Department of the Chesapeake**

I'm happy with that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And Brother Kevin, are you okay with that as well since you seconded it?

**Brother Kevin**

Yes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any further discussion? All those in favor of a substitute motion, please raise your cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

On page thirty-one in your booklet, you'll find proposal number two. This is also from the C and R Committee. This is Chapter I, Article II, Section 7 of the Regulations which can be found on page fifteen of the actual Regulations. With this proposal as adopted, dual members must declare which camp is their primary camp and that camp must file Form 30 with that information. Also, dual members can be counted as part of the minimum number of members needed to form a new camp. The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. And Section 7 will become paragraph a, "Dual members shall only be counted in their primary or home camp in the total membership count of the Department but listed on each camp roster." Then we added new paragraph b, "A dual member must identify his primary or home camp and such camp must file a Form 30 showing that information." And then a new paragraph c, "Dual members may be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new camp." The Committee moves that we accept this proposal.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. As this is an amendment to the Regulations, you cannot do this ad seriatim. It requires a 2/3 vote of the Encampment to change Regulations. So, you need to affirmatively vote.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. All those in favor, raise your voting cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Okay. On page thirty-one, you will find proposal number three. This is a resolution from the Department of Missouri and has been modified by the C and R Committee. Chapter 1, Article II, Section 11, on page fifteen of the actual Regulations. If this proposal is adopted, it will be a new section to this Article of the Regulations and will allow members to report additional Civil War ancestors or supplemental ancestors for record purposes. The C and R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. This Section 11 would say, "A member in good standing may report a supplemental Civil War ancestor by filing an application form with his camp secretary using the same application form as required for initial membership and printing the word 'supplemental' at the top of the form." The Committee moves that you accept this proposal.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we have any discussion?

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. Is there an expense in doing this?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

We just increase the storage space that we need to buy. There's no expense to the individual

Brother. There is an expense to the National Organization because that means we will have to buy more storage space.

**Adam W. Gaines, National Guide**

Adam Gaines, National Guide. I fully support this because many of us, myself included, have more than one Union ancestor. And I'm sure all of us are very proud of not just the one veteran we joined on but of all of our ancestors who fought for the Union. Also, I think a good idea because almost every organization I know of that gives out supplementals was to give out a supplemental certificate. Like granted, Brother Commander-in-Chief here would probably be able to plaster his ceiling with supplementals.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Adam W. Gaines, National Guide**

But I think that would be a good idea. If some sort of certificate, so people can put on their wall to show, you know, the pride in their extra ancestors.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Adam. I know you guys are lined up, but I see Jim Ward's standing up. I'd like to have him come to the mike first because he's the head of the Committee that I appointed at the direction of last year's National Encampment. That one actually got done, and he may have some light on this.

**James G. Ward, Hereditary Issues Special Committee**

Commander-in-Chief, I just rise as Chairman of the Special Committee on Hereditary Issues in support of the Department of Missouri proposal and in support of this motion. We've looked at a number of other organizations that have sidebars and how they handle those and this is a good motion.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Jim, I would ask for clarification. Does the adoption of this proposal make any change to what your Committee has recommended?

**James G. Ward, Hereditary Issues Special Committee**

No. In fact, I was going to defer on the recommendations to this.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, thank you. Brother Harry.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. The only concerns I have about the motion as it stands, supplemental qualifying Civil War ancestor because we do have standards for that. I don't know that it needs to be included here but there should be some sort of application fee. Every other organization that I know of that deals with this does charge for it, sometimes as much as a new application.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Ed.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. I'm just going to point out that we...in favor of doing this. Just putting a supplemental on top of the form doesn't correctly solve it. We do require payment when you submit that form. There is other changes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brian.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina, Council of Administration. I echo what Brother Ed just said. I think it's brief and concise but it does leave some questions in terms of application fees but I think it would behoove us to address it in the final draft. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Loran.

**Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Commander, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. I am real concerned about the costs because there is a cost to the camp. There is a cost to the department. There is a cost to National. These amendments do not address that issue. I am willing to approve this. I support the concept as long as the financial support and the burden doesn't fall on the local camps, the departments, and National. This needs to have a fee and I know like the Sons of the American Revolution. My understanding their supplemental application fee is higher than their initial membership fee. So, this should be something that the fees are high enough to cover what will be the anticipated costs of the camps, departments, and the National organization and make a little money off of it. It shouldn't be just a break even. It's not needed for them to become a member of this organization to have supplementals. That's just a benefit offered to them. It shouldn't be at the expense of the total organization. And that's my concern. And so right now as the proposal is, I'm going to vote no because we have don't have the financial part of it. If we could move forward the financial recommendations, then I'd feel comfortable. Otherwise, I think it should be deferred. This vote should be deferred until we can get the report from your special committee about the finances.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Loran.

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. As Department Secretary, if this goes through, this is going to create some paperwork that's going to be flowing through. And I think that there should be a charge and I think it should be no less than \$25.00 to \$40.00 on each application. And I guarantee they'd say "Well, I am not going to do that."

**David C. Schleeter, Department of California and Pacific**

Dave Schleeter, California and Pacific. In my vast ignorance when I joined, I already submitted an extra page on my application for an additional ancestor. What happened to it? I didn't get billed.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Do you want a bill?

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**David C. Schleeter, Department of California and Pacific**

Did it matter then? Why should it matter now?

**Richard D. Orr, Naional Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, the National application fee is all of \$5.00. So as far as the National organization, we're not talking tremendous amount of money. Camps and Departments are always free to charge additional fees for this. There's nothing that restricts them from doing so.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Loran.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

For your information, I'd like to ask the National Counselor to actually read from the National Regulations what the National application fee is because it's not a flat \$5.00. It's 50% of whatever the camp charges, minimum of \$5.00. If a camp charges \$20.00, the Regulations in my understanding is we have to forward National \$10.00.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

That is correct. But I never got more than \$5.00.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

I'm telling that's what the National regulations stated. So, be aware that the National Regulations say if you charge \$40.00, \$20.00 goes to the National organization according to the National regulations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That's why you join a dual camp that has cheaper dues.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Jim, I would like you to read that portion of the Regulations that state what really, truly, are the National application fee.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, National Counselor. Under Article 11, Finances, this is Chapter I, Section 1, "Each Camp shall regulate its dues and fees for revenues, provided the minimum application fee shall not be less than \$10.00 of which ½ shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer with the Camp status report (form 30) by the fifteenth day of the month following receipt of the application. No part of the admission fee shall be credited for any other purpose. The minimum yearly dues shall not be less than the sum of the National Organization and Department per capita dues. Camp shall have the power to provide By-Laws imposing fines for neglect of duty of all officers, special committees, or Brothers." So, it's half of the Camp application fee, whatever that is. And it shall be a minimum of \$10.00. So, each Camp should be charging a minimum of a \$10.00 application fee of which half goes to National.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. So, we have a motion that we approve the Committee's recommendation with the addition of the word "qualifying" supplementing qualifying Civil War ancestor and also that applications for supplemental ancestors are required to pay the National application fee. Any further discussion? We'll vote on the amendment first. That's the addition of the word "qualifying" and that they pay the application fee. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Now we'll vote on the Committee's recommendation as amended. All in favor, raise your card. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Okay. On page thirty-one of your packet, proposal number four. This is a resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania. It would amend Chapter II, Article I, Section 5 and Section 8. You would find those in your Regulations on pages thirty-one and thirty-two. This proposal will effect only the Department of Pennsylvania since it is the only Department to have previously existed as two separate departments. This change will allow the Pennsylvania Department to be divided without a 2/3 vote of the camps. The C and R Committee recommends approval of this amendment. The current language, Section 5 says, "Departments may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority, 2/3, of the camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of camps for a provisional status Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of camps for a permanent status Department. If the Department does not concur, those camps wishing to organize themselves into a new Department may appeal to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order." And then the new language would be "except that the concurrence by the vote of the camps shall not be required if the resulting Departments previously existed as independent Departments." And I would recommend that we vote on that change first before we do paragraph 8 or Section 8. The Committee recommends approval.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. As outgoing Secretary/Treasurer for Pennsylvania Department, this never even met the Department Encampment. I don't know where it came from. And we never dealt with this in Department Encampment.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Charlie. Charlie this was submitted by seven Camps from western Pennsylvania, not from the Department. That's a mistake. It's a group of seven Camps in the western half of the State.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Seven Camps. So, what you're actually saying they didn't bring it to a Department Encampment which is the official version. The Department of Pennsylvania...



**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

...It was submitted from them to the Commander-in-Chief, to the National Counselor, and to the chairman of the C and R Committee. And as is provided in the C and R as long as it goes through that process. But it was submitted on behalf of those seven camps.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

To say it's from the Department of Pennsylvania is incorrect. It's from a group of camps within the Department of Pennsylvania.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We've clarified that. Alan.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yes, Alan Russ, National Secretary. I am opposed to the motion as written. With the limited only to one state/Department. Either all, one state/Departments have that option or none. Based upon what was many years ago should not be justification for this.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Don.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Department of Ohio. What he said. It's all for one or one for all. I know you think you're special, but you're not. Okay?

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It applies to all of us or it applies to none of us.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. It applies to everyone. It just so happens that Pennsylvania is the only state which previously existed as multiple Departments. That's why Brother Grim's comment that it would only apply to Pennsylvania. No other state has existed as multiple Departments.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Doug.

**Douglas McMillin, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Doug McMillin, Pennsylvania Department Commander. I object to this as well. Obviously, we've already talked about why this didn't come to a Department meeting which was my first question. For clarification, this issue was addressed and rejected at the Department Encampment. And I believe that this is an effort by certain parties that are still unsatisfied with the way

things worked out in the Department Encampment to continue to try and push this issue and bypass the will of the Department Encampment. We would request that this be ruled out of order or rejected. We also find there is some history here that is incorrect. Pennsylvania did not exist as two separate Departments. It existed as two separate Divisions within the same Department and that is not the same thing.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I was incorrect. At the time the Division was used instead. Department and Division is exactly the same thing depending upon what century we are in.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That is true. Brother Loran.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. In trying to form the Department of the Columbia, we found some language in the National Regulations referring to a provisional Department. That language apparently is still in this amendment. I made the inquiry to the National Counselor about what is a provisional Department. He says that's obsolete language. It shouldn't even be in there. So, if this is going to go forward, we need to make sure that any obsolete language that occurs in that section is removed before we vote on it. Jim, I think you remember that email exchange we had on what the provisional Department is. That's one reference where it remains the National Regulations to a provisional Department. I understand the National Encampment years ago eliminated provisional Departments. So, if you go forward with this, that language needs to be stricken from this proposal.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother John.

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brother Commander, John M. McNulty, Past Commander Pennsylvania Department. What Brother Orr is suggesting about our history is somewhat disingenuous. It goes back to when there was a discussion between five organizations as to who the Grand Army of the Republic was going to accept. In Pennsylvania, the organization had two followings. Under Conrad Linder, the Department was formed in 1880 with Divisions. The original post system that was founded by A.M. Ross Camp in 1878. That group that was primarily in the east but there was some in the west, formed the Pennsylvania Department or the Pennsylvania Division at that point in 1880. 1881 would have a another group in Pennsylvania under A.P. Davis that started out of Pittsburg. When the organizations all were invited by the Grand Army to come to an Encampment to apply for agreement to be the official Sons Organization for the Grand Army, only A.P. Davis' group showed up, of the five. The Encampment eventually accepted A.P. Davis' group as the Organization which we now are. The Pennsylvania Department had already been founded before the National Organization had been founded under Conrad Linder. It's one of the awards if you notice in the National Organization is the Conrad Linder Award. We date before this Organization existed as a National Organization. For several years there were two groups calling themselves the Pennsylvania Department. Until finally all the groups in the original Organization under the east inoculated into the National Organization. So, saying that there are two Divisions is just trying to back somebody else's argument.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Don.

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in Chief**

Commander, Don Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. For clarification, I believe Brother Grim said that we were only discussing Section 5 and not Section 8. Is that correct?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Right.

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in Chief**

So, a lot of this conversation has been Section 8 versus staying with Section 5 first.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Section 8 is dependent upon Section 5, if I read that correctly.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Charlie.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. I have a question for you. Are we going to take this Section 5 first and then vote on Section 8 or that's what you wish to do? I wish to speak on Section 5. The Committee recommended that we adopt Section 5 first. So, my objection to Section 5 is the language is being added here. Let me put my glasses on so I can read it. "except that concurrence by the vote of the Camps shall not be required if the resulting Departments previously existed as independent Departments." That is definitely focused toward Pennsylvania. No doubt about that. I object to that. That's like saying, "Well, I come to play in the sandbox but you wouldn't let me play with your toys so I'm going to take my toys and go home." Kind of childish. We're here in this organization together. What I'm seeing here happening is what's happened with the women's organizations. That's why there's four women's Orders. There is one men's Order. Okay? We're splitting ourselves up further and further and further. We should kind of try to be loyal to one another. If we've had differences within our individual Departments, we should work them out. We should truly try and work them out as much as possible. It should not be getting to the point where we are having a civil war basically within our Department.

**Unknown**

Here! Here!

**Unknown**

Amen.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, in the order of fraternity, I implore you all to vote nay on Section 5.

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brother Commander, John M. McNulty, Past Commander, Pennsylvania Department. We had a civil war in Williamsport this year. We were there. And we saw it.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

I thought we were going to come to some fisticuffs on the floor. There was a lot going on. I've never seen any Department act so badly in all the years that I've been a member of this organization. And I'm thoroughly disgusted with a lot of people to be honest with you. This is not the way we were raised to look in Pennsylvania. And I don't like it one bit. It was getting to a point where people were starting to throw charges at each other. And then they were starting to throw other people under the bus. And then this arguing other charges for other people because of the things they had done. So, a group of Past Department Commanders got together and said, "Enough!" amongst ourselves. Brother Ivan Frantz took the call by at least stopping it. Brother Rich Essenwein and I got together and discussed some things. We went to the primary protagonists, and I will not name names, and said to them, "What is it going to take to solve this?" They both agreed and then hands were shaken in the Encampment in front of all the Brothers. And I thought this was over. Yes, there were some things done that perhaps should not have been done about the previous Encampment location. But to split the Department because they could not agree to meet in a town on the Allegheny River or a town on the Susquehanna River, doesn't make a devil lot of sense to me.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

This Department and our work in the Order is far more important than a few people wanting to have a shouting match.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Walt, in the back.

**Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri**

Brother Walt Busch, Department of Missouri. I have a question of clarification for myself. Article 9 of the Constitution says, "All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Commander-in-Chief upon prior approval by some Department." From what I've heard, there has not been a Department that's approved this. Is this not out of order?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl as National Counselor and Parliamentarian. Brother Walt, you're confusing two things. This is not an amendment to the Constitution. This is an amendment to the National Regulations. Different process.

**Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri**

Okay. Just wanted to make sure.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Not a problem.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Kim.

**Kim J. Heltemes, Department of Wisconsin**

Kim Heltemes, Department of Wisconsin, Commander. I believe this whole thing sets up a bad

precedent. If you don't get your way, you run to the National committees and try to get things changed that way instead of handling it through the Department. I personally would be rather upset if three or four of my camps tried to run away with something I have. Especially when it had already been talked about after the Encampment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We're gonna hear from Brother Doug and then I'm going to end discussion on this.

**Douglas McMillin, Department of Pennsylvania**

Commander-in-Chief, Doug McMillin, Pennsylvania Department Commander. I just wanted to make one point regarding this which parallels a lot of words already been spoken. But since this obviously looks like we may be going to a vote, I would simply point out that we have twenty-six camps within the Department of Pennsylvania. We have seven camps that did not like the result of what happened at our Department Encampment in Williamsport who are now attempting to push the issue to the National level. I would ask you gentlemen from the camp, department commanders current department commanders, if this was occurring in your Department and you had made a ruling that had been decided upon by the Encampment and the camps involved disagreed after the fact and tried to bring to the National Organization to overturn that, and to change the Regulations to allow a camp the opportunity to submit a proposal and have it voted into rules and regulations. Is this something you would be happy to have happening in your Department? I think this is a very dangerous precedence and we are putting ourselves in a very steep slippery slope here. I would very earnestly ask that everyone consider well on this before voting in favor. I would ask that everyone please reject this.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander, Commander-in-Chief, just to put this in proper sequence, proposed amendments submitted by those camps well before the June Pennsylvania Department Encampment. It had nothing to do with the Pennsylvania Department Encampment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We're gonna end discussion on this and call for a vote here. The C and R Committee has recommended concurrence, meaning that any Department that was previously more than one Department or any State which was more than one Department can return to that status and as Rich is pointing out, that only applies to the Department of Pennsylvania. So, a yes vote on this will make that the case. A no vote will deny that. Is anybody unclear about that? All right. All in favor of concurring with the Committee's recommendation to adopt this, raise your voting card. All in favor of rejection of the Committee's recommendation.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

It is rejected. It does not pass.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Section 8, we don't need to vote on. At the request of the Commander-in-Chief we are going to take a break and come back with the C and R report later.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Before we break for lunch, we do have some announcements from the National Secretary.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay, Alan Russ, National Secretary. I have a few quick announcements. One, our National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, requests that everyone use the order form in the bag that you received for making purchases from the Quartermaster's store. He is running out of purchase forms. Two, the Department of Ohio requests that its attendees meet while we break for lunch, which is real soon, out across from the registration desk in the lobby for a group photo. That's the Department of Ohio. Also, it's recommended that if you have a request or an announcement, put it in writing and leave it up here and I'll try to make it. We also encourage you to put your name on the back of your credentials cards so if you leave it someplace, it might get back to you. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Excellent. We are gonna go ahead and recess for lunch. Please give your attention as the Chaplain closes the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[break for lunch]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Take your seats.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

We have an announcement. The Pennsylvania Department would like a general idea of who will be attending the Pennsylvania luncheon at the Sam Miller's Restaurant on Saturday. We need an updated head count. I'm assuming that's the Eastern Pennsylvania luncheon.

**Unknown**

Oh, thanks. Pennsylvania lunch being a tradition. The Pennsylvania lunch go to lunch together on the Saturday of the Encampment. That on lunch break tomorrow about a half a block away at Sam Miller's Restaurant. We have a room reserved. We told them we expect about thirty-five people. The room will hold up to eighty-five. You don't have to be from the Pennsylvania Department. If there are any office seekers who would like to address the folks at the lunch before the elections we offer them a little bit of time to speak and to pitch their case. So, if anyone's interested, we'd just really like to get an updated head count because we'd like to know in advance how much food to order.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, please give your attention as the Chaplain opens the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Before we proceed with the exciting riveting report from the Constitution and Regulations Committee, I would like to give out a few awards. These are awards related to recruitment. Many of you that had me visit your Department Encampments know that I am a fan of recruitment. And I believe that recruitment really is the key to the answer to almost all of our problems. If the public doesn't know

that you are there, recruit them or recruit new Brothers who can educate the public. If you don't have anybody to take the offices, recruit new numbers. You never know when you are going to recruit some future Commander-in-Chief. So, all of our problems will not go away by recruiting new members. It just solves some problems. So, I'm going to start with the awards that are related to recruitment. The Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award to the Department with the greatest number of new members in the last year. With seventy-six new members goes to the Department of Ohio.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

The next one is the U.S. Grant Cup. This is for the Department with the greatest percentage of increase in membership. And with a 23% increase in membership in the last year, that goes to the Department of Tennessee.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Next, we have the Under Forty Award. Equally important with recruiting, is recruiting the younger members. Look around you, there's a lot of gray hair in here, including myself. So, it's very important that we get those younger members to join. We have this Under Forty Award for the Department with the greatest number of new members under forty in the last year. And with thirteen new members under the age of forty, that goes to the Department of California and Pacific.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Next, we have National Aides. Those are for Brothers who have recruited five or more new members for the last year. And I'm going to read these off and have them gather by the microphone if they're present. With five new members, Jeffrey M. Graf of the Colonel Hans Heg Camp #15 from the Department of Wisconsin. With six new members, Loran Bures, Governor Isaac Stevens Camp #1, Department of the Columbia. With six new members, John R. France of Major General Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1, Department of North Carolina. With seven new members, Richard R. Roddy, of Fort Walla Walla Camp #3, Department of the Columbia. The recipient of this year's B. F. Stephenson Award, the individual recruiting the greatest number of new members with a staggering nineteen recruits, David A. Rish of Jacob Parrott Camp #33, Department of Ohio. Now, it should be pointed out that this is the fourth year in a row that Brother Rish has earned the Stephenson Award. Last year he recruited fifteen members. In 2013, he recruited seventeen members. And in 2012, eleven members. That's at least sixty-two members recruited just by one Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Where is Brother Grim? I will yield the floor to you again to continue.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

On page thirty-one that proposal four that we dealt with earlier committee has made corrections under housekeeping of a proposal adopted two years ago and we wanted to make a change in the designation of provisional status in a Department, we're going to change that to a number of camps for a status as a Department. And then we go in take action on proposal number five on page thirty-two. This was a resolution from the Department of Missouri and was modified by the C and R Committee. It goes with Chapter II, Article 2, Section 1(e) and Regulations page thirty-three. This is a proposal for a new paragraph in this section and will give the Departments voting rights to a Past Commander-in-Chief who moves to a new Department and becomes a dual member of the new Department. The C and R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. This would add a new section 1(e) in bold print, "A Past Commander-in-Chief in good standing who joins or transfers into a Department as a dual member from another Department shall have voting rights at Department Encampments and his credentials shall be issued by the Department Secretary." The Committee moves that you adopt this proposal.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we have any discussion on this? Everyone in favor of concurring with the committee, raise your voting card. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Okay, on page thirty-two of your booklet, you'll find proposal number six. Resolution from the Department of New Jersey. This is Chapter V, Article VI, Section (a)...

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, request that you rule this out of order. It's in violation of the laws of the United States.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I agree with Rich and I will so move this out of order.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Okay, on page thirty-three we have proposal number seven. This is a proposal submitted by the National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail, Past Department Commander. Affects Chapter V, Article IV, Section 2(b) in the Regulations, be page ninety-five. This proposal will allow all National Officers, this does not include committee members, to wear the gold color national ribbon with their membership badge as well as all Past National Officers. At present, only elected National Officers and past elected National Officers can wear the gold color ribbon with their membership badge. The C and R committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal. The language of the change would be paragraph (b). You see the print there. "All elected and appointed officers of the National Organization, while holding such office, and past elected National officers who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term," and the new language, "or past appointed National Officers who have served and completed more than five consecutive terms," and the old language, "and who served



until the end of the term,” new language, “shall be entitled to wear a ribbon,” old language, “the center a broad stripe of old gold, with a narrow border of red, white, and blue on each side. All elected Department officers, while holding office or having been granted emeritus status by his Department Encampment, a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white, and blue border on each side.” Committee moves that you don’t accept this proposal.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

On page thirty-three of your booklet, the proposal is submitted by the Programs and Policy Committee. Affects Chapter II, Article VIII, Section 4. And Regulation’s found on page forty-two. This proposal is a revision of the job description for the Department Historian on recommendation of National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, Past Department Commander. The C and R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. Section 4, Historian. “The purpose of the office of Historian is to collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to,” and the new language, “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its membership.” It will strike out “Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members of the Order.” And with (a), paragraph (a), “The duties of the Department Historian should include maintaining and cataloging all historical, biographical, and/or photographic materials given or developed by the” and we strike out “Camp” and replace it with “Department” “regarding the Civil War,” and strike out “Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)” and old language “and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUCVW).” And paragraph (b), “Such material would include but not be limited to the following: newspaper articles,” and we strike out “Post Camp” and replace it with “Department membership records.” Strike out “Post and Department membership, Post membership minutes, old” and strike out “Post/Camp” and replace it with “Department financial records which should be maintained or discarded in accordance with the approved records retention schedule, photographs, and donated memorabilia.” And then the new sentence “including Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic artifacts. Proper storage or archival storage of Department records should be followed.” The Committee recommends adoption of this change.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion? Oh, this one’s a change so we gotta vote on it. All in favor of adopting the change, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Page thirty-four of your booklet, proposal number nine. This is a proposal submitted by the Program and Policy Committee on recommendation of National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, Past Department Commander. Affects Chapter I, Article VIII, Section 4. The Regulation is found on page twenty-four. This is a proposal that would revise the job description of the Camp Historian. The C and R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. Section 4, Camp Historian. “The purpose of the

office of Historian is to collect and preserve all historical and biographical materials pertaining to” and we would insert the words “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUCVW) and its membership.” And strike out “Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members of the Order.” “The activities of the Camp Historian should include: (a) Maintaining and cataloging all historical, biographical, and/or photographic material given to or developed by the Camp regarding the Civil War.” Strike out “Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)” “and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUCVW).” Paragraph (b), “Such material would include but not be limited to the following: newspapers articles,” strike out “Post” “Camp membership records,” strike out “Post” “Camp meeting minutes, old” strike out “Post” Camp financial records” and insert new language “which should be maintained or discarded in accordance with the approved records retention schedule.” Old language “photographs, and donated memorabilia” (indistinguishable) language “including Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic, artifacts. Camps, working with the Department Historian, should also identify proper archeological storage of Camp records.” Archival. Should be archeological sometimes. The Committee recommends adoption of this.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your voting cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

On page thirty-four of the booklet, proposal number ten. This is a proposal was submitted by the Program and Policy Committee on recommendation of the National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, Past Department Commander. It affects Chapter III, Article VII, Section 12, found on page sixty of the Regulations. This proposal is a revision of the job description for the National Historian. The C and R Committee recommends adoption. Section 12 of the Regulation, “The National Historian shall collect and preserve all historical or biographical materials pertaining to the” and insert “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUCVW) and its membership.” Strike out “Civil War and Brothers of the Order” “and shall serve as chairman of the National His-History Committee. Duties include: (a), Collect, organize, catalog, ensure the preservation of historical records and holdings of the National Organization which pertain to the” and strike out “Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic” “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (b), Identify and inventory the historical records and holdings in possession of the National Organization...National Organization officers copyrighted 1881-2015, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a Congressionally-Chartered Corporation.” (e)...(c) I guess that is. Strike out that entire paragraph. (d), Strike out that entire paragraph. new paragraph (c), “Provides research assistance and/or access to the Order’s historical holdings to Brothers of the Order and upon approval by the Commander-in-Chief, to individuals and organizations outside of the Order.” And identified (d) as a new letter. “Encourage Department, Camp-at-Large, and Camp Historians to identify, inventory, or catalog, where possible,” new language “and help locate and ensure the preservation of all state and local collections of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War historical records and holdings.” And will strike out the remaining paragraph (f). And we’ve identified the next one as (e), “Encourage Department, Camps-at-Large, and Camps to recognize and commemorate Civil War anniversary dates through a variety of means including Department, Camp-at-Large, and Camp meetings and ceremonies, notices in internal newsletters, notices in newspapers, et cetera.” And then a new paragraph (f), “Assure ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the Order’s business.” A

new paragraph (g), “Perform all other duties delegated to the office of the Order’s Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.” New paragraph (h), “Prepare and submit periodic status reports to the Commander-in-Chief on the activities of the National Historian.” And new paragraph (i), “Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment on the activities of the National Historian.” The Committee recommends adoption of these changes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Wolz. You have in the second sentence copyright 1889-2015?

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

This is not my recommendation.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

That’s a cut and paste error. That’s what I was going to comment on.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Commander, I recommend striking that out.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother.

**Roy Lafferty, Department of Kansas**

Roy Lafferty, Past Department Commander of the Department of Kansas. Just to speak backwards a little bit. This may be backwards a little bit. Proposal number ten starts off Section 12, the National Historian? Proposal nine, Section 4 starts out with the Camp Historian? And then we go back to Section 8, it says Section 4, Historian. So that should say a Department Historian for consistency. I just noticed that. I don’t know if that’s worth anything or not.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead, Kevin.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. The question you had, part (f) Ensure ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the Order’s business. It seems unclear to me. Ensure the access of what to who? What is that paragraph actually stating?

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

That means the Historian shall ensure the access to members looking for information about the Order.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

As an I.T. guy, it doesn’t make sense. I mean, it assure access to electronic records. Is that what it meant to say? I’m sorry. I get what it means. I just don’t think it says what you mean. That’s all I

was pointing out. My comment.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. For the sake of clarification that this Brother is requesting, might we amend this to say “(f), Assure that he has ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the Order’s business?” I move to amend.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on the proposed amendment clarifying (f)?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on the amendment? All those in favor of the amendment, raise your voting cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

The amendment passes. Do we have any other discussion on the original recommendation of the Committee to approve this as amended? All those in favor of approval, raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Page thirty-five of your packet is proposal number eleven. This proposal was submitted by the Program and Policy Committee on recommendation of the National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, Past Department Commander. Affects Chapter III, Article X, Section 17 found on page eighty-two of the Regulations. This proposal is a revision of the job description for the National Committee on History. The C and R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. Section 17, “The purpose of the National Committee on History is to identify and preserve historical and biographical material pertaining to” and inserts new language “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUCVW) and its membership.” And strike out “Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), SUCVW, and their respective members...memberships.” And then the old language “Duties include: (1), Collect, organize, catalog, and ensure the preservation of historical records and holdings of the National Organization which pertain to” and strike out “the Civil War, GAR, and” “the SUVCW. Item (2), Identify and inventory the historical records and holdings in the possession of the National Organization officers.” And then strike out number three and strike out number four. And renumber new number (3), which is “Provide research assistance and/or access to the Order’s historical holdings to Brothers of the Order and upon order of the Commander-in-Chief, to individuals and organizations outside the Order.” And new number (4), “Encourage Department, Camp-at-Large, and Camp Historians to identify, inventory, or catalog where possible, to help locate and ensure the preservation of all state and local collections of” strike out “Civil War memorabilia, and the GAR and” “SUVCW’s historical records and holdings.”

And the new number (5), insert new language “Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order’s Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.” New item (6), “Provide regular status reports to the Commander-in-Chief and National Council of Administration.” And new number (7), “Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment on activities of the committee.” The Committee recommends adoption of these changes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Brian Pierson, Georgia/South Carolina, Council of Administration. With respect items five and six, this is just an admin change. I would strike out the words “National” from Council of Administration since that’s not the title, it is just Council of Administration.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any other discussion? All those in favor, raise your voting cards. All those opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

On page thirty-six, proposal twelve. This proposal was submitted by the Program and Policy Committee. Chapter...uh...II, Article VIII, Section 10 is affected. And, is found on page forty-three of the Regulations. This proposal is a job description change for the Department GAR Records Officer. The C and R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. This is Section 10. “The purpose of the Department GAR Records Officer is to coordinate Department activities associated with the process of seeking, locating, physically examining, inventorying, cataloging, recording, and promoting the preservation and conservation of all extant records of the Grand Army of the Republic. The activities of the Department GAR Records Officer should include: (1), Providing guidance to Camps that are actively involved in inventorying GAR records or are researching GAR history. (2), Serving as the point of contact between the Department and the National GAR Records Officer for matters related to GAR records. (3), Compiling and maintaining inventory of the locations of GAR records within the Department, in a format and form approved by the Order for the collection of records information. (4), Providing annual or more frequent GAR records inventory updates to the National GAR Records Officer for inclusion in the National GAR Records Catalog. (5), Compiling information relating to the history of Gar Posts within the Department. (6), Performing all other duties delegated to the office by the Order’s Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.” Committee recommends adoption of these changes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Brian, do you have the same issue with this?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Yes, I do.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

The Committee will strike out "National."

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

In front of the words "Council of Administration." Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your voting cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

Commander, that concludes the report of the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, Loran.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Commander, I respectfully request that this is not the end of the report. I submitted amendments to the National Regulations in March per the National Regulations. They were submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, the National Counselor, and the chairman of this Constitution and Regulations Committee. I request, since all the Regulations were followed, that they report out those proposed amendments to the National Regulations. I believe I have a right to that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Grim, do you have those, or did you receive those?

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

I have a copy that was given to me. It was the decision of the Committee not to take action on this proposal at this time.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Can I ask that Committee's reason?

**Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee**

It was the decision of the Committee that it had to be really evaluated before deciding.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Loran, since the Committee chose to take no action, would you be opposed to it being heard by the incoming C and R Committee?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Yes, I'm opposed to that. I want it reported out at this National Encampment at some point. The recommendation was submitted to the National Council to review prior to submission to process. It's

been reviewed by the National Counselor that it's in proper form. There's a fairly simple amendment where I believe. And I don't think that we should delay this year. I believe that if they have time tonight to actually look it over and it could be reported out tomorrow. That would be acceptable. I'm willing to sit down and if they need further explanation by the Committee, I will sit down with them and go over the details. But I would respectfully request that they be brought to this floor for consideration by this Encampment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead, Jim.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor and Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, as both National Counselor and Parliamentarian. First of all, as National Counselor, I saved this to a folder in June of 2015 of all the proposed changes to the C and R. So, I did receive it in a timely fashion. It does two things. Under the Department-at-Large or Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer and it involves a change to the job description. The creation of an Organization Expansion Officer and that it adds two Sections. (g), "Provide support to Camp Organizers in establishing new Camps and (h), Provide support to Departments consisting of two or more states in establishing Departments." That's what it does. It changes the name of the office to Organization Expansion Officer and adds those two sentences to the job description.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

One other thing that it does is it adds the position to the National Membership Committee. That's the only other change it makes. The reason for this repurpose of the office, because once a Department, that would include the state of Arizona, is established and organized, the National Camp-at-Large, Department Organizer, no longer has any duties it can perform. So, the office has almost no need after that point. We also have in our strategic plan, region 2020 organizational expansion. We have no officer that's specifically charged with that. This by inference would have this office as the champion for that goal of our strategic plan, Vision 2020, which calls for doubling our Organization. And I believe it needs some membership and Camps within those western and southern portions of this country. And no officer really has been tasked with doing that. This would allow that, those two additional sentences to work in a supportive manner and help the Departments, particularly in the South and West, help meet our goal of doubling the organization within the western United States and Southern United States. And that's what this does. Becomes a champion of that. And so that's an explanation of what we're trying to do with this amendment. It's fairly simple.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Loran, since the Committee took no action, there is no motion. So, would you care to make a motion?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

I move that the Encampment adopt the amendments as presented. And they have been reviewed by the National Counselor.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Seconded. Do we have any discussion?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yes. The first discussion I have is as far as helping Departments, is that going to be as a truly advisory role to the Department? Advise them? Or is that going to be where it's decided to go into a Department from the National level?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

The intent was supportive. The intent is to say we're available to help if you desire that. I had at the beginning of my term, request of a Department of two or more states to help develop Camps within their Department and to help spin off a state. I had no authority to help them under the current job description. Part of this comes from that. And this was a request from the Department to do that. This would allow me that they're requesting to bring the tools that I have developed as National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer to help that Department achieve something that they want to achieve.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

So, it would be, as invited by the Department?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Yes. By the Departments having two or more states saying I'm available if you want to make that office to help you achieving a goal you want to achieve. Be able to bring the National resources to help them out. And that's what's intended with the second part. Support work with the Department/Camp Organizers like in a single room, a single state Department to help them grow more in their Departments so it's a stronger Department. That's its intent. To be invited in to work with them but not to command or demand it. And that's the verbiage I tried to use in a supportive manner.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any further discussion? All those in favor of making these changes, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. All right. We're going to move on to the National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James Dixon. He did not give a report. Had no recommendations. National Encampment Site Committee, Jim Crane.

**James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee**

Commander we have no additions and deletions to my report. I would like to make a couple of comments real quick. 2016 we're going to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. They do have a booth set up in the back of the exhibit room with some information if you'd like to go in there and pick some stuff up. The following year in 2017 after almost twenty years, we'll be in Michigan, to Lansing, Michigan, the capital. In 2018, we're going to the Sheraton Framingham Conference Center in Massachusetts. And that's all I have to say sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Jim. National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Brother Jerry Sayre. His report is on page thirty-seven and contains no recommendations. National Committee on GAR Post Records, Brother Dean Enderlin.



**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

Commander, Dean Enderlin, Chairman, National Committee on GAR Post Records. Our report appears on page thirty-eight. We do have one recommendation. This is a recommendation that is probably overdue for a while. In regards to the fact that many Departments took it upon themselves years ago to establish a GAR Records Program and formalized it in some form either orders of the Department Commander or through change in the verbiage in by-laws. Our Committee thought that it was time to recognize those Departments with a recommendation. I'd like to place this motion on the floor for the Encampment. The recommendation is as follows: That the following nine Departments be recognized by the National Encampment for their ongoing efforts to maintain formalized and publicly accessible GAR Records Programs, either through verbiage in their by-laws or by Department orders: Columbia; Florida; Iowa; Michigan; Missouri, which includes Arkansas; Nebraska, which includes North and South Dakota; New Jersey; New York; and Ohio. And that is our recommendation.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any objections?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Can you repeat that please?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

He'd like you to repeat it.

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

The recommendation is as follows: That the following nine Departments be recognized by the National Encampment for their ongoing efforts to maintain formalized and publicly accessible GAR Records Programs, either through verbiage in their by-laws or by Department orders: Columbia; Florida; Iowa; Michigan; Missouri, including Arkansas; Nebraska, including North Dakota and South Dakota; New Jersey; New York; and Ohio.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

It passes.

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

Thank you, Commander. That concludes our report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Now, see he's all prepared. National Committee on Graves Registration, Brother Bruce Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Graves Registration Committee**

National Committee Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail. My report is on page forty and it refers to the National Graves Registration Officer's Report on page twenty-two. There are no additions or changes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Bruce. National Committee on History, Bob Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National History Committee**

Bob Wolz, Past Department Commander, chairman of the History Committee. We have no additional report. Our report appears on page twenty-three under the National Historian's Report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Bob. National Committee on Legislation, Brother Dan Earl.

**Daniel R. Earl, National Legislation Committee**

Our report's on page forty. We have nothing to add and no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Brother Bob Petrovic.

**Robert M. Petrovic, National Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee**

Bob Petrovic, Past Department Commander, chairman Lincoln Tomb Observance. Page forty-one report. No additions to it. We make no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Bob. National Committee on Membership, Brother Don Martin.

**Donald L. Martin, National Membership Committee**

Don Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Nothing new to report. Nothing to add, sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. National Military Affairs Committee, Brother Henry Shaw.

**Henry E. Shaw, National Military Affairs Committee**

Commander, Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio. No additional, deletions, or collections. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. National Committee on Program and Policy, Brother Gene Mortorff.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Program and Policy Committee**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff. We have no additional or anything further to report. We have no recommendations.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

He's got a recommendation. You have a recommendation. Program and Policy.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Program and Policy Committee**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff. Actually, that's not a recommendation. That has to be done. This situation with the right to sue was sent to the Programs and Policies when it really should have been sent to legal to find out any... Us poor peons on the Committee don't know whether or not that would be anything that we can do. It should be taken care of by legal minds, not Policy and

Program minds. What or who to send it to, I'm not sure.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

This is easy. We'll just add one word. We'll change it to "I recommend the incoming C&C..."

**Encampment**

... (laughter)...

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

...Are there any objections? Done. National Committee on Scholarship, Brother John Ertell. The report's on page forty-seven and they have no recommendations. Anybody need a break or should we continue?

**Encampment**

We need a break.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Give your attention while the Chaplain closes the Bible and we will take a fifteen minute break.

[Three raps,\*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

[break]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Gentlemen, please take your seats. Please give your attention while the Chaplain opens the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We're going to move on to the reports on special committees. Special Committee on Civil War Sesquicentennial, Mike Beard.

**D. Michael Beard, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee**

Special Committee report appears on page forty-eight. We have no corrections or additions. And I do note that this is the final report for the Sesquicentennial Committee.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Beard, I'd like to applaud you and your committee for the work you've done the past five years. I know you have some difficult circumstances to work under and you did a good job with what you had to work with, so, thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Joe Hall, do you have any updates to your previous preliminary report? For the Credentials Committee?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Encampment Credentials Committee**

Uh...the Credentials Committee report is on page fifty-one. I'm just want to make one change for that. The number on the first paragraph for Brothers that were pre-registered is actually 185, not 191. We have now with a total of everybody at this point of 154.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. And I believe your Committee report has a recommendation.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Encampment Credentials Committee**

We ran into some problems with registering. It's just a small recommendation that the Departments do some sort of training on how to register for an Encampment. I can make up some sort of flyer and send out.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Does anybody have any objections to that?

[one rap, \*]

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Encampment Credentials Committee**

Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We're going to return briefly to the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and call Brother Orr.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would move you that the Civil War Sesquicentennial Special Committee be continued for one year for the purpose of accepting applications for signature events for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, which is the actual 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official end of the Civil War as declared by President Johnson.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passed. Hey Mike, how come your card didn't go up?

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Special Committee on Fund Raising, Brother Glenn Knight. No report given and no recommendations. Special Committee on GAR Sesquicentennial, Brother Terry Dyer. Reporting no

activity and no recommendations. Special Committee on Government Headstone Applications, Brother Bruce Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, Government Headstone Applications Committee**

National Government Headstone Applications Special Committee, Bruce D. Frail. Our report starts on page fifty-two and goes to page fifty-three. We do have one recommendation. The recommendation would ask that this special committee be continued for another year or made into a standing committee.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any objections?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff. On that recommendation, I think it's unclear exactly which one, is it going to be a regular committee or continue as a special committee?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander, Commander-in-Chief, Rich Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Pursuant to Section 4 of the General Order 7, I would move you that the Government Headstone Committee be continued for a period of two years, in which time they will resolve these issues and if we cannot resolve them then we revisit whether or not we need to continue.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on that? To continue the special committee for two years? All in favor raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Bruce D. Frail, Government Headstone Applications Committee**

Thank you, Brothers.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Special Committee Membership Process Development, Brother Paul Zeien. Reported no activity and no recommendations. Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign, Brother Steve Michaels.

**Stephen A. Michaels, Memorial University Redesign Committee**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels. I have no additions and no recommendations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Special Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Brother Mark Day.

**Mark R. Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee**

Brother Mark Day, Past Department Commander. I have one addition. The advertising has been secured through the end of the calendar year. Other than that, nothing to add, sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, Brother Jerry Orton. I don't believe he's here. I guess you'll just have to read the recommendation.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

You want me to read it?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yea. Mr. Secretary, please read his recommendation.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

This is Alan Russ, National Secretary. Real Sons and Daughters Special Committee recommendation. A camp or department should be allowed to make a real daughter an honorary member without the consent of the Council of Administration.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Objection?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

According to Regulations there was nothing submitted in proper form.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'll rule that recommendation out of order.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Now we move to the Special Committee on National Regulations, Brother Jim Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, National Regulations Committee**

We, the Committee did not do a report this year and has no report. Recommends to discharge.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objection to that Committee being discharged since they have finished their business?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Special Committee to Restore Memorial Day, Brother Alan Peterson. His report given contains no recommendations. There is a recommendation given? Page fifty-five. Will you please read that?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Secretary, Alan Russ. The Restore Memorial Day Special Committee recommendation. Have all Camps and Departments to take a more active role in this program in four ways as listed below: 1) To gather signatures in their area of the country as they participate in various programs for which they are involved. 2) To recommend/suggest that they participate in Memorial Day (May 30<sup>th</sup>) programs in their respective cities/towns/states each year. 3) To encourage all members of this Organization to make contact with their congressional delegation and request/suggest that they support this effort of making Armed Forces Day into a three day weekend and put Memorial Day back to where it once was and belongs. 4) That members of this committee and others who would like to participate, to attend the annual Memorial Day concert next year in Washington D.C. to set up a tent, tables, et. cetera to gather as many signatures as possible.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes. Special Committee on Vision/Strategic Planning, Brother Brian Pierson.

**Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Strategic Planning Committee**

Brian Pierson, PDC, Georgia/South Carolina and Committee chair. One thing I would like to note administratively that this Committee last year was changed into a permanent committee along with the Commission Marketing Committee that Mark Day chairs. So, we can ensure next year that they are taken care of properly that would be good. Other than that, I have nothing to report. And I analyzed all the reports received and present detailed analysis to the Council of Administration meeting in Springfield in November. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brian. Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, Brother Jim Ward.

**James G. Ward, Hereditary Issues Committee**

Nothing further to add. We do have four recommendations. Would you like me to read them, sir?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, please.

**James G. Ward, Hereditary Issues Committee**

So we're talking about page fifty-six and fifty-seven.

**James G. Ward, Hereditary Issues Committee**

Recommendation one. Exercise a best practices prototype for proving genealogical descent from an ancestor with SUVCW qualifying service. Number of charges in this Committee this year was to take a look at other genealogical hereditary societies. How they go about handling this and we did that. You can see a list in another portion of the report. Some of you know of others that you'd like to have us look at, send them my way. I'm happy to look at them. At the bottom of my notes, there are no best practices. Every organization seems to do it differently, not necessarily for good reason but just to do it differently. However, having said that, there is (indistinguishable) best practices with regards to

genealogy outside of hereditary orders. In other words, professional genealogists. That part is fairly well set. So, the question for us then is what do we think is the best practices prototype for proving genealogical descent? This recommendation is asking the National Encampment to have us pursue that identifying that and bring it forward.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have an objection.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. I have a problem with verifying genealogy (indistinguishable). But if you go to the one they are talking about (indistinguishable) shall offer computer system capable of documented storage applications and proofs. That requires us to spend money to buy a computer. Who's going to keep the computer when this Committee is done? Where there's going to be storage? What's going to happen when the chairman transfers from one thing to another? What happens when they don't show up at National and the other committee chairman's here? It creates a real nightmare.

**James G. Ward, Hereditary Issues Committee**

With that in mind and understanding exactly where we are in the process, the Committee therefore withdraws all four recommendations and instead suggests that the incoming Commander-in-Chief consider appointing a special committee on hereditary issues next year. So, in other words, this concludes our report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Your recommendations have been withdrawn with a suggestion to whomever may take my place, to re-establish the committee to continue their work.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move that this Committee be continued for another year to report back to the National Encampment in August of 2016 and to work out the details including costs of implementation (indistinguishable) either continue this or as part of our report for next year.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second to continue the special committee for another year and report back. Any discussion? Everyone in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes. Council Sub-committee Banner Editor, Brother Ed Norris.

**Edward J. Norris, Banner Editor COA Subcommittee**

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. See report of the C of A Subcommittee Banner Editor. It starts on page fifty-eight and goes onto page fifty-nine. No changes. No recommendations.



**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Ed. All right. That concludes the special committees. We'll move forward to the Department reports. There's only one Department report that contains a recommendation and that is the Department of Georgia/South Carolina. Is Brother Commander William Miller here?

**Mark A. Hale, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Commander, Mark Hale, Past Department Commander. The first recommendation is a Flag Certificate Program. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina has instituted a program to award certificates of commendation to recognize exemplary patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America. The certificates are printed on high quality paper and are suitable for framing and display. Any Brother can nominate persons, companies, or agencies that proudly, conspicuously, and properly fly or display the U.S. Flag. This program has met with success in the Department. Therefore, it is proposed that this program be adopted throughout the SUVCW as a formal program in order to ensure standardization and broad implementation. The program is recommended to be placed under the responsibility of the Patriotic Instructor.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

It's on page sixty-three if anybody's looking for it.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Rich Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that we concur with the recommendation and forward this part of the recommendation to the Program and Policy Committee to be brought back with a plan for implementation.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any other discussion? All those in favor, raise your voting cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Mark A. Hale, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Commander, our second recommendation is to update the Transfer Form, SUVCW Form 4, to include all of the information that a receiving Secretary would need to fill out Form 30. There's some stuff missing on there and if you get somebody that has transferred more than once, there's a lot of information that you just don't get. So, if you are the Department Secretary, it's like, "Okay, what do I do with this guy?" There's things like birthdate and there's several things that aren't on the transfer form that need to be so that a Camp Secretary can properly fill out a Form 30.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to direct that to the incoming Program and Policy Committee to modify and update the form.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Have the Encampment Committee reports been able to review the things that have been referred to them? I don't think anything was referred to Constitution and Regulations. Nothing was referred to Resolutions Committee. Brother Ed, do you have a report from the Officer Reports?

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. We're going to go through the Officer's Reports, the recommendations. The first one starts on page nine. The first recommendation. Effective 1 January 2016, the ROTC medal, certificate, and ribbon are available without charge when an application form is completed and submitted. The Committee concurred.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Commander, clarification as to who can receive free awards. Can Camps receive them to be able to award or do they still have to pay \$5.50? Or is it just Junior ROTC and ROTC units who apply directly to the Quartermaster receives them for free? I think that needs to be clarified to the Encampment.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, the intent is they would be free to everyone as long as an application form is completed and submitted. The Camp cannot simply say I want twenty badges. They will need to identify twenty different ROTC units to which they will be presented. The one thing we cannot do here, is to order through PayPal, you're going to pay cause PayPal does not do it for nothing. Cause they are gonna get their money.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So that's not an objection, just clarification. Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

It passes.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Recommendation number two. Effective 1 January 2016, the sale of ROTC medals, certificate, and ribbon cease. The committee concurred.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. I think it'd make sense the Quartermaster be able to continue selling them solely for the sake of replacing those that may or may not have been lost by individuals in the past.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Recommendation number three. ROTC form be amended and posted on the website in new form no later than 15 December 2015, deleting the information regarding the name of the cadet. No one is keeping this information and it is often not known when the badge is ordered. I recommend this goes to Policies and Procedures.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That's the recommendation, that that be deleted. Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Recommendation number four. An Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC program be appointed for the incoming Commander-in-Chief and all subsequent Commanders-in-Chief to be responsible for the ROTC program. We recommend this goes to C and R because it changes the way we do the business.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objection?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

C it really doesn't change the C and R. It's asking the Commander-in-Chief to exercise power, his power (indistinguishable). Uh...

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

... (Indistinguishable) name.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in Chief, Rich Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. it really doesn't change the C and R. It's asking the Commander-in-Chief to exercise his power. It also an offer to take some work load off of Danny. The idea being behind this, that once we go solely to electronic submission, we can use the website just to redirect those to whoever that is. It changes from year to year. Brother Demmy has tried to take some of the work load off of him because of the tremendous amount of time he puts into this. He works at his house and his wife says it is a problem.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I can tell you, between twenty-five to thirty hours a week as a Quartermaster on top of working a forty hour job. So, we need to get some of that work load off him.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Department of Illinois. This is not an objection but a question for clarification. Would this person be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief be responsible for straightening out the ribbons with the three branches of service that don't accept?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

From my understanding, there is somebody currently working on that.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. I believe that when we started this, it was the National Patriotic Instructor's job to do that. So, it shouldn't fall on whoever this new position or whatever you're creating. That should be the position of the Patriotic Instructor to make contact with those other organizations.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

I was asked to explain why we thought this should go to C and R. It's because of the (indistinguishable) of subsequent. That's making it a permanent position.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Mark.

**Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake**

Mark Day, I want to explain. I have personally spoken to them, the Master Chief of the United States Navy. And the United States Navy has no interest and has no desire to recognize our medal. I just think it's important that the people in this room understand that it has been asked and rejected.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I want to make sure they were speaking on recommendation here of the committee. They're recommending that this recommendation four be sent to the C and R Committee, saying their reasoning for that is because it does say all subsequent Commanders-in-Chief. Basically, it means that it is a permanent Aide.

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

Commander-in-Chief, point of information. Don Gates, Secretary/Treasurer, Department of Texas. I'm on the committee that is working with the Patriotic Instructor on this issue. From the discussion that I heard just a few minutes ago, gave me great concern. Because it was my understanding this was an ongoing process that we were going to continue to work toward and not a lost cause. I think to call it a lost cause is incorrect. I would just like to point out a couple reasons why. Number one, it's an issue of regulations. Ask anybody about whether they can violate the regulations, they're going to say the same thing. No. It's not about asking permission from a general or a master chief or anyone else to do something. It's about getting the information necessary to have the regulations changed. To the

point, if you look at the regulations and their actions, six different regulations would affect this. There are innumerable numbers of organizations exactly like ours, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of 1812. And they all are allowed to or are considered fraternal organizations that can present the awards. There are actually corporations that are considered fraternal organizations who can present awards. The AMVETS, the VFW, all these different organizations. So it's not a question of needing permission from somebody that has already decided no. It's about finding out what the steps are, we have to take to have the regulations changed. Regulations change all the time. It's an ongoing process just like ours are. So, I just wanted to make that clarification. And if I'm wrong, I'd like to be told in fact that I am wrong and we'll write this off forever and I don't think that's the case.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Rich Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Okay. I would suggest that the issue of this recommendation that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint an Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC program and then be referred to C and R to make it permanent.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Will you accept that?

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

We will accept that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So the recommendation has been modified that an Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC program be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief and that it be sent to the C and R Committee to make it permanent.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we have discussion on that? Everyone raise their voting cards in favor. All opposed. Passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Go ahead, Doug.

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Sir, Doug Fidler, Department of Tennessee, Past Department Commander. Just to add when I first looked at this, back in 2008 I spoke to the senior Air Force ROTC folks, and they said that basically they did not want to bestow it because they did not want to be associated with racist organizations. At the time they didn't actually realize there was a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. That there was only a few organizations dedicated to our cousins. At the time I told them we would contact you and speak to you about these because they aren't the same organizations. I don't think that we had actually followed up since then. Except for my Bother here. I know that he's been working on it. I think that the other services are confused over the issue especially since our Confederate cousins (indistinguishable) that I saw presented myself. So, what saying is, we can get this passed. They need to be informed that although we're both interested in the same historical event, we are entirely different in the way we do things.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Kansas**

Commander, uh...Bill Fischer, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Kansas. Before I moved to Kansas in 2010, I spent seven years as a senior JROTC instructor in Columbus, Ohio. And when the SUVCW started offering that medal, I gladly accepted it because the Air Force considers retired officers and enlisted folks who are in those positions at high schools as school district employees. And if I had an opportunity to recognize a deserving cadet with a medal, I did so. And appreciated this Encampment, the one in Ohio sponsoring those. So, I think there may be a difference between the Senior ROTC because those folks are still active duty and the Junior ROTC. I think we can develop a relationship with the Junior ROTC even if the Air Force doesn't want to recognize it because it's an opportunity to recognize a deserving high school student.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Recommendation number five. Effective 1 January 2017, all ROTC requests must be submitted electronically. We believe that should go to the P and P as it is a change in policy.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objection to that being sent to Program and Policy?

**Stephen E. Hackett, Department of Rhode Island**

To comment on that about the electronic transfer. In the past I found it easy to pick up my ROTC awards at the Encampment, I would still like to be able to do that at the National Encampment and save some shipping fees and extra time from the National Quartermaster.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objection to that being sent to the Program and Policy Committee? About it being submitted electronically. Done.

[one rap, \*]

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Recommendation number six. The budget reflect the cost of the ROTC program, \$1900.00 in 2014-15, as a charitable expense. We concur.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Recommendation number seven. The National Quartermaster continue to be responsible for the ordering of the ROTC medals, certificates, and ribbons and supplying the same to the Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC Program. That he forward all invoices to the National Treasurer for payment and provide an accurate inventory of those items in his possession as of the last business

day of June of each year. We concur.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

**Gregory M. Carter, National Patriotic Instructor**

Commander-in-Chief, Greg Carter, National Patriotic Instructor and Department of Illinois. I'd like to add to this recommendation that Departments have got to stop making their own certificates and medals. Being in this office, I've received seven different certificates from other states that are issuing their own. I've received at least four medals made by individual states over the past decade, whatever. They're going out there. We have to add that to this, that Departments don't make their own anymore.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, National Counselor. May I point out that Departments doing that are violating the law? Those items are copyright and trademarked. I agree they don't have the authority to issue their own certificate and medal. So, if there's a Department here doing that, cut it out.

**Gregory M. Carter, National Patriotic Instructor**

That works. One thing I wanted to remark. When I was charged with investigating this last year, I reached out to the Army training and document command, seven days exactly after the last Encampment was over with and spoke to Mark Dagin, who is the head of the committee that deals with regulating and allowing new medals. He took all the information from our website and gave it to him exactly. I heard from him once in eleven months of trying to contact him, nothing else. The U.S. Marine JROTC accepts our award and Confederates. The Air Force, some Army. The Army also accepts uniformly the Daughters of Union Veterans ROTC Award, but not ours. Why that is, I don't know, and I couldn't get an answer from him when I asked. So, but in Illinois, we issued forty plus Army, regulation or not, it doesn't seem to be stopping them.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objection to the Quartermaster continuing to be responsible for ordering the medals, certificates, and ribbons, and suppling those to the Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC Program?

[one rap, \*]

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Recommendation number eight. The Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC Program be required to forward copies of all medal applications and postal receipts no less than monthly to the National Treasurer and provide an accurate inventory of all items in his possession as of the last business day of June at the end of each year to the National Treasurer. We believe this should be moved to Constitution and Regulations based on recommendation number four.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objection?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Pass.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

All right. Recommendation nine. The National Treasurer and the National Quartermaster track the volume of Eagle Scout certificates and patches along with the costs of the program to determine if it is beneficial to create a program for the Eagle Scout Program similar to the above ROTC Program. We concur.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

All right. Recommendation number ten. Currently, there are two \$2,500.00 scholarships awarded each year. This is the largest single charitable endeavor of the Order. We need to explore the possibility of expanding either total amount awarded or the number of recipients. The Council of Administration is responsible for the financial well-being of the Order. Therefore, it is recommended that a committee of five members of the Council of Administration chaired by the National Treasurer review the current funding and alternative funding which would allow expansion of the program. We concur.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Pass. All right.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

The next one's on, let's see, twenty-seven.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Commander, before we move off the recommendations from the National Treasurer, there has been requests in the near past that our Sisters of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, particularly their independent Auxiliaries, be allowed to award the Sons' ROTC, Junior ROTC Award. Now, I would like to recommend that be considered by the Policy Committee to allow them, instead of them developing their own award, and because they are a very closely associated with us, that we give due consideration to that proposal. And I would like to, if it's okay with Brother Orr, to ask the Policy Program Committee to look at that to see if that will be. It's a way to expand the program. And I think it's something our Sisters would appreciate being able to do that. So, just a request for it to be considered by the Policy and Program Committee.



**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is that a motion?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

That is a motion.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second. That the idea of having our ROTC medals be allowed to be presented by the Auxiliary, that that idea be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for exploration and for them to come back with a recommendation. Do you have a time frame?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

I believe that that recommendation could be developed by the next National Encampment. I think that's a legitimate time frame.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. That would be something for the Program and Policy Committee to come up with for recommendation, in their recommendation. Any other discussion on that?

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Don Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I'm trying to understand this. So, would it be possible that they would be giving the same medal to the same individual that we would be giving? So, one person could get one medal from both organizations then. That's the same medal.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

For clarification, you know, this is just to have the P and P Committee to look at it and come back with recommendations. They can take them into considerations as well as costs.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

One of the things is that this is primarily looked at the independent Auxiliaries. Independent Auxiliaries are ones not attached to a Camp. Because they have two types of Auxiliaries. So primarily the users of this would be the independent ones that are not associated with a Camp. So it would minimize the likelihood of duplicate award, I believe.

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Don Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Just getting clarification. So, we're talking just the Auxiliary Camps that would be part of the amendment now.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

If they pass this, it would allow the P and P to do what we would assign them to do, explore that and come up with their recommendations for us next year.

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Gregory M. Carter, National Patriotic Instructor**

Commander-in-Chief, Greg Carter, National Patriotic Instructor. I'd like to ask that Committee have their findings by the Lincoln Tomb. Most ROTC award ceremonies fall between our Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and Memorial Day. Otherwise, we're waiting another year for this to go on.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yea, it would need to be voted on by the Encampment. Brother John.

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

John McNulty, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania. I object to this on one point alone. The Auxiliary is consistently saying that we can't tell them what to do. That's one point. But if we do this, we're just trying to give them our sovereignty to them. And I object on this. We don't give any of our sovereignty to any other organization.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any further discussion?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Brian Pierson, COA. Two points. I think we need to make a distinction between awarding a medal and presenting it on behalf of the Sons. If he's asking can they present on behalf of the Sons where there's no Sons' presence, then I think that's less objectionable. If it's asking them to award our medal on their own behalf, I don't support that. They can come up with their own. They can maybe have a different ribbon or something like that. But I think we need to be very clear about that. Yet, given the fact that Department of the Columbia just stood up and Department of Arizona's waiting to get into formation, there is no territory left, independent territory for the Sons so they may be independent Auxiliaries. But hey, we're everywhere baby.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois**

Jim Lyon, Department Commander, Department of Illinois. My ROTC commander that I have in position, if somebody would recognize that there is somebody out there that deserved it would be referred to him to make sure that those got out. I know that he did a terrific job for us this last year in all of the state making sure that if a Camp didn't pick it up, that he took care of it. So, I think it's our medal. It's our position to present those.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Commander, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. The reply to Brian's. That's a good clarification. It would be awarded on our behalf. It would not be their award to present. So, that was the intent of it, of awarding it. There are vast areas of this country that do not have a Sons Camp active in that area and do not have people to make a presentation. But there's an Auxiliary there. So, this is a way to expand a little bit of our ROTC, Junior ROTC Program by helping them our Sisters, helping us out. One of the goals of this whole thing is to expand our charitable activities. Here's a way to use a little bit to expand that a little further potentially to what was presented by the Treasurer. I'm just asking it to be considered and not voting to approve of it. But to consider that and have them come back with their recommendation, yes or no, we're not going to do it. But I think we should take time to look at it. That's all. Since we're looking at all these other changes with that ROTC recognition program, let's see

if we can involve our Sisters because there's been sentiment and desire from them to be able to present the award on behalf of the Sons.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. We're gonna have Brother Charlie's and then we're gonna end debate on this.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Clarification on this. This is just to decide if the incoming Commander-in-Chief is going to appoint a committee to investigate this? Is that what this ...

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

...No, it's a committee to explore it.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, this is just to do a committee to study this. That's what I was wondering. I won't open that Pandora's Box to save my soul. I've been married for thirty-six years. I know what that means.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Loran, please restate your motion one more time. Then we're gonna vote on it.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

The motion is to ask the incoming Program and Policy Committee to explore the possibility to allow our Auxiliary Sisters to present on our behalf the ROTC/Junior ROTC Award. Primarily that would involve independent Auxiliaries.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Does everybody understand that? We're not establishing this as a program. We are simply sending this to Program and Policy for them to take a look at it; to come back next year and say hey I think we should do this or no we don't. Okay?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

With recommendation to the next Encampment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Correct. All right. All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. The ayes have it.

[one rap, \*]

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

So, we're going to move on to the recommendations on page twenty-seven. Recommendation one. National ROTC/Junior ROTC Census. At this time, I believe that I am the only Junior ROTC award recipient who is also a member of the Order. I recommend that the National census of Junior ROTC award recipients be taken, and that if there have been no significant measurable returns from our vast investment in ROTC medals and such, we need to reduce the program to a certificate of recognition equal to those awarded Eagle Scouts. We concurred with this as long as it was remembered to assign

responsibility.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Recommendation one on page twenty-seven. All right. Do we have an objection?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Alan Russ, National Secretary. I did not concur with the recommendation of the committee. The purpose of the Junior ROTC Award has no primary recruiting source or purpose. However, a lot of people who receive that award, either by virtue of being female or not would not be eligible to be members anyway.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Bill.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Kansas**

Bill Fischer, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Kansas. In my experience as a Junior ROTC instructor, Junior ROTC is a citizenship program. You get that quote from every service. It is not a recruiting tool for the military. That's their official statement. Whether that's true or not is another story. But in my seven years of working with at-risk kids in this program, less than 10% go into the military. So, I agree with Alan that this is not something that we should be concerned with. If we want to do this type of program, it is to recognize good citizens.

**Unknown**

Hear! Hear! (clapping)

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

I was asked to explain why we concurred with this. We are concurring that it would probably be no harm done. National Census. We're not saying that the program would disappear.

**Gregory M. Carter, National Patriotic Instructor**

Greg Carter, National Patriotic Instructor. This is one of my recommendations. I might clarify why I wrote it. It's not that I want the program to go away. It's not that I want to use it for recruiting or otherwise. The huge trouble we have had with the ROTC Program has been the medal, the wearing of the medal; the wearing of the ribbon. Over and over and over again, going on now seven years at least. If we present it as a certificate or plaque, fixed. That's what I am saying. That's why I made this recommendation. I don't want the program to go away. I don't want to not recognize outstanding youth at all. But, if the medal is the exclusive issue that we have, that could be a fix. That's why I made this recommendation.

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Sir, Doug Fidler, Tennessee. Having myself presented medals at the local schools for about seventeen years that bit about instead of giving medals give at lower level certificate. That would fly if you want to do it in front of all the cadets and their families at the end of the year. You're just not going to see it. So, it's basically you have just an the Eagle Scout certificate is given the individual (indistinguishable). What would happen is we would not be giving out the award before 150-300 people because they just would not give out more than thirty medals and quite a few ribbons. So, we need to keep doing the presentations.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Bill.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Kansas**

Bill Fischer, Department of Kansas. During most of the Encampment my butt stays on the seat which is one thing that I have experience in and I agree that a medal is a tangible thing that a young man or woman can hold. I always make sure that my cadets wore their uniforms properly. Again, 90% of them would never wear another uniform in their lives. The medal is really important. I don't care, honestly, when Air Force Headquarters and Maxwell Air Force Base continues to remind me that when I was in that position that I was a school district employee, then I made up medals. I bought medals. I came up with all kinds of different things because I wanted to award every kid that I could. Even though I told many of them that they were local wear, I would allow the sergeant that I worked with would allow the students to wear their medals once a month at school. If there wasn't an Air Force sanctioned medal, and we went somewhere else to a drill competition or on a trip to D.C. or I took my kids plus miles to Gettysburg one summer. They were learning what it meant to be a good citizen. If you just give them another piece of paper, they get that every day often with what their teachers think on it. So, the medal is absolutely critical. Then going back to the last point. It doesn't matter who presents the medal. Half the time I would not have a representative of an organization to present a medal. If I had got a medal from the Military Order the Purple Heart and there was no Purple Heart Veteran, I'd have a member of the AMVETS, or DAV, or VFW, or the American Legion present it. I didn't care if I had a member of the DAR present it. But, I made a point when I announced that award that it was coming from Dennison Camp 1 or whomever and it was being presented by this person on behalf of them because there was not a representative available. It doesn't mean that much if I'm the one presenting it or the sergeant that I worked with but to have someone special who is there for that award banquet to present it to them. I just think the medal is critical. Thank you.

**Unknown**

Hear! Hear!

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake**

To have presented medals to our ROTC students at the awards ceremony, that look of appreciation, that look in their eyes when we give them that award and all those other cadets in that room look at that and they go I want that. It's a very positive motivator. A piece of paper will not do it. Earlier I said that we couldn't get permission from those people at the top to let our medal be worn. That's not the important issue here. The important issue here is this man set up front. The ROTC people at the local level want those awards because they've got kids they want to do something for. Giving that medal is a very critical and important thing that we do as an organization.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Wes in the back.

**Wesley B. Mumper, Department of the Chesapeake**

Wes Mumper, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department of the Chesapeake and Lieutenant Commander Sergeant James H. Harris Camp. I presented fourteen ROTC awards this year from my Camp. As a former JROTC cadet myself, from Tucson High School, I received the Sons of the

American Revolutionary War and they gave me award medals when I was a ROTC cadet from the JROTC level. I can't really speak for the college level but for the high school level those things were very important to me when I received them. I still have those today. I would love to be able to present these awards as I have done the past few years and expand more on it to reach ROTC cadets at the very least because it is a tangible object. And I know what it means to these guys because I was there once myself. Thank you.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. It seems to me that recommendation one kind of negates what we've been talking about here. What Rich talked about earlier. You want to show our charitable gifts here and we had just had this discussion on the ROTC level and now we're talking about making it smaller or do away with it. I don't think that's the case here at all. It's only about 10% of the young men or women going into the military. I don't think that the JROTC or yea, the ROTC obviously military when you signed up already. The JROTC program has nothing to do with that. It has to do with making the young men and women out of boys and girls. It teaches them to wear their pants straight. It teaches them to wear their clothes neat. It teaches them some sort of responsibility. You see the kids all around the ghetto with their pants down here and half their underwear hanging out. These kids may not be the top of their school but they're kids non-the-less doing things in the community to make the world better. So, I say yes, we continue to give these kids this. This is something that helps them keep going on to become members of society. So, it helps us in more ways than one to keep the program we have now and trying to expand it if we can.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We're going to hear from Harry, and Don, and Danny, in that order and then I'll end debate.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. The committee wants to concur with this recommendation. I have spoken to the gentleman who made the recommendation and I propose that we amend it striking everything including and beyond "and if there have been no significant." Therefore, we take a census because that's probably a good thing to know and we don't worry about whether or not we continue giving the medals considering it's the charitable action of this organization.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. I have a motion and second now. A motion to amend leaving the recommendation to read at this time a national census of JROTC recipients be taken. Period.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Period.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

If I may ask a question. Alan Russ, National Secretary. Was not the committee's recommendation to concur so long as responsibility was assigned.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, that could be left up to the incoming Commander-in-Chief to assign somebody.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We need to vote on amending the recommendation then we can go back to discussing it. So, hold on, Don. Any discussion on amending? To remove everything after “and if there have been no significant.” All in favor of that, raise your card. All opposed. All right.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

It passes. Comments on the motion as amended?

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Gates, Secretary/Treasurer, Department of Texas. My comments were basically on previous comments previously made. I completely concur with the idea that it's important to issue medals to these students in these programs. But, I also wanted to make sure that we don't give up on the idea of doing it legally. Because it's essential to trying to build moral courage but you can't do it by telling them to do something on the sly or you can't do this because the rules don't let you. We're going to give you the award; but you just can't wear it. That's what I want to see corrected. I believe we can get it corrected and I'm not afraid to go as far as we need to go to get it corrected. I think that the position the committee is facing and I think that's the position the Patriotic Instructor has taken. And I believe should continue with that. And I want to emphasize that we should make that a goal for next year.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'd just like to point out what it cost us this year. We gave out eleven hundred over previous year. Of those eleven hundred, two were at the universities. All the rest were high schools. Air Force Detachment requested medals at the collegiate level.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Kansas**

Excuse me, correction. Bill Fischer, Department of Kansas. For the last three years, I have also presented them to the Army ROTC in Pittsburgh State University in Kansas and they had not objected to them there.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We're going to take a vote on this. Recommending that a National census of JROTC award recipients be taken with the assignment of who's going to do that left up to the incoming Commander-in-Chief. All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Recommendation number two is withdrawn. Recommendation number three. That's taken in two parts. There's an "a" and a "b." Recommendation number three. National Committee on Americanization and Education. I believe the committee should be a, disbanded in its entirety. We do not concur.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections? That's job description, the C and R. So the committee does not concur...

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

...We do not concur. If this is to happen, we have to change the C and R.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objection?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That does not pass.

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Part "b." reconstructed. If it is reconstructed, I recommend that the committee be composed of the National Patriotic Instructor, the National Eagle Scout Coordinator, the National ROTC Award Officer, the National Chaplain, and the National Quartermaster. These individuals have a vested interest in the success of the committee and should be therefore become the committee. We did not concur as it would also require a change in the C and R.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yea, one. Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, I was appointed to this committee and when I was Commander-in-Chief I appointed people to this committee. I don't know what they do.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

What does this committee exactly do? We keep putting a committee out here that does absolutely nothing. Why do we make a committee that don't do anything. It doesn't make any sense to me. Why do we have this committee to begin with? I am pointing something out saying "Hey, we got a fire over here." And then, "Oh, we ain't got a fire. Let's go back to drinking more beer." You know.

**Encampment**

(laughter)



**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

But seriously. Why have a committee that's doing nothing. And we had this discussion about special committees. We have all these special committees that haven't had an end date, So, let's take it at this. What I am going to propose, to make a motion that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to end...

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

No, no, no. That next year at the National Encampment and to report back to the National Encampment whether this committee should continue to exist or, if it should not exist, go to the C and R Committee to change the Constitution and Regulations to abolish that committee.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead. Read it to him.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

All right. For information purposes, Commander-in-Chief, at your request, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. The Committee on Americanization and Education is to develop and implement programs that will encourage greater awareness of citizenship, patriotism, and American traditions with the goal of increasing participation in patriotic activities among the Order and general population. This includes: flag etiquette, patriotism, citizenship, Civil War Memorial Day, American history, Grand Army of the Republic history, and SUVCW history programs which will be provided to the Departments and Camps for presentation to schools, patriotic and civic organizations, and other such public gatherings. 2) Prepare and submit articles to the Editor of *The Banner* on programs developed by the committee and solicit ideas and suggestions from the Departments and Camps regarding changes which can be made to improve the existing programs and new programs. 3) Patriotic Instructor as chairman of the committee, fraternal relations with our Allied Orders, GAR, to develop a joint and concurrent patriotic programs. That is its charge.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

That would be great if we would do that but I mean you know that's the problem is and the thing is, we've created other committees and portions of those jobs already. It's like if the committee's not doing anything, we have other committees doing their job, then why have a committee that's doing nothing. We have redundancy here that's unnecessary.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So a motion and a second to that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a special committee to examine this committee and their organization...

**Encampment**

... (laughter)

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

...No, the committee would come up with whether we even need this committee anymore. And if not, then it would present language to the Constitution and Regulation Committee for abolishment of this committee. So, this committee would cease to exist at the end of next year National Encampment. So, there's an end date on that as a special committee.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Then I withdraw my motion and change it to C of A to do that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Hold on a second. So, Charlie, you have now modified your motion. Correct?

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

The C of A should be doing this. Right. They're busy enough. I would like the Commander-in-Chief to do it. So... Appoint...refer...refer to them. Us. I'm trying to somehow have created a special committee that will go away next year.

**Encampment**

... (laughter)

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

At least that committee will go away next year. I have an end date on it. You know. So, giving it to one committee at the expense of creating one to get rid of one.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Excuse me, Charlie. Isn't that what Program and Policy is for?

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable) other committee should be doing. (Indistinguishable). I give up. I sit down. I withdraw my motion.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to refer that to the Program and Policy Committee to come up with a recommendation.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Finally, recommendation number four is also withdrawn.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And that ends your report?

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

That's my report.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thus endeth Ed's report.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Rituals and Ceremonies, Brian Pierson. Nothing was referred to your committee. Correct?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Sir, we're still in the process of determining that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. That's fine. We can address it tomorrow if you need to. We're going to open up the floor for new business. And we're going to take one item because I want to get out of here in about twenty-five minutes so I can go get ready for dinner and have fun. So, the floor is now open for new business. Good. Hearing none, we'll move on.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Somebody has new business. Brother Don.

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

Commander, Don Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary/Treasurer. I realize that this is probably the completely incorrect approach. At our Department Encampment this year, there was a proposal made that was supposed to be included with our Department report as a recommendation, but we never received the proposal from the individuals. I would like to request that the C and R or C of A, whichever is the appropriate committee, consider the possibility that proposal was to adopt a program similar to the ROTC Medal Program for the Civil Air Patrol.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So, are you making a motion then? :

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

...I would make a motion that it be considered.

**Unknown**

...Second...

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We have a motion and a second. Discussion.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Brian Pierson C of A. Now speaking as an Air Force guy, this is going to sound funny, but if we do that, expand it to the Civil Air Patrol, let's also consider expanding it to Sea Scouts as well. They have cadets, midshipmen just as their Civil Air Patrol has cadets, so, what's good for us who fly above the main lines is also good for those who swab the deck. Would you accept that amendment-?

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, the Department of Illinois. If we're going to go that far, then we should also have it include the program fun for youth by the Naval League of the United States, that's the Sea Cadet Corps, and the one run by the Marine Corps League which is the Young Marines.

**Michael S. Emmett, Department of California and Pacific**

Oh, Mike Emmett, California and Pacific. However, I live in Montana and I happen to be Master Sergeant for the Civil Air Patrol in Montana. This would be very beneficial. I totally concur with the idea. This program does as much for America's youth as does the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Tom. Go ahead, Tom.

**Thomas T. Graham, Department of California and Pacific**

Tom Graham, Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific. I would just like to say (indistinguishable) many times the possibility (indistinguishable) to the Civil Air Patrol. They are not (indistinguishable). They do have a cadet program (indistinguishable). They have senior squadrons and they have mixed squadrons which encompass our youth, very excellent but again they are Air Force Auxiliary. (Indistinguishable) a youth program, unlike the Coast Guard Auxiliary which does not. I would firmly support to see this type of approach, that we do the Junior ROTC Program. (Indistinguishable) the Civil Air Patrol. (Indistinguishable). But these people are also involved in search and rescue for down pilots. They also help with a lot of other things. Thank you, sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Doug.

**Douglas McMillin, Department of Pennsylvania**

Douglas McMillin, Pennsylvania Department Commander. I just had a question regarding this. I don't want to come across as though I'm against this in any way, cause I believe there's harmony in the medal program. All the benefits that it has that everyone's listed, I completely agree with. Also, we're looking at finding other ways to increase our level of charitable contributions that we're giving. Obviously, this is something that might appeal to that too. However, we have a historic tie to the ROTC Program going back. I would like to know, what is our organizations tie historically to the Civil Air Patrol or any of these other organizations that would make this an appropriate award for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to those organizations?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don, point of clarification. Your motion was that this idea be sent to the appropriate committee to explore and recommend?

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

Commander, Don Gates. That is correct.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Dave Schleeter in back.

**David C. Schleeter, Department of California and Pacific**

Dave Schleeter, Department of California and Pacific. I just looked at the medal and it doesn't say the ROTC medal. I think all you'd have to do is decide whether we would want to extend the issue of this same medal to any other organization of which we might choose to name. There's no need to have another medal. We just call it a patriotism medal or whatever you want to call it. We don't need a new medal.

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

Commander, Don Gates, Department of Texas. I just wanted to say two points. First of all as far as why we might apply this beyond the ROTC. Well, obviously, I think everyone can see the connection to the ROTC but of course these other organizations are all connected to in one form or another to various activities of the Armed Forces of the United States. And of course, we have just recently gone back and expanded our membership connection or ancestral membership connection, so we are including all the services involved. The Air Force of course wasn't around then or they had balloons. My point is, I don't think that there should be any necessary distinction unless it's something that the appropriate committee determines should be taken. That's why we wanted it referred for review. The second point is I would like to re-emphasize that that is what we're asking for here. We're not asking for an action to be taken. It may well be that the right answer is just to make it part of the ROTC Program. Or change the name to it. We don't know. We hope that the Council of Administration or Committee on Regulations will be able to tell us the right answer. Thank you, sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Bill.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Kansas**

We've talked earlier about all the gray hair in this room. Anything we can do to increase youth, knowledge of our Order will help sustain that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Loran.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. My wife has served in past in the National Adventure Committee for the Boys Scouts of America. The Sea Scout Program's part of the Adventuring Program. It's co-ed program for high school and college age young people. The Sea Scout Program awards its highest award, the Quartermaster Award, that goes back a hundred years. That is an award we could recognize, similar to the Eagle Scout Certificate Program. And that's something you might want to consider for the Sea Scouts. But it is part of the Boy Scouts of America. It's a co-ed

program for high school and college students, and part of Adventuring Program.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We have a motion and a second to include... What's that? He says I can just refer this to the P and P Committee. Done.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Kevin, the Secretary has a question as to whether this room is going to remain intact or is this room going to have other festivities tonight?

**Kevin L. Martin, National Chief of Staff**

I believe it is going to be taken apart.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So...we need to take down... All right. Exactly. We are going to recess for the evening. Unless anybody has an objection. Does anybody have any announcements?

**D. Michael Beard, Host Committee**

Mike Beard, from the host committee. This would be an appropriate time to sing a rousing tune from the GAR songbook. Which...with your permission, sir? On page twelve of the program.

**D. Michael Beard, Host Committee**

Okay! One...two...three...

**Encampment**

(singing)

[Three raps\*\*\*]

[One Rap\*]

(recess) (end of day 1)

[One rap\*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Faron Taylor, come forward, if he's in the room.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I don't know, probably two years ago or so, Brother Taylor said to me, "You live in Gilroy, don't you? There was a little winery there that I like, the Stefania Winery." He kind of hinted a couple of times maybe I could pick him up some. Get him some. I think he finally gave up figuring he's just too busy and would never get around to it. But, I have two bottles that were hand delivered to me by the namesake of the winery. Stefania came to my house and delivered these to me free. So, there you go.

**W. Faron Taylor, Department of the Chesapeake**

Thank you, sir.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Michael A. Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake**

I just want to make sure, just a couple of administrative things to make the day a little bit better. There are a number of restaurants and sandwich shops down along Cary Street that should be able to handle our excess. If you haven't picked up your banquet tickets yet, if you pre-ordered banquet tickets, a number of tickets that haven't been picked up. Please do so by lunch or one of us will come looking for you to make sure that you have your banquet tickets. The vendor area behind us, that place is going to close down about 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. So, if there's anything you need to do get from the vendor area, please do that before we come back in for the afternoon session because they will basically be shutting down. This is going to be used for setup for the banquet. If any of you have gotten raffle tickets on items that have been put out there from Host Committee, those items will be out by registration tables with the drawing at 2:00 p.m. Those items with the name of the winner from the drawings will be out in the check-in area. So hopefully, that answers any questions you may have lingering in the back of your minds. I hope you all are having a good time. Good luck with the rest of the session today. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Let's give your attention as the Chaplain opens the Bible.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Mark.

**Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake**

Brother Commander, there is a delegation from the Auxiliary at the door.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Please, we will need escorts and allow them to come in.

**Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake**

Brother Commander, I have the privilege to introduce Rachelle Campbell, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Escort**

Brother Commander, I have the privilege to introduce Danielle Michaels, Past National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Adam W. Gaines, National Guide**

Brother Commander, I have the privilege to introduce Denise Oman, Patriotic Instructor, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Lee Stone, Department of the Chesapeake**

Brother Commander, I have the privilege to introduce Judy Rock, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake**

Brother Commander, I have the privilege to introduce Ellen Higgins, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865

**Escort**

Brother Commander, I have the privilege to introduce Cindy Zerkowski, National President, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the GAR

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Good morning, ladies. If you would like to address our Encampment, we would be happy to let you do that.

**Rachelle M. Campbell, National President, ASUVCW**

Good morning, gentlemen. For some of you, it's been a short time since I've seen you. For others, I hope you had an enjoyable evening last night and a little rest. That your business today goes well. I have to say, being a family doing this, that I know the importance of the Sons' back in our household because there's not much in our household that doesn't revolve around either the Sons or the Auxiliary going on at some point. I come from a very supportive Sons Camp and a very supportive Department of our Sons who help uphold our Auxiliary. So, I commend Brothers who are willing to work with the Sisters because we can be a little difficult. Without you we would not be here. It's a joy to see all of the Brothers here today and meeting because the good of the work that gets done here will trickle down and help us at our levels to be able to proceed forward. So, I give you guys a lot of credit. I'm hoping he's not boring you too much and he's keeping on track because I know that the little one here would like to go into the pool again before the banquet. So, we'll see if he can make that happen. And he also told the Ladies of the Order that he's going to be done by 11:00 this morning.

**Encampment**

(Laughter and applause)

**Rachelle M. Campbell, National President, ASUVCW**

We laughed at him too. So, I guess he's now challenged to see if he can get you out at 10:45. I don't know. Anyway, I wish you guys the best today. I can't thank you enough for supporting us this year and graciously welcoming us to your homes and hearts.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Danielle Michaels, Past National President, ASUVCW**

Brothers, and I mean that in the kindest way. In families, sometimes you have the ups; sometimes you have the downs. This is the cream of the crop that comes from the Order. You are the



stars. May you have a great time here, learning, and taking all this energy back to your Camps, and sharing with the Auxiliaries. As I have been able to come up to you and talk through the years, I still offer, if you have a wife, a sister, a young lady in your family, or a neighbor, that you see that could help your Camp, let me be the heavy. Let me contact them and invite them. I'll do the work for you. You just need to give me the name and the telephone number, the address and I will do that work for you. Because as you can see, more hands make this a lighter task for all of us. As the years go by, there are more things that are acting on our lives, more morals, more society problems, that it is hard to do the task that was given to us from the very beginning. We need the young generations to continue this. So, again, the offer is you know someone, contact me. I'll do the work for you because we need it. We need to do this together. Thank you.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Denise Oman, Patriotic Instructor, ASUVCW**

Good morning, Brothers. My name is Denise Oman. I'm the Patriotic Instructor. Well, I came along to see the handsome young gentlemen. So, hi there.

### **Encampment**

(laughter)

### **Denise Oman, Patriotic Instructor, ASUVCW**

Really, what I came for today is to thank you as the Patriotic Instructor. I chose this year to give some of our monies to the Wounded Warrior Project. Through your generosity, we will be able to more than double what the Ladies gave yesterday. So, for your very generous hearts, you've got my upmost admiration. It just goes to show, the Auxiliary needs the Sons as much as the Sons need us. We are Brothers and Sisters. We work very well together. We need each other. We are very productive together. If you need my assistance, you know how to get me. And yes, she will let me know too.

### **Encampment**

(laughter)

### **Denise Oman, Patriotic Instructor, ASUVCW**

So, I wish you only the best. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. And I thank you for all the soldiers that served us recently that need the care. You guys are amazing. I wish for you a very productive, inspiring, and flame-filled heart for you to go back to your Camps and promote the Sons because as Danielle said, you are the cream of the crop. Thank you very much.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Judy Rock, Past National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic**

It has been four years that I have stood in front of this group. This will be my last year. I was able to get somebody else to take National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army this year. So, I got a break. It's my pleasure to be here and bring greetings from the Ladies. I'm sorry we couldn't all be here this year, but time and other obligations and the lateness of this Encampment created problems for a lot of the women involved. I hope you all have a wonderful Encampment. I hope it's very productive. And I want to thank you all for the support you give the Auxiliary, the Ladies, the Daughters. We are

Allied Orders, and we want to keep it that way. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Cindy Zerkowski, National President, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the GAR**

Good morning. I thank you, Commander-in-Chief and officers, and members of the Encampment. I bring you greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic this morning. First, I must commend you on selecting such a historic site once again for your Encampment. I have had enjoyable moments in the city here yesterday afternoon. Second, I'm pleased that this is my second year for coming out to your Encampment to bring you greetings. I certainly hope that it's a tradition the Woman's Relief Corps continues. In fact, next year, I hope that we meet in Springfield because we do have overlapping dates. I hope we may even be able to share a banquet Saturday evening. So, we can work on about that later. That would be great. Again, as mentioned, we are all Allied Orders so it'd be a great opportunity for us to meet some of our Brothers and Sisters. Finally, I'd like to say it's been a pleasurable year with all the heads of the Allied Orders. We had an opportunity in various cities to be with each other. That's also very important that we can continue to do that. Of course, I wish you well for this afternoon's work and this morning's work. Finally, on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, if wouldn't mind stepping up here. A donation will be made to the Power L. V.A. Health System in your name. Just a little keepsake from our convention. We met last week in Grand Island, Nebraska. Thank you very much and the best to everybody.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Ellen Higgins, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865**

Good morning, gentlemen. It looks like I have cleanup. But that's a good thing. Anyway, my name is Ellen Higgins. I am Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. I ran out of office last week. It was bittersweet. On my wonderful year working with Rachelle Campbell and Judy Rock and Cindy Zerkowski and Tad Campbell as National heads of our organization. We were together many times. It is just wonderful feeling when we can all be together. I enjoyed the first Encampment that I went to was the Department of Michigan. I kinda hemmed and hawed a little bit because of the distance but, when I found out that the other four were coming, I was like, "Well, I gotta be there too." So, I made my plans to go and I'm very grateful that I did because it's just wonderful to be together. I understand that communication is very swelling up very well to all of us who work together in five Allied Orders and that really sits well with my heart that this will continue. There's only one way to go with communication; it's to improve. And that's the direction I believe that all five of the Allied Orders are heading in, is better communication. And I'm very grateful for that. I know my predecessors and the people coming after me will be grateful. Our new National President is Sally Redinger, from the Department of Michigan. I'm here to extend her greetings to each one of you. She asks me to relay to you that she wishes everyone will have a wonderful Encampment and productive and successful. On behalf of myself, this is for you, Tad. I'd like to present you with this gift.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. I'll ask Past Commander-in-Chief, Andy Johnson, to please give the response.

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, beloved Sisters of the Allied Orders for your generous expression of best wishes for

us and for your presence with us today. For more than a century, we've walked as Brothers and Sisters, descendants of the Boys in Blue, who saved our precious Union from the evil forces of rebellion and disunity. How good it is to walk with the like-minded Sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long and fruitful, and the march continues. Our tasks become even more difficult in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as fewer Americans feel that essential bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors, whose memory we honor. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new century and beyond. The spirit of the boys in blue march with us. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Can we have our escorts guide these Ladies?

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We're gonna return to the report of the Ritual Committee. Brian Pierson is ready to present his report.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Commander. Thank you, Brothers. As you know, it's been a few years since the Ritual was updated. At succeeding National Encampments, a number of changes were made. At the April Council meeting in Springfield, it was decided, it's time to issue a new edition to incorporate all those changes, which is what I've been working on since then. There are five areas that change in the Ritual. First I'm going to tell you, most of them are lighter changes so there's no wholesale things just because. The first one was per the 2012 National Encampment which was updated guidance to allow veterans of the military services when not in uniform to salute the Flag during formal ceremonies and to render a salute during the playing of the National Anthem. That has been incorporated. The presentation ceremony for the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal has been added per the 2013 National Encampment. Per the Constitution and Regulations, have a statement in it all items required for rituals used during Camp meetings, that has been added into the ritual itself as it cross references between there. One of the things we wanted to do of course, was make sure that the C and R and the R and C were there was no conflict or any incongruities there. So those are content changes. There's been a number of administrative changes made throughout the book. One of them has been included in the introduction. This was to emphasize the importance and the purpose of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the Order. It's a nice little handy reference, if someone asks why we do the rituals, we've got them there in the book. This was based on comments from Commander-in-Chief Pahl back in 2007. The general instructions have been reformatted for easier use and reference. There have been some typographical and grammatical corrections as well. In some cases, some archaic language was updated to modern English. In some of the ceremonies, there was some thees, thous, thines, that has been updated to current English, except in most cases where it is a quote directly from something else. If it's out of sacred scripture that uses thees, thys and thous to refer to God, those have been kept in as such because we're not going to rewrite the Bible. In cases where it refers to a Brother as thee, thine, and thou, and thy thoughts, et cetera, that's been updated, just so that it can flow easier off of our tongues. One final change that was made and this does not change the actual ceremony itself. But, the part where it talks about the Department installation ceremony. Basically, it just has a lot of general guidance. Based on Commander-in-Chief Campbell's

work at the installation of the Department of the Columbia, when they found as they were trying to set up that ceremony, that it was a bit awkward and some of the things didn't flow in a logical manner. So, he basically rebuilt that ceremony. We incorporated his guidance from that into the installation of the Department and cross referenced that to the opening of the Department, installation of Department officers, and the closing of the Department Encampment. So, all that's been incorporated. It flows a lot more smoothly than it did before. If anyone wants to see the rough draft, I've got a mark up copy here. But, pending that, I think we're ready to go. Now, this is a time critical thing. I want to emphasize that. I know the Quartermaster's going to agree. He is out of full size rituals. He has not had any printed for a long time. And he is on the last legs for the pocket guides. When we approve the content, he's going to be making full size rituals and updated pocket guides with bigger font so those of us who are visually challenged, I'm a navigator pilot, so that they can be read easy. He has been emphatic that we need to get it approved at this Encampment so he can go to print. ~~So~~ So, we don't want to drag this out another year. So, pending any questions, sir, that concludes my report. The Committee's recommendation is to adopt the changes. Yes, thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

Jerry Kowalski, Chaplain, Department of Illinois. Brother Brian, when I suggested that we update the language I meant all of the language, including the scripture. We're not asking you to rewrite the Bible, but simply an updated version that we would all be familiar and comfortable with. I would like very much to find out what the central consensus of this assembly is about updating all of the language to modern or leaving some of the scripture the way it was. I think we should have modern English throughout and not have any reference to stuff that was said in the middle ages or in the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> century. That we should use contemporary language, that's my suggestion. But, I'm curious to see. So, would it be appropriate to make a motion that we have this revised edition contain modern English only? Should I make a motion to that extent? I object to using the King James Version. I'd like the New Modern Version of the Bible.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So make a motion then that we concur with the recommendation of the Committee with the amendment that all the archaic language will be modified to current day.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

I therefore move that we accept the recommendation of the Committee with the understanding that it will contain the New English Version of the Bible throughout.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And we have a second. Jim Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Question, for point of clarification to former Chaplain. Is this a specific edition or translation of the Bible that you are referring to? So that they know...

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

English Version that does not contain thees, thys, and thous ...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...There's several different types. Modern, King James, New American Standard. Which specific one are you referencing so that they have an idea of which specific book to open to know where to get this language from?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

New Revised.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Okay. Copy that. I will say in response to Chaplain Jerry's just a point of clarification, there are not that many scripture verses from the Bible. We're talking less than half a dozen. I want to make sure that one of the songs that was included in there, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, we're not going to change the lyrics of that.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'll be the biggest heathen in the room. Okay? Most of the obligations I took followed the King James Version. My mother would beat me senseless if I used anything else. I rise in total objection to the S.V.R. Chaplain's request. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. If it was good enough then, it's good enough now. Yes. Okay? King James worked for me for sixty-two years. I object. Jesus, you don't know how much I object.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Jesus does.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any other discussion on the amendment? If not, we'll vote on the amendment to the motion. We have a motion to amend the recommendation of the Committee that the passages that quote scripture also be updated to the New Revised Version language. All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. That amendment fails.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Back to the original motion. That the recommendations of the Committee to adopt the changes to the Ritual as he laid out be adopted. Yes, Brian.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler reminded me, the pocket version has one abridgement to the full size version. That the pocket version, for issues of space and otherwise you'd have to buy two

volumes, does not include the long form of the initiation ceremony. That refers back to the full size version. That's the only difference between the pocket version and the full size version. Thank you.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm going to object to that because the Ritual's part of the C & R and that means you're doing a partial publication of the C & R.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

It does include a cross reference back to the full sized. It says for the longer initiation, refer to the full size version. You also need to realize the official Ritual is the pocket version. The larger version was made afterwards for those who couldn't read the pocket. This was strictly done for space considerations, trying to keep the type font large enough so that people could read the pocket version and at the same time not have to buy multiple volumes. So, I can go either way. Whatever you all want.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Alan.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Alan Russ, National Secretary. I will suggest that possibly the Committee wants to change its recommendation to also include that the large version will be the official version of the Ritual and Ceremony.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. I object to making the large version the official version.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I didn't make a motion.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

It was a recommendation to the committee.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes. It wasn't a motion?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

No. He was making a recommendation to the Committee.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

It was a recommendation?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That they might want to change. That's what they are discussing. Whether they want to change that or not.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Oh. Well, if that be the case, I'll just stand here until they make a decision.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

If they do decide that, then I will object to it. If they don't, then I'll go sit down and be quiet. So, if you want me to be quiet, then don't make the change.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Brian, any progress yet? Does the Committee...

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

...As I said, it doesn't really matter to me which way we do it. If the consensus is to keep both copies identical, thus precluding confusion, it would make a thicker smaller version.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander, through you to Brother Brian. Is it possible to put it all in one copy? Just it will be thicker.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

It will. It will be thick.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

I mean, it will be bound like a regular book. At one time it actually had a hard cover, you know?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Right. You may have to get it hard cover bound. As I said, we can look at it and see what happens. But right now, I'll take the guidance to make it one version so there won't be an abridged version of it, and we can go from there. As I said, I only do this for purposes of space. It was starting to run about ninety pages thick on the small one.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

All right. You know, I don't know about how many people would pay a little extra to get a nice hard bound small pocket version like the GAR had? How many people would pay the extra money for that? I would. It would last for many years that way. Okay. It was just an idea I wanted to see.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, Brother Brian, the Committee's recommendation has now been modified, to include the same version for both sizes?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Yep. That's no problem. We accept that amendment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Does everybody understand what we're voting on? Excellent. We're gonna vote on revising the Ritual, that both versions will contain the same information. All in favor, raise your voting

cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. Thank you, Brian.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

And did we vote to accept the revised Rituals?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

What was that?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

This one was to make sure the versions are the same. Do we have a vote to accept the new revised Ritual?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We revised your recommendation.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

...Okay, so... Hooray!

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

There you go.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

I'm done, sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Excellent. Before we get into the really fun stuff, I'm give out a few more awards.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past commander-in-Chief. I would move you that the Quartermaster be authorized to destroy all current copies as we are replacing with the new version. He probably has three or four hundred of the small ones.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

It's been moved and seconded that the Quartermaster be authorized to destroy all old copies of the Ritual once he receives the new one, I guess produced. Any discussion on that?

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Danny Wheeler, National Quartermaster. Just to let you guys know, I have right here right now about eighty copies. They're going for free. If you want them, take them. Instead of destroying them.



**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections to that? All in favor, raise your voting card. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. Now, we'll give out some awards. When I was looking through the various awards the Commander-in-Chief is allowed to present, I sort of realized that they're broken down into three sections. Yesterday, we did awards that were related to recruitment. And now, we're going to take care of some awards that are related to Camp and Department performance. We'll start with the Marshall Hope Award, which is for the most outstanding newsletter in the Nation. We can give two of those, one for the Department level and one for Camp level. So, for the Department level I have no idea how he is going to take a picture of himself. I'd like to have *The Rail Splitter*, Department of Illinois, Paul Zeien, Editor, come forward.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

For both of these awards, when I was looking at newsletters, I got a lot of newsletters both in print and electronic. There aren't really hard and fast guidelines as to what this should be as far as newsletters. So, I was looking for, does it have current information as in what is the Camp or the Department doing right now. I looked at, does it have contact information for the Camp officers. Is it easy for me, if I found that on the floor, could I get ahold of a Camp officer or Department officer from that Camp? Does it have a schedule of events so that the Camp or the public knows what's coming up? I like pictures. Does it have pictures? I have been a newsletter editor for my own Camp for over fifteen years now. So, I have some experience in what tends to make a good newsletter. For the Camp level, I would like to recognize the *Sharpshooter*, the Robert Finch Camp #14, Department of Michigan, David Smith, Editor.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Next, we have the Horace Greeley Award, and this goes for the most outstanding websites. For the Department level, we have a repeat recipient. Again, I looked at every Department website and they ran the gamut, from embarrassing to outstanding. Because some of them were way outdated, there's no email addresses or linked addresses so bad, and that's a very public face for our organization, is our websites. So, they need to look good. They need to function. And, they need to have current information on there. For the Department, I'm going to recognize the Department of Michigan for their website.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Unknown**

Wolverines!

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Admit it. You guys like seeing me go up and down. Now for the Camp website, the most outstanding website. This Camp's website is both attractive and easy to navigate. It contains many images of recent and historic Camp activities. There's a schedule of events that is up to date. A current listing of officers with all their contact information. Links to the Camp's newsletter and to the Camp's Facebook page. It has biographies of ancestors and information focused for both Camp members and the general public. There are multiple places on the site that solicit new members with such inviting statements as, "We would love to have you join us!" The capper, for me though, not only does the Camp have its own Camp song, but both the sheet music and an audio file of the song are available on their website.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Can somebody from the Major William A. McTeer Camp #39, Department of Tennessee come forward?

**Unknown**

Volunteers!

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Next, we have the Joseph S. Rippey Award. This is for the most outstanding new Camp. This is a Camp that was formed within the last year. This Camp, which was chartered in January, holds monthly meetings; and maintains a Facebook page, where it regularly posts information and pictures of all Camp activities. The Camp actively supports the programs of the National Order, including graves registration and the ROTC Recognition Program. In July, the Camp participated in a dedication of a new Civil War Memorial Monument on the grounds of the University of Wisconsin. For their outstanding efforts in the eight months of their existence, this award goes to the Colonel Hans C. Heg Camp #15, Department of Wisconsin.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

This is a fun one. This is the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award for the most outstanding Camp. Up here, the actual award, which I am indebted to Brother Tim Graham for helping me secure this award. This Camp is extremely active. Not only does it conduct regular Camp meetings with a consistent attendance of ten to fifteen members, but it also organizes less formal social gatherings between meetings leading to increased comradery amongst the members. Each month the Camp produces a newsletter that's interesting, informative, and attractive. The newsletter contains information with local, Department, and National significance. And includes contact information and information on how to join in the event the newsletter is read by somebody outside the membership. The Camp website contains information that is of interest to both members of the public and members of the Order. And actively solicits new members. And is frequently updated. The Camp actively participates in the

programs of the National Organization and supports the efforts of the Department and of other Camps. They work closely with the other Allied Orders including conducting joint activities and recently sponsored a new Auxiliary. This year, the crowning achievement of this already stellar Camp, was the rededication of the memorial to victims of the *Sultana* Steamboat Disaster. The event, which took place in Knoxville, Tennessee, in May, was designated part of the city's official Signature Sesquicentennial Event by the Tennessee Civil Sesquicentennial Commission. Hundreds of people attended the rededication of which at least forty-three were descendants of soldiers who had been on board the *Sultana*. The event included the initiation of four members into the Camp, including a junior in Belfast, Ireland, who was initiated via Skype.

### **Encampment**

(laughter)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

The rededication of the monument followed modified GAR Ritual and received excellent media coverage in print, online, and on the air. This award goes to the Major William A. McTeer Camp #39, Department of Tennessee.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And that concludes the awards that are related to Camp and Department performance. Gentlemen, these newsletters, these websites and the new Camp and the most outstanding Camp, they set the bar for what we all should be doing. If you want to see what they're doing, take a look at their websites, read their newsletters. They are on fire. They're doing what we need to do. They set an example for all of us. Thank you very much.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I know we should be doing new business, but we're going to go ahead and do nominations of officers. This is not elections. We're not going to bar the door or anything like that. This is simply to nominate because we have at least one or two contested elections. The delegates here need to know ahead of time who those candidates are going to be so that throughout the day, your Departments have time to talk about it and come to a consensus. So, we'd like to proceed to the nomination of officers. And that way everybody will have the information. I'm sure the elections will not happen until after lunch but that will give you time to discuss. Nominations are now open for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Secretary will call the roll of the Departments for the purpose of making nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Alan Russ, National Secretary. I will call roll of the Departments. The Department of California and Pacific.

### **Department of California and Pacific**

The Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of the Chesapeake.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Defer to the Department of the Chesapeake.

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, I've been honored to serve for more than thirty years in this great National Organization. For many tasks that have fallen to me in those years, but perhaps none has been of greater importance than rising to nominate a candidate of the high office of Commander-in-Chief. Many distinguished men have filled that office and few if any have done it more ably than our present Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell. Who will follow his outstanding example, to continue the mission of the Sons? Who will that be? To keep green the memory of the men who saved the Union in 1861-1865. What are the qualifications for this high office, other than, of course, a spectacular head of hair?

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Let me count those qualifications. The candidate must have years of experience in the Order. No one can enter from the street and do the job that's needed. Extensive background is a requirement. The candidate must demonstrate dedication to the Sons, far above that expected from most members. His year as Commander-in-Chief will consume his time and resources and heavily challenge his managerial skills. The candidate must have the time in his life to be largely a full time volunteer with compensation of expenses that is too often more dollars to be desired. The candidate must have the trust and confidence of the members and of the other staff officers that you will elect today. That trust and confidence comes from solid long term performance of other high level duties in our great Organization. Our current Senior Vice Commander clearly demonstrates the qualities that I have just named and receives high marks on all counts with the possible exception of course the spectacular hair department.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

He is like all successful candidate for this office. Served well and proudly as Camp Commander, as a Commander of the Chesapeake Department, one of our largest. He's been a member of our uniformed S.V.R. Department. He's had your confidence for the past two years when you elected him first to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and last year to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is experienced. He is prepared. He is ready to take on the burdens of Commander-in-Chief's office. Sempe paratus is his guide. I ask you to cast your vote for our Brother from the Chesapeake, Gene G. Mortorff, for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Gene, if elected, will you serve?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I will.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And do you currently hold any other offices in the Order?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Actually, right now, I think the only one I have is the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Please continue with the roll call.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Continuing. Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Department of the Columbia.

**Department of the Columbia**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Department of Connecticut. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

The Department of Indiana passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The Department of Iowa. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

The Department of Kansas passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Nebraska. Department of New Hampshire

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

The Department of New York passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Rhode Island passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi also passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

We happily pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Camps-at-Large. National Camps-at-Large.

**National Camps-at-Large**

National Camps-at-Large pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

That concludes the roll call for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Nominations are now open for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Please call the roll of Departments.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

For the office of Senior Vice Commander, Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Ohio.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio.

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio. I'm privileged to offer into nomination the name of our current Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin. Now Don's biography, résumé what have you, has been distributed to everyone. It's been on the website for quite some time. So, I'm not going to insult everyone's intelligence. You can all read. So, we won't go through that at all. That being said, and at the risk of throwing a dead cat into an Episcopalian prayer meeting, I have to tell you something. Let's get it out of the way. You all should know this. Now this candidate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief just has to do something. We can't put up with this anymore. That's sending these emails out in Times New Roman probably three point. Don, we can't see it or read it.

**Encampment**

(laughter)



**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Try Arial. Fourteen point. So, I offer that to all of you Brothers. Perhaps you can get on this eminently imposing candidate. And you will choose (indistinguishable) on the past.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Couple of things though seriously about Don. Some of you are Brothers. A couple of weeks ago Frank Bruni writes for the New York Times most recently on various candidates for the office of President of the United States, one of which believe it or not, is a friend of mine. I've known him for years. He said some words about that particular candidate. I periodically talk to him, by the way. But he's a proven leader and a decent man. May I suggest that Don Martin is a proven leader and a decent man. The news media has a habit of using a variety of words to talk about various things. As for example, our board of county commissioners is mulling a 25 and a half million dollar contract for our new county courthouse. The township trustees in Troy Township, Delaware County, Ohio are eyeing a new person. There's no road supervisors in Ohio, by the way. And just recently, one of our common pleas judges in Delaware County decided he wanted to seek another judicial office, so it was Judge David M. Gormley who declared his candidacy for the 5th District Court of Appeals. Please note the word "declared." Don has declared his candidacy. And then here comes with another word. And that is this. The Delaware County Bar Association has given the nod to Judge Gormley to seek higher office. Might I suggest that this body give the nod to Donald L. Martin for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Thank you very much, Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don, if elected, will you serve?

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I will Commander.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And do you currently hold any other offices in the Order?

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable).

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

For the record, he said Camp Patriotic Instructor. Please continue with the roll.

*There were no further nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.*

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Keep in mind gentlemen because we're doing this ahead of time, this is not quite as cut and dry as you think it might be. The nominations aren't closed. They won't be closed until we've secured the room and called for any last minute nominations. Secretary, the nominations are now open for the office

of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Please call the roll.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

For the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of the Chesapeake.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of the Chesapeake.

**Lee D. Stone, Department of the Chesapeake**

Lee Stone, Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. Brother Commander-in-Chief and to the group assembled, I would like to put forward the name of a man who has impressed everyone in the Department of the Chesapeake for all of the time he has served with us. A man who got a Bachelor of Sciences from the University State New York Regents College. Who has a license from the Virginia Collegiate Professional Teaching License, teaches history in high school. Who served twenty-four years with the United States Navy, honorably retiring as Master Chief Operations Specialist. And I submit to the group assembled that although officers are there to oversee, it is the non-commissioned officers who actually provide day to day leadership and got things done. He is past Camp Commander of Delaware Camp in Lynchburg. I have personally seen more than one ceremony provided by that Camp in which that Camp with its own efforts has put up monuments to the Battle of Lynchburg, to Union Units involved in that. He has been the Past Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake. He is currently Commander of the Second Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. He has been the chairman of the SUVCW National Promotions and Marketing Committee. He is a member of the SUVCW Americanism Committee, or has been. He has been a member of the SUVCW National Programs and Policy Committee. He has been a SUVCW Charitable Foundation Abraham Lincoln Fellows Silver Sentinel Level. He is the President of the Lynchburg Civil War Roundtable. He's a member of the Lynchburg Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. Member of the New Jersey Light Infantry reenactment group for Revolutionary War. President Thomas Jefferson Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. He has been the Chairman of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution Youth Education Committee. He is a Master Mason of Martial Lodge 39 in Lynchburg, Virginia. He has a whole series of awards and recognitions which I will not read here. I will point out that in my personal opinion, the most honorable of them was his honorable discharge into retirement from the United States Navy. He teaches high school in Bedford County, Virginia. And he has shown repeatedly the leadership, the capability, the interest in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that I believe we need for this high office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I give you the name of Brother Mark Day.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Mark, if elected, will you serve?

**Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake**

I will.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other offices?

**Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake**

I am currently counsel for the Department of the Chesapeake and serve as an interim Senior Vice Commander of the Taylor-Wilson Camp.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Please continue the roll call.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Continuing. Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Department of the Columbia.

**Department of the Columbia**

The Department of the Columbia defers to the Department of Missouri.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The Department of the Columbia defers to the Department of Missouri.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

We want do this in stereo. I'm Don Palmer Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Missouri.

**Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Ed Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Missouri.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

You're probably wondering why we have two putting a name into nomination and that'll be readily apparent here in a minute. So we would like to put in to nomination the name of Robert Petrovic for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. As very few in this Order have exhibited the leadership and experience that Bob has had over the years, thirty years with his affiliation with the Sons of Union Veterans. On a personal note his career as a firefighter, his leadership is exhibited as he is eventually appointed as Captain of the Akron, Missouri Fire Department basically in charge of three engine houses. So, his forty-one years of experience were widely recognized in St. Louis County as a leadership in the firefighting world. From the Sons of Union Veterans' standpoint you'll find that Bob has taken on many offices and committee appointments that some would kind of back away from more or less because he wanted to move this Order forward, and it was more important to him to have that than take the comfortable positions. So, his leadership is exhibited from the Camp all the way up the National Order. He started several new Camps in the Department of Missouri and also was involved in starting Camps in Arkansas, a State unavailable to the Sons of Union Veterans in many years. He's also very instrumental in reforming the Department of Missouri, which was dormant from the late 1950's through 1996. He served as the first Department Commander when our Department was re-chartered. On the National level, he served in many capacities. He's been National Eagle Scout Coordinator since 1998; still holds that position. He served three years on the Real Sons and Daughters Committee. He served as a member of the eBay Surveillance Committee, eventually serving as chairman in 2000-2001. He has great experience in hosting National Encampments. He served on the 2001 National Encampment Committee in Springfield, Missouri and, was recognized as he was appointed as the chairman of the host committee for the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis. He is one of the founding members of the SUVVCW Charitable Foundation and is currently the present Chairman. He

spent a lot of time putting merchandise together and hauling it to National Encampments every year. He has been elected member of the National Council of Administration for nine years. His contributions were recognized by being awarded the highest honor of the Sons of Union Veterans, being awarded the Meritorious Service with Gold Star in 2004. And then finally, he was appointed in 2009, as chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee and he still holds that position. So, Bob deserves a lot of respect for organizing that event each year.

**Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Bob has also served in the SVR in many functions. He was appointed National Chief of Staff of the SVR in 2009. He served several years on the Military Host Committee. He was awarded the SVR Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star, which is the SVR's highest honor. Then he was a founding co-chair of the Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, you can basically see between his SUVCW and SVR contributions there are very few that can match the level of leadership and experience that Bob has exhibited over the years. So, there's your answer as why you have two Past Commanders-in-Chief putting his name in nomination. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Bob, if you're elected, will you serve?

**Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

Yes, I will.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other offices?

**Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee and Eagle Scout Coordinator.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Please continue the roll.

*There were no further nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.*

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

That concludes the roll call for the Departments for office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Secretary. The offices of National Secretary, National Treasurer, and National Quartermaster will not be up for election until next year. Our National Secretary has announced that he will not be running for re-election. So, we all get a fair warning to be on the lookout for potential candidates. The National Treasurer and National Quartermaster both announced their intentions to rerun for their offices this next year. Nominations are now open for the Council of Administration, terms for Brothers Don Shaw and Steve Hammond are both up so we have two three-year positions open.

Secretary will call the roll for Departments for the purpose of Council of Administration.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

For office of Council of Administration. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defer to the Department of Michigan.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Defer to the Department of Michigan.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander, I am James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I'm very proud to place into nomination this morning for the office of Council of Administration member, Donald Shaw, Department of Michigan. I faced a dilemma in 2006 while I prepared my slate of National Officers to serve with me as Commander-in-Chief. Who do I select to be my Counselor? I couldn't select Richard. No way.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

In fact, I took great pleasure in moving Richard out of order at the 2007 Encampment for being absent.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

But, who else did that leave that could advise me as to the Constitution and Regulations and help me legally represent the Order? I chose Don Shaw. We quickly learned of some legal problems as I assumed office and I put Don to work. He did a lot behind the scenes to solve a major issue with the I.R.S. at the time. It was through Don's efforts that we came through that very, very well. He served ably as my National Counselor and issued several opinions and advised me throughout the year. He has served on the National Council of Administration. He's the incumbent running again for re-election. He is a Past Commander of the Crapo Camp, Department of Michigan; Past Commander, the Department of Michigan and has ably served our Order. He is a member of 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR and serves us in that capacity also. So, I place, for your consideration, Donald Shaw, Department of Michigan. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don, if you're elected, will you serve?

**Donald W. Shaw, Council of Administration**

Yes Commander, I will.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And do you currently hold any other offices?

**Donald W. Shaw, Council of Administration**

Senior Vice Commander for Crapo Camp and Counsel for Camp (indistinguishable). And Chief of Staff, Department of Michigan.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Please continue, Secretary.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Continuing. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake passes. Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Department of the Columbia.

**Department of the Columbia**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Connecticut. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Florida passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The Department of Iowa. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Kentucky passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Maine passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri, including Arkansas, passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

New Hampshire passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

New Jersey passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

New York passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio.

**Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. It's my high honor to place in nomination today for the Council of Administration the name of a distinguished Brother of Ohio, Jonathan Davis. Jonathan Davis has served the Department of Ohio as Department Commander. He's currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Department, Historian of the Department and he serves as the (indistinguishable) chairman. He's held every office in the Camp. Every office in the Department. And, he's done a fantastic job. Brothers get up here and give a lot of hot air. The Brothers are tired, and he said, "Assure them that I am in no way related to that rascal, Jeff Davis."

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It's Jonathan Davis that you're going to vote for. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jonathan, if elected, will you serve?

**Jonathan C. Davis, Department of Ohio**

I will, sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other offices in the Order?

**Jonathan C. Davis, Department of Ohio**

As mentioned, I'm Department Secretary/Treasurer and Camp Secretary/Treasurer for my Camp.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Please continue.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Continuing. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Pass.



**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**  
Department of Pennsylvania.

**George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief**

George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Brothers, I rise to place a Brother's name for this position. He's a friend of mine, a longtime friend of mine. He's a Past Department Commander. He has moved around from Camp to Camp to build them back up. This has succeeded in more than one Camp. I'm very happy to place in nomination of the name of John McNulty. I believe that John is certainly worthy of this office. You can count on him to do the job. He is the best thing I can think of as a recommendation. He can do the job. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother John, if elected, will you serve?

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

Yes, sir. I will.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other offices in the Order?

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

Counselor for the Department of Pennsylvania, (indistinguishable) Department of Pennsylvania. Senior Vice Commander for Camp Joel Searfuss 273, Pennsylvania and Camp Counsel for Baker Fisher Camp 101, Department of Pennsylvania.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Please continue, Secretary.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Continuing. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Rhode Island passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**  
Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**  
Vermont passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**  
Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**  
Department of Wisconsin passes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**  
National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**  
Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**  
And National Camps-at-Large.

**National Camps-at-Large**  
Pass.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**  
That concludes the roll call for nominations for Council of Administration.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**  
Thank you, Secretary.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**  
Brother Joe.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**  
Commander-in-Chief, Joseph Hall, chairman of the National Credentials Committee. For the gentleman who answered for the Department of Maryland, please come to the credentials table.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**  
We're going to take a short break before we get back into new business. We'll be reconvening at 10:45. Please give your attention as the Chaplain closes the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[One rap\*]

[break]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Please give your attention while the Chaplain opens the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We're going back to new business. And we have Brother Jim Ward here at the mike.

**James G. Ward, Department of Florida**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. My name is James Ward from the Department of Florida, Past Department Commander. You've heard the good work a number of Camps and Departments have been specifically recognized for. We've heard even from the Allied Orders, some good works that are going around. I'm returning to the very good work of the Special Committee on the Sesquicentennial and the good work that they did and in my view half a decade earlier the good work that the National Organization did for the Camps and the Departments in setting up a way to propose that and authorize Sesquicentennial events. I just want to make it very clear, I think that has been spectacular. However, at the end of that report, and this was separate from that report. At the end of that report, you will notice that there were some projects that were disapproved and in particular some were disapproved because of insurance questions. I'm going to suggest that the incoming Commander-in-Chief consider finding a way to communicate with all the Departments how insurance has worked well in one manner with what language, with what agencies what is best practices was for that so that next the time we have a project, a National project such as the Sesquicentennial project, that we do not have that particular issue come up again.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr Past Commander-in-Chief. (Indistinguishable) National policy, (indistinguishable) be liable for events like that. We need to complete the form at least six months in advance. I'll tell you, it takes that long to process it. You have to send it to me. I have to send it to our insurance broker. I have to send it with the insurance company and have them come back and tell you what the premium is. I can guarantee you, you will not get approved for any insurance where you're discharging a firearm, or where you have fixed bayonets. It's with the exception of Remembrance Day, where officers are always having their swords drawn. They simply will not cover it and it's through the policy that we have with National. I have sent it out several times and no one's ever bothered to sending it back because it is like a thirteen page form and basically you have to give them everything except your unborn great, great, great grandson's birthday. But it is available.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Rich. Is Brother Steve Hammond in the room? Steve, did we deal with your recommendation from your Memorial Grant Fund Committee?

**Stephen S. Hammond, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee**

No, we didn't.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Do you have it there with you that you could read it? It's on page twenty-nine of the reports packet. Somehow we missed that.

**Stephen S. Hammond, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee**

My name is Steve Hammond. Page twenty-nine of the packet. I was the chairman of the National Committee on the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. I had a recommendation that the website be updated as soon as possible with the instructions directing the grant applications to be sent to the new Chairman and not to Brother Don Martin, who had already gone out of office from this a year ago. I also recommend that the revised Form 62, which is attached, be updated to include the names of the chairman and the committee members and also be placed on the website. It is my understanding that this form has been approved, and it was never placed on the website.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm gonna suggest that the incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the National Webmaster to do that.

**Stephen S. Hammond, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee**

I don't trust him.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Steve. All right. We're going back into new business and Don Darby is going to be the first to speak.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I rise to a point of order in that on page seventy-six of this little booklet, the 2016 Encampment, there are two things that are out of order and are not consistent with the C & R. This deals with early bird registration in that there's a charge of \$40.00 and \$50.00 at registration. That flies in the face of the C & R which says \$10.00 and \$20.00. I ask that you would rule that out of order. And along the same lines, there is a line for the SVR that says \$25.00. The SVR will not charge more than \$13.00 and that money is to come to us because we're not going to put up with this. So, I need the Commander-in-Chief to rule the registration for early bird registration, which is now marked \$30.00, that that is out of order because it should be \$10.00. And that the registration after the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016, which is \$50.00, should be ruled out of order because the C & R says it is \$20.00 maximum. Thank you, sir.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to so rule that these are out of order and direct the National Encampment Site Committee and Host Committee and the SVR to work together to make sure that the information is correct before they put out a revised version of these forms.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby again, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would also ask that any

monies that that Department collected at that rate be immediately returned to those individuals. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a representative of the Host Committee for Springfield? Have you collected any monies?

**Unknown**

Nope.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, that answers that question. He said no, for the record. All right. So directed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

New business.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Commander-in-Chief, Joe Hall, Chairman, National Credentials Committee. Along with what Brother Darby just said, it is my understanding that they're going to expect that everybody send in one check to the Host Committee. If that's the case, then the registration forms are going to go to them. So, we're going to have them forwarded to me. It is my understanding, I was having a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> where in the past, it's been July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Again, I'm going to request that the National Encampment Site Committee and the Host Committee and the SVR work together to make sure that the forms are correct and in accordance with how we have done business in the past.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you, sir.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn. Administration of the SVR breakfast is always been a function of the SVR and National Order. It has nothing to do with Encampment Site Committee. That they handle the dinners. They have medals, advertising, all that kind of stuff. So, that needs to be straightened out. The National Organization has to collect for the registration and the SVR has to collect for the breakfast.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois, Chaplain. I suggested that we put together a single form where a single check would be issued for everything, that is the SVR breakfast registration. I checked with individuals. What I did not notice on the regulations. The Department of Illinois was simply following what I proposed. So, I think instead of sending this check to this place, that place, and another place, it could all be to one place. We will adjust the form to coincide, we will communicate with the registration committee, with the SVR, and with everybody else who is necessary so that a single check can be done. We are hopeful that this becomes the process for

the Organization, that the Sons have a single form from now on. I know it's a change. I think it's a change for the good. We'll see.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Alan Russ, National Secretary. My first question is why was there a \$30.00 registration fee asked for a \$10.00 registration?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

We're going to include entry into museums as well as bus fairs and that particular thing. It's no one's fault but mine. I suggested those prices because I did not know the regulation.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Well, my other question then would be as opposed to paying for tours and such whether or not the person intended to use them.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

It would be adjusted to the appropriate \$10.00 charge.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And we don't need to discuss this any further. It's already been directed that they will work it out in the way it should be. So, that's what we're gonna do. Brother Don. New business?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

I have to raise the mike here. Don Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Missouri. In the report book under the Department of Missouri report, page sixty-eight I did identify a few resolutions that were submitted to National Organization. The first one apparently did not get into as Resolutions Committee went. But since it has nothing to do with the Constitution or Regulations, I thought I would bring it up under new business as an opportunity to spend some money. Basically, the resolution was to have the National Organization sponsor a Brother to attend and participate in the National Genealogical Society Conference. And the reason I came up was, I had the opportunity to attend the conference this year. The National Society Sons of American Revolution participates in that conference annually and they set up a display. Since I'm a member of a local chapter, I had the opportunity to volunteer to work that. What I found out was it was an excellent opportunity to interact with an organization that has tentacles far beyond what we can do in our group. There are approximately two thousand people that attended that conference. Like I say, the reach that they have is far greater. There was a lot of discussion about the projects that are being worked within the SAR. But I thought this to be an excellent opportunity for the Sons of Union Veterans to set up a display and more or less communicate some of the work that we're doing where primarily our research gathering initiatives like our Graves Registration Database or GAR Post Records Project and others that we have. We're great at communicating that within our group, but it's an opportunity to communicate it to an organization that again has respect for some of the genealogical research that goes on. It's also an untapped resource for looking for additional members because I know there was allot of discussion about interest in membership. I thought it would be an excellent opportunity for the Sons of Union Veterans to participate. The costs is \$250.00 for registration, and another \$300.00 to set up a display in their display booth area, plus travel expenses. So, I'll make the motion that the National Organization sponsor one Brother to attend the National Genealogical Society Conference annually.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce, would you like to comment on that? I'll take you out of order.

**Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island, National Grave Registration Officer. In the past, we have sponsored a booth. We've gotten good response. Last year we did not, because I did not attend that Genealogical Conference. The next one coming up is in Florida. I think we should probably get out and raise some good membership there. It's definitely an opportunity. I'm definitely in support of this.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Loran.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Commander, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. This is a proposal I had submitted a couple of years ago to the Council of Administration. Didn't get any traction. As a result my local Camp at that time, the General W. Rosecrans Camp, setting up an exhibit at the Southern California Genealogy Jamboree, which is the largest regional jamboree conference in the country. We had the greatest surge of membership that we'd had in our Camp's history. It's a tremendous recruiting tool. We did not set it up as a recruiting booth purposely. We set it up to what would help family historians and genealogist learn about their families. That generated tremendous interest in joining our organization. In my proposal that out of the Senior Vice Commander's fund, that we fund the cost of a booth at the National Genealogical Society on an annual basis since the purpose of that fund fits into this, is my understanding. That the local Department where ever it is held since it moves, would help staff that booth with the aid and support of the National Organization. I'm 100%. I support this. I do suggest that would be the funding source and that we actually fund the cost of the booth at the National Genealogical Society Convention each year going forward. And that's my personal recommendation, not just a single Brother, but actually put the mechanism to have a booth there. Because I think the tremendous growth in our membership from that. It may not be our desire of under forty that we'd like to get, but I can tell you, it's a tremendous target market to recruit Brothers from. Brothers and Sisters in the Auxiliary could be manned jointly with the other Allied Orders which is what we do...appear to do down in Los Angeles County in joint operation now of the Allied Orders. To do this, and all of the Allied Orders are benefiting from it. Bruce happened to be there that first year, at that conference where we had our first booth set up there. So, anyway, I throw that out and I'd like to amend the motion that we actually fund a booth space at the National Genealogical Society Convention, not just to send one Brother to it.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

On an annual basis?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

On an annual basis from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we have a second to that amendment?

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So we have a motion to amend the recommendation to the previous motion so that it would be funded on an annual basis and that the funds will be taken from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund. I assume you have comments.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. Obviously, it's up to this Brother what you want to do. I'm going to provide you with some basic information. We have a grand total as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of July of \$11,584.50 in the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund. This past year in income was \$1,366.00 against \$2,476.00 of expenses. And if you add for yourself, now you're adding another two or three thousand dollars. The fund will be depleted and gone in two to three years.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

George, did you have something?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

The only fund income because nobody makes contributions since the I.R.S. said they can't be deducted. There's 1/2 of the \$5.00 registration fee for each new member. That's the only income into that fund. So, unless you go out and recruit four or five thousand members a year, I don't know how we're gonna pay for it out of that fund.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Where is David Rish from Ohio?

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

He can recruit four or five thousand a year. George.

**George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief**

George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. We should support the Genealogical Society information. But this resolution as it says here, it doesn't say who's the one that we're going to send and what qualifications should that person have. You know, do you send just any Brother who's interested in genealogical research? Do we send somebody from Graves Registration? I think there needs to be some more information in there as an explanation.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Commander, Alan Russ, National Secretary. I also question the requirements in it for the local Department to support this. That may or may not be practical depending upon location, time, et cetera.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Day.



**Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake**

Commander, in regard to funding this project, after proposing it, the costs seems to be around five to six hundred dollars. The money could be taken out of the promotions and marketing account. I believe I have about \$10,000.00 in there a year. I am more than happy to have that money out of the next budget, we could set that up and fund it through that, if that is allowable.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, the marketing budget is the total amount that's in the Senior Vice Fund. Not in addition to.

**Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake**

Okay. I did not realize that. Thank you very much for the clarification, Brother Rich.

**Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island. As we've done in the past, my company has supplied all the brochures at no costs to the Sons for the distribution at these different conferences. We would be more than happy to make an in writing pledge to do the same thing for the next five years.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Question. The money we had discussed before, the three to five hundred dollars or whatever. Was that just to send a person there? Or is that the cost for a booth? Obviously that's just a person. A booth is a lot more expensive, isn't it? Does anybody know what the booth costs?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

The booth is \$300.00.

**Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

...Registration fee is waived...

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, you're talking about the booth is \$300.00. I was under the impression that was the costs to go. You're talking about the booth...

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

But Bruce, Brother Bruce just mentioned the registration fee is waived if you have a display booth there. So, it'd be \$300.00.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Palmer, point of clarification. Was the the resolution from Missouri to also include travel expense?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

It was simply travel costs.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That, could get pretty high. If it was in Florida and I decided to go.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's pretty much why the National SAR Organization enlists the local chapters to operate the booths so that they can, in the worst case, just drive a certain distance.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, August 20<sup>th</sup>, you received the email asking for the Son's to attend this year. The exhibit booth was \$310.00, for a 10x10 booth. That does not include the registration fee, just the booth.

**Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island. The email that I got talked about the Florida National Genealogical. It did include the one registration for the vendor's table.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

This is the one that's being held in Ft. Lauderdale.

**Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

Correct.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Well, that's what the email says.

**Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

I would suggest that we do further research on that because one of the things that the National Genealogical Society wishes to do, is lower the costs. For the ten years or so that I've been affiliated with them, the cost of registration has always been included so I can't see that they would increase that cost. Plus, as far as the vendor table goes, we don't really need a registration. The registration is to go to classes. We won't be attending the classes, we'll be manning the booth.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Martin.

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Don Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Commander, through you to Brother Orr. This was originally mentioned as being a possible tax deductible thing. Are you aware, does this count with that as contributing or something that's being...

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

It's a business expense.

**Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We still have a motion to amend that is on the floor. Are you speaking to that?

**Michael Spaulding, Department of Ohio**

Yes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Michael Spaulding, Department of Ohio**

My name is Michael Spaulding. I'm from the Department of Ohio. I'm the GAR Historian for the Sherman Camp #93. I whole heartedly support as amended. However, I would like to further amend it and say that we institute a cap so that we know what this cost is. We can make the cap, the present number of \$500.00. If it's \$300.00 or \$310.00 plus \$200.00 or if it's \$700.00. We institute a cap so that the travel costs is not necessary. Thank you.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I've been informed we can have an amendment to an amendment. There've been more than two. This is why we have an attorney. So, we have a motion and a second on the amendment to the amendment that set a cap of \$500.00 to the expenditure of this if we approve it.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Commander, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. I would accept that cap as a hard \$500.00 cap as a friendly amendment to my amendment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And who was your second?

**Unknown**

I was.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And will you accept that?

**Unknown**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief, you asked me to do this. The motion that had been stated by the Commander is no longer possible to accept a friendly amendment. You only can do that until the motion is restated and placed on the floor for discussion. As that has happened, we have to formally vote. We cannot accept a friendly amendment.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

I was just trying to speed things up. I support the amendment to the amendment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Let's vote on the amendment to the amendment.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

The amendment is to set a hard cap of \$500.00 on the expenditure if it is approved.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Information. We can probably get the booth for \$250.00, Bruce, cause they have a two tier now, one's for business and non-profits and the other's for societies and associations. It's just there's a limited number of people who can occupy the booth. It doesn't say how many. There's no charge for them getting in.

**Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

My experience is that they allow four people per 10x10.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

And just so that everyone knows, the conference is Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If we decide we're not going, we'd have to cancel before the 1<sup>st</sup> of February or we'll forfeit all our fees.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to end debate on the amendment to the amendment. All in favor of a \$500.00 cap if we approve this, raise your voting card. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Now we have an amended amendment.

**Charles S. Reeves, Department of Florida**

Commander-in-Chief, my name's Chuck Reeves. I'm the Department Commander, Department of Florida. I just want to say that I will assure the Encampment if you approve this, that the Department of Florida will man the booth. I will make certain that we will have people there to man the booth for the length of time that the conference runs, whether it's one day, or two days or whatever.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We need to vote on the first amendment as amended. Which is that the funds be taken from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund. That they not exceed \$500.00. Everybody understand that? Still haven't approved this. That's just the amended amendment. All in favor of the amendment as amended, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes. All right. Now back to the original motion as amended twice. Do we have any further discussion on that? Secretary, can you state the motion.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. This is what I have. A motion to send someone to attend the National Genealogical Society Conference to set up a booth. The local Department will support this with aid of the National Organization to be funded out of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund on an annual basis, with the amendment not to go over \$500.00. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. All in favor of the motion. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Gene.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff. Is this on a recurring budget, line item?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, it's an annual basis.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Dean.

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. I believe this is a topic we need to deal with in new business. In regards to the missing information in the proceedings of the 2013 National Encampment that involved omitted officer reports that included recommendations. To explain a little bit about what happened. It starts on page fifty-six of the proceedings of the 2013 Encampment. The first hour of the Saturday morning's session did not get recorded. This time took in the committee reports from the following National Committees: History; GAR Records; Legislation; Lincoln Tomb Observance; Membership; Military Affairs; Program and Policy; Battle Flag Preservation; Scholarships; Civil War Heritage Defense Fund; and Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. Recommendations missed were from the National Committees on GAR Records and the Civil War Memorial Grand Fund. I'd like to place this on the floor as a discussion. I'd like to see how we can resolve this and clarify the record to show that the two recommendations that were made by the GAR Records Committee were passed at that Encampment.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So, do you have a motion then to amend the proceedings?

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

I make a motion to amend the proceedings to reflect that those recommendations were approved.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second to amend the 2013 proceedings to reflect the business that actually occurred and wasn't recorded, specifically the recommendations that were approved.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

And which recommendations were those?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you have those? That you can read them?

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

Commander, yes, I do.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And state which committee also.

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

I'm representing the National GAR Records Committee. I'm not familiar with what recommendations were presented for the Civil War Memorial Grand Fund. Our Committee presented two recommendations. The first one, I'll just read the title line. That the job description of the National Standing Committee on GAR Records be amended. And then we give the wording as follows. I can read that if necessary but it's what was in the record. They are the Officer reports and recommendations are part of the record. It's just the actions of the Encampment were not recorded. The second recommendation was that a National Policy on GAR Records be approved as presented below. And we gave the verbiage for that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on amending the 2013 proceedings to reflect that?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief? Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. The lady who works for me does the transcripts. I believe in that specific transcript, there was a blank space and she couldn't record or transcribe what she couldn't hear. That may be the possibility why it occurred. It had nothing to do with whether we're going to amend it or not. I just wanted to give you a possible reason.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any further discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Samuel C. Gant, Department of Tennessee**

Commander.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

How long will this one take?

**Samuel C. Gant, Department of Tennessee**

About five minutes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yea, we always say that. Go ahead.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Samuel C. Gant, Department of Tennessee**

Sam Gant, Past Department Commander with the Department of Tennessee. I am giving some information from kind of a switched role. I'm representing an attorney. A Brother who's halfway into the Fort Donelson Camp is proposing a monument for the southern Union soldiers. He asked that I bring this to this Encampment, information about that. So, to be considered by the various Camps and to garner support for this. As we look at the numbers coming out of Confederate (indistinguishable) 300,000 came out of the lower states in the Confederacy. There are over 100,000 white southerners who rode in the Union Army. There are 178,000 who are former black slaves. So, you look at those men. These men were traitors to some, patriots to others, white men that have been forgotten. Of those who were blacks, they were considered to be property of others. And it is really unimaginable that all those men left their families in occupied territory to fight for what they believed in and the cause. These were men who did not want to tear asunder what their fathers and their grandfathers fought to bring. There were 52,000 Union soldiers from Tennessee. Thirty-two thousand of those were European ancestry and 20,000 were African ancestry. The Tennessee affiliate, approximately 176,000 soldiers during the war, 30% served the Union. As he is proposing this, it is because of his ancestry one of whom served here in the Belle Island Prison, he died there. So, there were a thousand dead POW's Belle Island who are now interred in the Richmond National Cemetery. These men served all over the Confederacy as they were brought in to this particular one. So, it is the time to build a monument for these men. A lot of monuments have been built to commemorate honorable service of African descent. None of these monuments is a National monument. There's no joint monuments commemorating the service of all Union soldiers from the South. Union soldiers sent from the South, there is none listed on any battlefield or any capital for those states. There are those markers various points throughout the states. What his proposal then is a monument which will commemorate service members, (indistinguishable), Calvary, officer, enlisted infantrymen, and one sailor. (Indistinguishable) be an African American for the enlisted men. I suggest we'll go to the Bicentennial Mall in Nashville, Tennessee or here with the Richmond National Cemetery. So I leave this for consideration. I would like to leave copies of his information to all who are members of the monument committee. So, if you would allow me to do that.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Gentlemen, according to our schedule, it's lunchtime. So, we're going to break for lunch. Please, give your attention as the Chaplain opens the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break for lunch)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Please, give your attention as the Chaplain opens the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have some announcements first from the National Secretary.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay, a quick announcement. If all members of the Loyal Legion will meet at the first break at the flags for our group photo. Again, the MOLLUS members over at the flags, first break.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have the Department of Kentucky would like to say something.

**Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky**

Commander-in-Chief, Master Sergeant Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky, I've been trying to get the word out that the Department of Kentucky is attempting to put up a historical marker in the little town of Harrods Creek. There was, at one time, a service home and we had tried to put up some information so that the people of Louisville and the surrounding areas are aware of it. Mention a soldiers home in that little town and they think of Pee Wee Valley. Well, we wanted to get the word out that this service home actually had approximately forty individual Civil War and Mexican War soldiers. And the Chaplain had...well, Chaplain you may need to help me out here. You gave me three two dollar bills. That makes six dollars, I believe.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

The two dollar bill is good a good start to restoring the monument. But my idea is this. My wife is from Kentucky. She came to Chicago to teach basket making and I got not only the basket but the kitchen side. Because she loves Kentucky and her mom and dad are there. On our way to Gettysburg, we stopped at Paducah and we're going to go through Louisville. I would give a two dollar bill to anybody who contributes twenty bucks to this cause. We can walk out of here with a hundred or two hundred bucks, that's more than we had when we started. I can't give them that much, but I can give



you a two dollar bill.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Anybody have a hat they care to pass around? All right. Before we get started back into new business here, I'm going to give out the last of the awards for today. These are a group of awards that are related to individual performance rather than Camps and Departments. I'm going to ask our National Chaplain, Dan Bunnell, to present the Corby Moody National Chaplain's Award, which is awarded by the National Chaplain for the most outstanding Chaplain in the Order.

**Daniel M. Bunnell, National Chaplain**

Dan Bunnell from California. It's my honor to give out the National Chaplain's Award and in recognition of the services in providing pastoral, spiritual, and emotional support above and beyond the call of duty. We're awarding this to Alan Davis.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Alan Davis is the Chaplain for the Department of California and Pacific. And if you don't follow his posts or the Department's Facebook posts, every single Sunday, he posts something inspirational or thoughtful or and it's often quite personable, personal. But it applies to everybody. This reaches hundreds of people within the Organization and within the other Allied Orders. I've frequently seen comments on it. He was so moved that people were so embracing of him doing this that at our Department Encampment, he actually presented a compilation of all of the little mini sermons, if you want to call them that, published in a book. He was reappointed, and he has continued to do that every single Sunday no matter what else is going on in his life. Allot of people have been touched by his words and his wisdom. I think anybody who's read them would agree. Very good choice, Dan.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Next is the Meritorious Service Award. This is without Gold Star. This is awarded for exceptional service to the Order or society. Just so it's in the record, I'm going to name the following Brothers who have already been presented with Meritorious Service Awards for various reasons at their respective Department Encampments. They do not need to come forward, but I would like to have them recognized. Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia; David Davis, Department of California and Pacific; Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois; Dean Enderlin, Department of California and Pacific; Sam Gant, Department of Tennessee; Chip Huffman, Department of Tennessee; Sam Huffman, Jr., Department of Tennessee; Robert Kadlec, Department of California and Pacific; Virgil Matz, Department of Wisconsin; Jerry Reiman, Department of Kansas; and William Tisch, Department of California and Pacific. Today I have the pleasure of presenting the final four Meritorious Service Awards for this term. Some of these individuals may not be here and if somebody who can get it to them would come forward, that would be fantastic. To Michael T. Daugherty, Sr., Department of Ohio. Brother Daugherty is an attorney and represented the Order on a pro bono basis during recent litigation over two Civil War ordinance rifles located in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington, Ohio. Rifles which the cemetery association were attempting to sell. Mike's time and effort led to a judgment in which an injunction was issued prohibiting "selling, destroying, or otherwise removing the Soldier's Point Memorial and/or war cannons which are a part of said monument without the express consent of the Department of Ohio Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." So, for his efforts and his dedication and donation, I'd like to present this to Michael Daugherty, Ohio.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

The Department Commander will be accepting this on his behalf.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

You'll notice I'm continuing with the theme of my administration which was to travel as much as possible.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We could. Next is for Michael Hammerson, Department of Tennessee. Brother Hammerson is a resident of High Gate, London, England. He recently joined the SUVCW as an associate. Although a British citizen, for more than fifty years, he has been a student of the American Civil War. He's engaged in extensive research, writing, and publishing on a lot of Civil War subjects and has accumulated a library of more than 1,400 books on the war from a British and European perspective. A large collection of manuscripts and memorabilia. Most impressively, Brother Hammerson has created a register of the almost 1,300 Union and Confederate Veterans of the Civil War buried in England, Scotland, and Wales. For his efforts, I'd like to present that to him. Brother Fidler will accept on his behalf.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Next is Brother Roy Linn of the Department of Iowa. Brother Linn has conducted preliminary graves registration surveys of all ninety-nine of Iowa's counties and has personally logged over seven thousand grave sites into the National Graves Registration Database. He's overseeing the correction of numerous errors on existing data entries. Brother Linn has also conducted training sessions for several Camps on the proper methods of searching, surveying, and recording cemeteries. In the process, he has revised the forms used in the field to synchronize information and facilitate the transfer of information into the National Database. So, for his efforts, Roy Linn of Department of Iowa.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

The last Meritorious Service Award is for Brother Eddie Roberts of the Department of the Chesapeake. Brother Roberts was the driving force behind one of the final commemorations of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the anniversary of the escape and capture of John Wilkes Booth. The event took place at the Samuel Mudd House in Charles County, Maryland, where Brother Roberts maintains a Civil War exhibit. Although the collection is his, Brother Roberts gives the SUVCW credit as the sponsor of the exhibit. In the fall of 2014, he became the leader of the planning of the execution of the week end long event. He coordinated with numerous groups and individuals, hosted planning meetings at his home, reviewed contracts and arranged for coverage by the media, including local papers, television, and even CNN and PBS. The successful event saw close to eight thousand visitors. For wonderful work

done on that, Brother Eddie Roberts.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Next is the John L. Clem Award. This is for the most outstanding junior member of the Order. This award is going to be presented to Max M. Frederick, age twelve, of the Colonel Hans C. Heg Camp #15 in the Department of Wisconsin. Max is a charter junior member of Camp #15. Again, this is the Camp that received the Camp of the Year Award. He is only the second junior to complete the Memorial University course for juniors, which he accomplished back in 2013 when he was just ten years old. He is his Camp's Graves Registration Officer and makes frequent cemetery inspections in the Racine County area. Headstone repairs and cleanings have been scheduled based on his recommendations. Max is a regular attendee at Camp events and parades. He has served as a drummer boy in the past. He is a six year member of the 4H and this summer served as a day camp counselor. He plays youth football and is on the honor roll at school. He also actively works with the Wisconsin Veterans' Home at Union Grove, Wisconsin. He has hopes of one day becoming Commander of his Camp. I had the honor to personally see Max in action at the recent dedication of the new Civil War Monument at Camp Randall on the grounds of the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Max is an outstanding example of what our youth can do for a community and for our organization. If somebody would come forward to receive that on his behalf.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm afraid I'm not going to go down to this person. They're going to have to come up here. This is for the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award. This is the most outstanding member of the Order. This is the person, in the Commander-in-Chief's opinion, who is the most outstanding Brother. Basically, the Brother of the Year. The Commander-in-Chief presents this award to the Brother he judges to be the most outstanding during his term in office. On trying to decide who should receive this award, I came up with a list of seven names. While each of the Brothers on the list is deserving of this award, the Commander-in-Chief may only present one such award per year. A single name stood out from the others. This Brother has been a dedicated member of the Order for many years, as was his father before him. He lends his considerable talent to all levels of this Organization: Camp, Department, and National. Always conducting himself with the core principles of fraternity, charity, and loyalty foremost in his mind and never seeking recognition for his efforts. This year was a particularly trying year for him personally with work issues and the prolonged illness and death of not only a beloved family pet but of his own father. And yet these trials were generally invisible to the members of the Order. Not only did his dedication to the SUVCW remain steady, but he took on additional significant duties and performed all of them to the utmost. He is a staunch supporter of the Allied Orders, particularly the Auxiliary for which he voluntarily dedicated innumerable hours building a dynamic national membership database from scratch. And if the Brother doesn't know who he is by now, he oughta. This Brother has attended every National Encampment since 2008 and he currently holds a National appointed office. He has fulfilled the duties of that office far beyond what would have been expected. In fact, he's just completed a nearly fifty page handbook regarding that office to pass along to his successors. Another voluntary task that obviously took a multitude of hours to complete. His dedication and sacrifice have been a vital part of my own success as Commander-in-Chief. I mean, in reality, I

could not have done it without him. Recently the Brothers of his own Department further recognized his competence, abilities, and dedication when they elected him Department Commander. He remains a key part of this year's Encampment Host Committee. In memory of his father, our late Brother, Richard Martin, of the Antietam Camp #3, I hereby present the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award to National Chief of Staff, Kevin L. Martin.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Unknown**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hooray!

**Unknown**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hooray!

**Unknown**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hooray!

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

As a side note, Brother Jim here can verify, when Kevin designed this manual for the next Chief of Staff, he submitted it to Brother Pahl to review. Brother Pahl said it's magnificent. He would only recommend one change. That he put his name on it.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That is the kind of person that Kevin is. He didn't even have his name on this fifty page document, giving himself credit for writing it.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

One final award for individual performance is the Founder's Award. This award goes to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War soldiers. No member of any of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for this award. The Commander-in-Chief presents this award on behalf of the Council of Administration, which makes the final determination. This year's recipient is Mr. Len Thomas of Swartz Creek, Michigan. Mr. Thomas has been tireless in his efforts of

documenting over six thousand veterans' graves and burial sites. In addition, he has published a three volume set of Civil War burials for Genesee, Lapeer, and Shiawassee Counties in Michigan, which he continually updates on an annual basis and shares with the Department of Michigan. He maintains a stock of GAR grave flag holders which he places on veterans' graves that are not marked at his own expense. He has demonstrated his support of the SUVCW's efforts through his participation in several headstone and monument rededications conducted by the Governor Crapo Camp. Mr. Thomas has through his actions, words, and deeds, significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thus has been selected as this year's recipient of the Founder's Award.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there somebody from the Department of Michigan that can accept this?

### **Unknown**

We'll see he gets it.

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. That concludes the awards. Do we have any new business?

### **Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Sir, Doug Fidler, Past Department Commander, Tennessee. Sir, I come here with much fear and trepidation because I dare to disagree with a National opinion from our esteemed National Counselor that occurred last fall. First I want to thank you because he was willing to kind of go back and forth with emails. You know, talk about my objections and to give me food for thought concerning the formation of foreign Camps. My purpose here is to request my Brothers will consider overturning it. Without going into the technicalities and all, I find that one particular aspect of the National Charter would cause him to be concerned because the the wording suggests that activities are not permitted on foreign soil. I'm going to challenge that, not in the sense that he is wrong. Because his concern is for the Order particularly for protecting the National Charter. But I would move that it is actually totality defined. All of you I think probably took history way back in the dark ages, in which we learned about the courts interpreting some things in a very loose construction versus a very strict construction. So, I believe based upon several months of research in this and also confirm with one of the Nationally known experts on a Congressional charter that although Brother's interpretation is certainly defensible I believe that given the fact that the creation of Camps wherever they may be is actually vital to the growth of the Organization and the ability to fill our mission worldwide. I would be asking that Brothers basically overturn that opinion so it can be interpreted in a way that is going to give us the greatest latitude. Do you want to comment now?

### **James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor. It's my opinion that the one Brother is talking about ... and just for point of information, this is how the National Charter reads. The principal office of incorporation shall be in Trenton, New Jersey, or other place decided by the Council of Administration. However, the articles of incorporation do not confine the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principle office is located that they may be conducted in the District of Columbia, throughout the States, Territories and possessions of the United States. It was my opinion that that limited us to operations within States, Territories, and possessions of the United States.

What Brother Fidler is proposing is that rather than as a limitation this be viewed as an instruction from the Congress to the states that this is a Congressionally chartered organization and states not only to be in compliance with your State laws, but they're empowered to act. If this interpretation is followed, then it's not a statement of limitation, but it's a statement of empowerment. And if it's considered a statement of empowerment, then it would allow us to operate in all aspects of the Order outside of the states, Territories, and possessions of the United States. As a matter of information, there are other Congressionally chartered organizations that have the exact same language in their charters that are operating outside the United States with Chapters, Camps, Posts, whatever you want to call their facilities. So, I believe what the intent of Brother Doug here is to move that that interpretation be given to this section of the charter rather than mine. From a personal point of view, don't be afraid of upsetting me. I don't care.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

In fact, I would like to see us be able to do this, but I didn't think we could. If this Encampment adopts the opposite point of view you're not going to offend me, going against something I decided. Just for your information. Really I believe my role is to educate the members of this body so that they can make a knowing intelligent decision. I believe that places the information in front of you to help you make that decision. So I believe that what you want to do is move...

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

...Uh...yes, sir...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...not be considered a matter of limitations but a matter of empowerment.

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

yes. Yes, also that...uh...um...that...uh...well actually, that...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...Fixes it.

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Well, the only thing that I will add simply is it's for the betterment of the Order. That interests in Europe and also Australia is to have a Camp. The interest is there. I actually wished that I had asked our distinguished National Counselor to give an opposition...um... because it's...

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Restate Doug's motion that he just made?

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Can I make it? Okay. Basically, number one, that we would put aside our National Counselor's opinion for reasons the National Counselor just said. Cause the fact that we cannot have Camps in

Europe or down under doing whatever they want to essentially maintain per the charter the overall governance with the National Order by creating Department of extra territorial Camps.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We already have a Department-at-Large that can handle that.

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Yes, that would work, until those pesky Brits who want their Camp to cite that we now have three Camps so we want a Department. So that we can open that up again can't we.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Then they petition for a new Department.

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Oh, okay. All right. I think I can go back and take my post lunch nap.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Thank you very much for hearing me and Brother Pahl thank you for your interpretation of what I was saying.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

I believe that what Brother Doug is saying is that we disavow National Counselor Opinion #1 of the 2014-2015 series. And that the language of Section 200308 of our National Charter not be viewed as limiting but enabling our activities to the states, Territories, and possessions of the United States.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any further discussion on the motion?

**Michael A. Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake**

Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl two questions. What were the other organizations that have that empowerment definition to their charter? Just to better inform the membership. And second question. Is there a downside to granting them empowerment?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

The one I can think of specifically off the top of my head to answer the first part of the question is the Boy Scouts of America, the SAR, and the American Legion. What's the downside? The downside is we get spanked by Congress and told not to do it.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead, Don.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I do have one question. In our Rituals opening the Department and a Camp, National, what is the one thing we do? Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**Unknown**

And to the republic for which it stands.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That too. Anyway. I think that that puts a gentleman that's a citizen of another country in a dilemma which could also be decided as being treasonous, depending on which country you are in.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, this is Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief again. I'm against this. If we're going to spend time and effort to make Camps in other countries, I'm going to do it here.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

At the back microphone.

**Michael P. Downs, Department of Tennessee**

Mike Downs, Department of Tennessee. As Commander of the Department, I fully support this. Somebody asked about the down side of it. The down side is that the McTeer Camp will lose members since so many of them are members through our Camp. That's not important to us. It's important that we spread our Organization and grow it. What can you name me a better opportunity here? We have people in a foreign country that relatives fought in the Civil War and want to form Camps for our Organization. What a great opportunity. How can we not take this? Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Adam.

**Adam W. Gaines, National Guide**

Adam Gaines, National Guide. In response to what Brother Darby said, there are many people living outside of the United States that are citizens of the United States that probably if we could form Camps outside of the United States, could create their Camp and still pledge allegiance to the United States, actually. Two-thirds of the people that moved down my street aren't even Canadian. So, it's not that big of a deal, I don't think. If they got five ex-pats over in Canada together or whatever and they want to form a Camp, they could have a 50 X 100 foot American Flag and pledge allegiance to it. And there's also dual citizenship. There are many people who are Canadian or even other citizenship who are also American citizens. Actually, I have some family who are dual citizens. Actually, that was one of the reasons one of my cousins was even able to come into Canada was because he was a dual citizen.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Bob at the back there.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Robert Wolz, National Historian. This is not the first time we've had Camps in foreign countries. Absolutely not. Read the history, buy my book.



**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Besides that, the Order makes some money off my books so for God's sake, buy my book. But in 1915, the Department of Pennsylvania, under the Illinois Charter, created a Camp in Buenos Aires, Argentina. And of course, we had a slew of Camps in the Philippines. It used to be Department of California and the Pacific, meaning Hawaii and Philippines. So, there's many, many examples in the past. And if we're worried about having them fall outside of our territory, then put them under the authority of like New York, Pennsylvania. Florida would be happy to take over Cuba, so...

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Darwin F. Concon, Department of Tennessee**

Yes, sir. I'm the Junior Vice Commander for Sultana Camp #1 with the Department of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas. I mean Alabama. Well, we have one (indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Darwin F. Concon, Department of Tennessee**

No, I'm here to support my Brothers from Tennessee and anybody else who wants to support international Camps outside of the United States. I myself am a member of three British Societies, well two British, the Chevron Forces in Worchester Regiment, British Parachute Regiment, and also the Loyal Society of King George. Okay? I go up. I have no problems swearing allegiance to a majesty. Okay? Because I'm still an American at heart. So anyways, that really isn't a big deal. After all, I have a lot...I'm one of few people who had privilege and honor of commanding non-American troops in combat in a peace keeping operation in a special operation mission. And the only thing worse for me for writing a letter home to an American mother and parents was writing a letter to a Polish parents because why their son died. All right. So, it is (indistinguishable), we don't do anything by ourselves. Right now in Afghanistan, we have Australian SF, British SF, Polish SF working with us in Afghanistan. Okay. In Iraq, we had again, Australian, Canadian or excuse me...uh...Brits and Canadians there at the UN and...uh...I worked with Australian guys and British guys.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

You're getting off subject.

**Darwin F. Concon, Department of Tennessee**

No, what I'm talking about is we need to actually have the international Camp. That's all I have to say. But I support establishing international Camps anywhere around the world.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thanks. At the back mike.

**Michael Spaulding, Department of Ohio**

Michael Spaulding, Historian, Genealogist for Sherman Camp 93, Department of Ohio. I would just make the comment that I think it should be something that we support anytime somebody wants to

honor an ancestor who fought in the Civil War. We should be empowering that. We should be enabling that. And we should be supporting that. I also...I would also suggest that we remember that many of the soldiers who fought in the Civil War on behalf of the Union were not citizens to begin with. They were from foreign countries fighting for the Union cause. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Dennis C. St. Andrew, Department of North Carolina**

Commander-in-Chief, Dennis St. Andrew, Department Commander, Department of North Carolina. I thought I'd like to ask a history question to perhaps help us find the answer to this. My question. Did the Grand Army of the Republic have posts on foreign soil?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Dennis C. St. Andrew, Department of North Carolina**

Maybe that can be our guide to the answer here. Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Alan Russ, National Secretary. One quick thing as far as the Ritual is optional.

**Unknown**

Yes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That's true. It is. Loran.

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

Commander, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. Two points. A membership application signed the oath of obligation. It does include that. That's also in the Ritual. But, I can tell you because of where our Camp is located, we have Brothers who are Canadians because of our close ties with British Columbia. One of them is a member of the Canadian Military Force and he has no problem being a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And he is a member of the Canadian Military. So, I think it's that is somewhat moot. It's up to their own conscious whether they can accept that obligation or not. We have no restriction on citizenship in this organization. So, I fully support this. As Tad and Jim both know, that this was my ultimate hope, that we would be able to do this. Which is one of the reasons we retained the duties of the National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, to be help facilitate and establish Camps-at-Large wherever needed. We've retained the Department-at-Large so that we could accept Camps in case we ever were able to establish Camps outside the United States and its territories and possessions. So, we're set up to start doing that. We just need the authorization. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. I'm gonna go ahead and end debate on this. Does anybody need the motion restated?

**Unknown**

Yes, please.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you have it there?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The abbreviated version is move to disavow Opinion One, that the Federal Charter does not limit but enable. Brother Pahl will fill in as necessary.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

The exact motion is to disavow National Counselor Opinion #1 of the 2014-2015 series. And the language of Section 200308 of our Charter not be viewed as limiting but enabling our activities outside of the state, territories, and possessions of the United States.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Everybody in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion carries.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm sure our Brothers in England will be thrilled.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff. Rich, I'd like to make a motion that we increase the Commander-in-Chief travel budget this...

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

You're out of order.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

[one rap, \*]

**Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky**

Commander-in-Chief, Master Sergeant Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky. I just wanted to give my heartfelt thanks to everybody in this room. We received a little over \$500.00.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you want to address that? All right. Any new business? We're gonna close new business.

[one rap, \*]

**Unknown**

We want to take a break.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Sounds good to me. This soon after lunch, let's go ahead and do that. It is 1:55. Let's come back at 2:15. Please give your attention to the Chaplain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break)

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

At the end of the session today, I ask the Departments would all grab their flags and move them out to a position in the foyer or someplace so that the photographer can have them as a background to take all the wonderful pictures. Where do you want them exactly? We'll try to remind you later.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yea, the flags can be brought back in for the banquet. All right. Please give your attention to the Chaplain as he opens the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Danny Wheeler. I believe you have an announcement you would like to make regarding the sales...of the auction.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Danny Wheeler, Quartermaster. Gentlemen, just to let you know, the auction and the items that we have for sale, bids and so forth will be closing at 2:00 o'clock. So, if you want something, I'd suggest you come up and ask and he'll take care of you. There is stuff on the table that is for sale and so forth.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Danny. Brother Doug, did you have something you wanted to announce to the Brothers?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

In that case, we will move to Brother Orr and the budget.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

We have one request for funding from the Department of Illinois. They are requesting \$1,000.00 towards the costs of the Stephenson Memorial Plaza. Other than that, I received no additional requests for funding for memorials or anything of that nature. So, we need a motion for that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We need a motion to grant \$1,000.00 to...

**Unknown**

So, moved.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Several**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion carries. Brother Grim.

**Robert E. Grim, SVR Commanding General**

There was an item in there for Remembrance Day, I believe, is a recommendation. We would ask that you increase the amount by a thousand dollar. We've had a lot of increased expenses regarding Remembrance Day. The SVR conducts the Woolson monument ceremony and the military ball in the evening. They raised the fees by \$1,600.00 to conduct a parade. We get up to \$1,000.00 in from the merchants. The Boy Scouts, recycle bins, port-a-potties at the staging area to the troops. We have expenses for the microphone and for the ceremony at the Woolson Monument. So we would ask that that the budget be increased from \$750.00 to \$2,750.00.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second to increase then to \$2,000.00.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, through you to Past Commander-in-Chief Grim. How much did you say the town was charging for payment?

**Robert E. Grim, SVR Commanding General**

\$1,000.00.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

And the permit's how much this year? I (indistinguishable) it's like twice last year.

**Robert E. Grim, SVR Commanding General**

\$1,630.00.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes. It doesn't surprise me. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on this. All in favor, raise your card. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Carries. Don.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Missouri. This is more of a question to our National Treasurer to see if this is feasible. We had a discussion yesterday regarding the one percentage of charitable contributions that have an organization which is apparently putting our 501(c)(3) conversion in jeopardy. We have a Memorial Grants Fund. I think we spent \$5,300.00 out of over \$13,000.00. And I think Rich brought this up the other night at the Council meeting. Can we basically take the remainder of that funding that's unspent in the Memorial Grants Fund each year and essentially contribute that to the National Parks Service as a charitable contribution? Not necessarily increasing the Memorial Grants Fund but basically taking what we don't spend in our Organization donating it to the National Parks Service for Battlefield Preservation purposes on a priority need thus upping our percentage of charitable contribution.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

We can. But that would require an amendment to the Regulations, because the Regulations specify how that money is to be used. Right now, it's the grants that we provide and whatever's left, the Council of Administration has the option of going back and increasing over and above the \$1,000.00 maximum to any recipients the prior year. We did award \$5,500.00 out of \$12,000.00 (indistinguishable) about \$24,000.00 all together in the fund. But, in order to do that, it would take a...you could do it one time by vote of the Encampment. Otherwise it's going to take an amendment to the Regulations to do that ongoing every year.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. Rich, did I understand you that this Encampment could vote for a one time change to that? Is that correct?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, as Counselor. The wording of the Memorial Monument Grand Fund, the maximum grant for any one project shall be \$1,000.00. The principal is to remain in the fund after all grant applications are considered, the Council of Administration may grant additional funds to one or more grant recipients 'til the exhaustion of the fund. That is the limitation. That's the only way at this time money can be spent.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

My question was, Rich made the statement that the National Encampment could one time make a change to that by vote of this Encampment and then any future changes would have to be sent to C & R Committee.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

I disagree. However, this Encampment does have the authority to amend the Regulations if there is a 2/3 vote to override the requirement of at least thirty days submission et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. So, there is a way to do it. If 2/3 of the Brothers agree that the Regulations can be amended even for a one time gift. I believe you have to have that exception that's going to require a 2/3 vote.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would like to make that motion before the Brothers that we change the wording that's currently...Jim just came up with to that the Council of Administration be permitted to use 75% of the remaining amount to be used and sent to National Parks for the preservation of Civil War Monuments. And I would like for that to happen. What he said, Civil War National Military Fund for the preservation of Civil War Monuments. And if you want to know why I said 75% of the amount left over, Rich has to have enough money left over to keep the checking account open, so that's where it is.

**Several**

Second.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

We need two votes, Brothers. The first is to allow the amend the Regulations to be amended without the appropriate notices. And then, we would have to, if that passes, then we can vote on the proposed Regulation change.

**Unknown**

I would second that motion if you make that a motion.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

I so move. Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'll second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We have a motion and a second to waive the thirty day requirement to change the Regulations. Any discussion on that? All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That was definitely 2/3.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Rich Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I recommend that the amended motion say all the funds remaining after April 30<sup>th</sup> so that it remains in the fiscal year and we will definitely be cutting off grant applications April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'll accept that.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, a question to the Counselor. This motion is for one time modification and then this modification, if it's approved, is it forever or just this one time?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Your motion was to amend the Regulations. It did not specify time period. So, if this passes, it changes the Regulations period.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Try to read it?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yea, please try and restate that now.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay, Alan Russ, National Secretary, Amend the Regulations for the Council of Administration to be permitted to use 75% of the funds remaining after April 30<sup>th</sup> to send to one or more National Civil War Military Parks for the preservation of Civil War Monuments.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I did not say Union. I said Civil War Monuments. All inclusive.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you. That's what I heard.



**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Discussion. Steve.

**Stephen S. Hammond, Department of the Chesapeake**

Steve Hammond Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. The April 30<sup>th</sup> cut off, that totally precludes any new monuments. Because you are not allowed to apply for grant for any new monument until May the 1<sup>st</sup> up to June 15<sup>th</sup>. So that takes away any money that would be going to new monuments.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I believe the word was permitted to, not required to.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It's a policy. It's not a requirement. What was just stated by Brother Hammond is policy. It's not part of the Regulations. No such limit exists in the Regulations. So, policy can be changed if this motion passes. Just letting you know.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

...Hold on. Let me get BP there.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Brian Pierson, Past Department Commander. I'm curious. If we make a restrictive grant to one of those National Military Parks or Battlefield Parks, if the money just doesn't go to the treasury and they do with it what they want. How do we ensure that they actually use it for what we specify?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Basically, if we give them a restricted donation, they have to use it for what we specify. That's I.R.S. regulations.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Okay.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Mike.

**Michael A. Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake**

Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. Clarification on the amended motion. Was it April or after (indistinguishable) Secretary so (indistinguishable) after. That's (indistinguishable).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

What I heard in the motion is 75% of the funds remaining after April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Mark.

**Mark A. Hale, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Commander-in-Chief, Mark Hale, Past Department Commander, Georgia and South Carolina.

We need to be very careful what the wording National Military Park. There's only five. The big five. The rest of them are National Battlefields or National Battlefield Parks. By definition, the five are Chickamauga, Gettysburg, Shiloh, Vicksburg, and Antietam. Those are National Military Parks.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

At the back. Mike.

**Michael Spaulding, Department of Ohio**

Michael Spaulding, Historian, Genealogist for Sherman Camp #93, Department of Ohio. I have a question. Does giving money to the government, will that help our charitable application?

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Michael Spaulding, Department of Ohio**

I ask that in all seriousness because there are charities that do Battlefield preservation and do qualify and perhaps would make more sense to give the money to one of those designated charities. So, I'm asking the question to...

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Given as a directed donation to the National Parks Service does qualify. In fact, there's a separate line on Form 990, which is our income tax return, specifically asking how much money we donated to the government at any level.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

That's local, state or federal. They want to know how much money we gave to the government.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

That sounds like something we should all fill out.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Michael Spaulding, Department of Ohio**

Did you say that money does not count toward our charitable giving?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

No. It will.

**Michael Spaulding, Department of Ohio**

It will count.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Yes.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm proposing an amendment, a friendly amendment, to Brother Darby's amendment to add to the National Civil War Military Parks and Civil War Battlefields, National Civil War Battlefields. And what else are they called? And National Civil War Battlefield Parks. Would you accept that as an amendment?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yea, I will.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Question.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Does this eliminate then the ability of the COA to grant additional funds to one or more grant recipients to the exhaustion of the fund? Or is it in addition to that wording?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief. It would be, as it's written, we give whoever applied for that year, they get whatever amount. C of A can then give those same people that applied that year additional monies. Once that is over, then the C of A has the 75% of the money left over in which to distribute it.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Let me see if this works. This would be the new section, if the amendment passes. The maximum grant for any one project shall be \$1,000.00 with principal interest shall remain in the fund after all grant applications are considered. After April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Council of Administration may grant additional funds to one or more grant recipients to the exhaustion of the fund or make grants of up to 75% of the fund to one or more military sites under the auspices of the National Parks Service.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It should be for National Civil War Restoration.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

BP.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

All I was gonna ask was if we wanted to include those National Cemeteries that were erected during the Civil War and have Civil War Monuments that may be in need of repair or not too. If we don't want to, I'm okay with that. If we do, I'm okay with that.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

AS long as it's under the auspices of the...

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

They're not. Some of the National Cemeteries are under the V.A. under the National Cemeteries

Administration. So, I know I just opened wider a can of worms, but just something to consider. We can address it at a later time if we wish to. No need to do it right now.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

(Indistinguishable) are you offering an amendment to this amendment?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

...I'm offering an amendment to (indistinguishable)...

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

...(Indistinguishable) after National Parks Office or Veteran's Administration.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

National Cemeteries Administration or Civil War Monuments. Then yes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So, what exactly do you want to add to it, BP?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Beside I was just talking to Bruce there. Either we restrict it to the Parks Service which reason it is or we open it up to any government organization that has a Civil War Monument, that's responsible for a Civil War Monument. Because that would include Arlington National Cemetery which is under the Army. The original National Cemeteries that are under the V.A. It would include the Civil War Battlefield Parks that are under the Parks Service. So, either we can open it up to any government or any U.S. government entity that's responsible for a Civil War Monument or we just restrict it to the Parks Service. The amendment I offer is that we open it up to any U.S. government organization or agency that is responsible for a Civil War Monument.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

So, Brian, I'm sure something's going to creep in there. For all Veteran's Administration and Department of Defense.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

I think so. Yes.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Can't we state specifically which federal agencies faced with the possibility of something else ...

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Parks Service, Department of Veteran's Affairs and Department of Defense. And Department of Interior?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Parks Service is under the Department of Interior.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Yea.

**Unknown**

Do you want to keep it?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Yea.

**Unknown**

Let's just leave it as Parks Service, DOD, and DDA.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

You good with that, Don?

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. Just one question that I hear murmurs about throughout the realm among my Brothers. National Parks and the monuments there while occasionally are the ones who need the funds, it's really the state parks and the monuments in them that deserve our attention.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Gentleman in the back.

**James T. Crane, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, the one thing I'd have to bring up is kind of changing part of this discussion. Jim Crane, Chair, National Site Committee. For the last two years, you know, the Departments that bid on this have had a hard time making ends meet. You know, prices have increased and in the next couple of years, they'll increase even more. Hotel industry is changing. We have a \$99.00 rate today. We have \$108.00 rate next year. And it goes to \$109.00 and then \$118.00 so on, so on, and so on. Part of the hotel industry is changing. There's some point in time, we're going to have to start paying for meeting space most likely. That's what's going on in this business. But the Department this year, we sweated things to get to the point even to able to know how much we need to pay the hotel. And, you know, we actually sell shirts and they sell medals and they sell their stuff and they can make their money. We get \$1,000.00, you know, to do this and \$500.00 for the camp fire for the expenses. And let me tell you, you can ask Mike Paquette. You can ask Brian. And really the past year, if they would not have gone off the \$3,000.00 (indistinguishable) guaranteed, they would have lost money. This year has been really hard for these guys...

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Jim, can you get this back to the motion that we're talking about? How does this apply to that?

**James T. Crane, Department of Ohio**

I was unaware that there's a motion. I was out of the room.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, we have a motion on the floor.

**James T. Crane, Department of Ohio**

I apologize.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn. To you, through you to the Brother to ask a question about the state parks or whatever. Is there a reason that a Department cannot apply for a grant for a state park or a monument that's maintained by state park prior to April the 30<sup>th</sup>. And get grant money for that. Is that correct?

**Unknown**

That is correct.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, there's no, you know, that states are covered so long as you're willing to fill out the paperwork.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don in the back.

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Gates, Secretary/Treasurer, Department of Texas. Actually, it's ironic I'm standing behind Brother Crane because I came to offer an amendment that comes along a similar line. It occurred to me that when these rules were written, \$1,000.00 was probably a heck of a lot of money. I'm not saying \$1,000.00 is not a lot of money now but I'm thinking it was a lot more then. And I'm thinking that since we'll be rewriting the entire section, the least we could do is take that into account and maybe raise it to \$1,500.00, maybe raising to \$2,000.00. I would like to propose an amendment that we increase the maximum amount of the grant to \$2,000.00.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I don't think that's the part of the motion that we are dealing with right now. I stand corrected. You can have that if you want to make that. Go ahead and restate that please. The amendment.

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

Yes, sir. my amendment would be that the wording in the Grants awards to individuals for preservation activities should be increased from a maximum of \$1,000.00 to a maximum of \$2,000.00.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. Commander to Rich. Is that money, that \$2,000.00, is that considered a charitable donation or we just...

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

It's considered a charitable donation. But I would like to comment that it was raised from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 two years ago. And the purpose of this is not to pay for the entire restoration. It's to supplement the fund raising efforts of the Camp or Department that was to raise the money. Technically, if you look at the way the program was originally started, we contributed up to a maximum of \$500.00. And we contributed no more than what the Camp or Department itself contributed. Now that's sort of gone by the wayside and we've contributed more than that, but I'm saying we only doubled this two years ago.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Kevin.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I understand what you are saying Brother Orr. But does it make sense to cut somebody off on the amount necessary and then go around and give money away when you have an excess on that additional money that you could use to finish a monument? You know it needs repair and it's our choice and not the parks department's choice.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Kevin, the answer to that is we're not cutting them off. If you listen to what's written, you have the people who apply that year can get up to \$1,000.00 on that initial application. At the end of this cut off, the C of A can give those people who applied that year an additional \$1,000.00 or whatever it takes that they are looking at. Then the money is freed up after that. So, I can give you \$2,000.00 up front and say you don't get anything else or I give you \$1,000.00 and you can get some more.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

If we know that it costs more than the \$1,000.00 and we're going to have to reapply, you just make me redouble efforts.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You don't have to reapply. You make your first application. The C of A looks at most people who applied that year and issues them more money. But as Rich said, this whole thing was to provide seed money to the Camps and Departments. It was not to pay for the monument in total.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

The Treasurer said we have \$24,000.00 that's left unused. At some point, there's a problem with that process. That we could use that money better or more efficiently. If it's just seed money and you have \$24,000.00 left, you have too much seed money or you're not utilizing the fund properly. I just think \$2,000.00 is not unreasonable today. I know we just upped it from \$500.00 to a \$1,000.00. But even \$500.00 was paltry. If it doesn't need \$2,000.00, I'm not saying give them the money just to give it to them. But most restoration projects, \$2,000.00 is I would say on average not even 10% of what they really cost to repair. So, I just think if we're going to give it away at the end anyway, and somebody knows we need \$2,000.00, why not up (indistinguishable) administration doubles that. That's all I have.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Anymore discussion on raising the amount to \$2,000.00 as an amendment?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

There was a motion and a second. Everybody in favor of raising the amount from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00, raise your cards. All opposed.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania. Through you to Jim Pahl, Parliamentarian. Is it possible to act upon another motion while there's still a motion on the floor?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

There was an amendment.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

It was an amendment to the original motion. It was \$2,000.00 initially and then...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...They are amending the motion.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

So it's appropriate to do that.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We're going to vote on this again. Everybody understand what you are voting on? All in favor of raising the limit to \$2,000.00, raise your cards. All opposed. The ayes have it.

[one rap, \*]

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Jim Pahl, Parliamentarian. The appropriate motion for someone to step to the microphone and be recognized is move for division of the house which requires a separate counting. If you want to do that.

**Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'd like a recount.

**Unknown**

Second.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

So you're moving for division of the house?

**Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, I am.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn. In order to expedite this thing, why don't we make it real easy and have a division of the house. Those in favor go stand over there and those who are against go stand over there and count and that's it.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yea. Everybody that's voting aye please raise your card. And if I could have the Color Bearer and is our Guard here? Could I get another volunteer to help count? Keep your cards up until we're done.



**Robert E. Heath, Color Bearer**

Commander, Bob Heath, Color Bearer. Totals for is seventy-seven.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Seventy-seven for. Those voting nay please raise your cards. Please, count them. Adam, you can help. That's okay.

**Robert E. Heath, Color Bearer**

Commander, Bob Heath, Color Bearer. Those against, seventy-six.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

See, I was right.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Now we're back to the original motion as amended. The Secretary be able to refresh everyone's memory.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, I have a point of order. You didn't vote.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I vote for.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Okay. I was going to point out that when there's a tie, the Commander-in-Chief can cast a deciding vote. On a vote of seventy-seven to seventy-six, the motion would pass. However, if he votes and votes no, it's a tie and the motion fails. So, there is a tie. Did you vote initially?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I did not. But if...

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

...I would ask you to declare your vote.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

My vote for.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Thank you. That makes it clear.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Brother Jim, please...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, National Counselor, Parliamentarian. I've been asked to reread this section your voting on as amended. The maximum grant for any one project shall be \$2,000.00. If principal and interest remain in the fund after all grant applications are considered after April 30<sup>th</sup>, speaking slow so our Secretary can type, Council of Administration will grant additional funds to one or more grant recipients 'til the exhaustion of the fund or to make grants of up to 75% of the funds to one or more Civil War sites under the auspices of the National Park Service, Veteran's Administration, or Department of the Defense for preservation of Civil War monuments.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Does everybody understand the motion?

**Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia**

There was a point of order on that. Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. Is it not the Department of Veteran Affairs? Not Veteran's Administration.

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brother Commander, John McNulty, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania. I note to you that there is an inconsistency in this motion. For the first part, it says until the exhaustion of the fund and to the second point you say 75% so Brother Rich has some money in the banking account. We're not worried about exhausting about the banking account the first time, but we are in the second? This does not make any sense.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Can you clarify why it's...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

I can't say why but I can tell you the original intent of the fund was that the Council could exhaust the fund if it wanted to in funding grants. And that's not been changed by any of the motions made here today.

**John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania**

I move that both of them be 75% so we have the money we need to keep the account open.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second to amend that to read rather than exhausting the fund in the first part to read 75%. Any discussion?

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. Seventy-five percent of what number? The current balance? The annual income? Or the remaining balance once the Departments and Camps get their grants? I think that needs to be clarified.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. It says after they get the two

grand, then they can get some more. And after that, the C of A can issue the money. So, it's the monies after the Departments get theirs.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, just for clarification. Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. So if there is \$1.00 left in the account then we give the Parks Service \$.75?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Right.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Can. Don't have to.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, (indistinguishable) funds remaining intact. So that right now would be \$24,000.00. It's not (indistinguishable) income.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

I understand Brother. The question is, if at the end of the year the funds remaining in the grant fund are \$1.00, we only give them \$.75.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

They are permitted to. It doesn't mean we have to.

**Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

I just want to make sure.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We're gonna vote on this now.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We're gonna vote on the amendment to change both of those to 75% and to get rid of exhaust what was that? Seventy-five percent.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. Passed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We are back to the motion as amended. We're just gonna vote on it. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead, Charlie.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would move you that we accept the budget of the Treasurer of this Organization with the necessary amendments that we have made to it as of this date right now.

**Unknown**

Second.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

No, Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. I'm going to ask you to rule the motion out of order. The Council of Administration adopts the budget. It's provided to the body here for information purposes. If this body adopts the budget, the Council of Administration has no authority then to modify the budget to meet actual expenses. It requires an affirmative vote of the Encampment. We can't spend a dime more. So, you want the flexibility to remain. It's always been the Council of Administration, Charlie, even when you were Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Hey, Charlie? This is where you said in months I haven't ruled you out of order yet.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

You're out of order.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

I had an ulterior motive.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

I had an ulterior motive, gentlemen. Thank you very much. I keep this string going. Every Commander-in-Chief has ruled me out of order except for one and that's...uh...

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. Through you Commander, may I ask the Department of

Illinois if the National Organization purchased the package for the Stevenson Award?

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. I am going to ask you to move this motion to be out of order. The request for expenditure of funds were to be submitted in writing by a certain time. That time has passed. The request to expend money now is out of order. And I am going to ask you to so rule.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Yea. I do so rule. That was made clear yesterday in the open rules of the Encampment. They had to be received by noon today.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Jim.

**James T. Crane, National Site Committee**

Jim Crane, Chair, National Site Committee. Sorry to this esteemed body for interrupting the motion. I was out doing some business with the hotel. I apologize. Again, I know we're on a time thing here. So, I just want to remind you about things because the costs are going up. Again, I'd personally like to see an increase for the Departments because, you know, the expenses just keep going up. I know talking to the Treasurer, basically they are the second (indistinguishable) sit there and agonize whether or not we're going to have enough money to pay the bill at the end of the day is a frightening thing for them. You know, when it comes down to the day of to know whether or not you're going to have enough money to pay for this Encampment, it is serious. Our Encampment to us, I think, this is it. You know. So, I'll leave it there at that. I'm not asking for anything right now. I know we're on a time frame. I'll shut up and get off of here so we can move on. Commander, that's all I have to say.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Jim.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We're going to take a break. I would encourage Departments to caucus for any nominations. We know we have multiple candidates better idea when we get to that point later on. We will take a fifteen minute. Come back at 3:30. All right. Please give your attention to the Chaplain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break)

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Please give your attention while the Chaplain opens the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]  
[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'd like to ask the Foundation chairperson to come forward.

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Jim Houston, Secretary/Treasurer of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. I'd just like to report to the Encampment some of the activities from the last year. I'll be very brief cause I know we're running short of time. The Foundation meeting was last year in Marietta. The Honorable Henry Shaw, Donald Darby, were re-elected to terms as directors. The officers for this past year were Robert M. Petrovic, chairman; Henry Shaw, vice-chairman; and myself as secretary/treasurer. The Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Program is now in its ninth year. We are pleased to report that many individuals in the Organization are participating. The program was established to add to endowment funds of the foundation as well as to provide funds to current projects and activities. In the last year, ten individuals have become new Lincoln Fellows or increased their contributions. The contributions to Lincoln Fellows of last year or I mean in total now is approximately \$60,000.00. For those, I'd just like to take one second here, if you will, to recognize those ten. And if they're here, would they please stand? Doug Fidler, Bruce Laine, J. Kenneth Wilson, Thomas Barr, William Leonard, Dave McReynolds, Steven Twining, Kevin Martin, Mark Day, and Dale Crane. Let's give them a big hand.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

In the past year, the Grant Committee of the Foundation authorize a number of grants. We still have eight grants that are pending to be given money in the near future. This is, of course, in particular to preservation, restoration, and construction or erection of Civil War monuments and sites. And I want to remind you that we welcome, of course, contributions to the Foundation of any amount. And the Foundation, of course, is a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, which as such, makes your contribution tax deductible. You can help us with two things. One, the items of merchandise that we're selling here in the back of the corner of the room that helps us get funds. Also if you have not signed up for the Amazon Smile Program on Amazon.com, please do that. There's no cost to you. It just means that when you buy a product from Amazon, the charitable foundation gets a piece of that. So please help us out on that. We fully encourage you to look at those that channel and help us out. Thanks a lot.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Jim. All right. We're going to go into elections. We'll be having a report of the Credentials Committee. But before we do that, I'm going to go ahead and ask the Guard to secure the door and to allow no one to enter. No one will be barred from leaving the room. But if you do leave, you will not be allowed to re-enter until the elections have been completed. Does everybody understand that? Please come forward Brother Joe for the Credentials Committee.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

In the essence of time, I'm not going to give the National Secretary any ammunition. I'm going to call the Departments by alphabet and I need to know how many delegates are in the room to speed this along. So, California and Pacific, how many are present at this time?

**Department of California and Pacific**

Thirteen.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Thirty-six.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Columbia.

**Department of the Columbia**

Two.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Florida.

**Department of Florida**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Georgia.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Four.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Five.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Four.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Three.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Two.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Four.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Eight.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Seven.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

One.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

One.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

New York.

**Department of New York**

Five.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

North Carolina.



**Department of North Carolina**

Four.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

Twenty-two.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

One.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Eleven.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Ten.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Nine.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Two.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

One.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Five.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

National Members-at-Large.

**National Members-at-Large**

Me.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you, Adam. Departments-at-Large.

**Departments-at-Large**

Two.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you. All right. These are the totals. Allotted for California and Pacific: sixteen delegates present, nine. total voting strength is thirteen which includes one CinC, one PCinC, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, and nine delegates.

Chesapeake: Seventeen allotted includes, let's see, seventeen delegates, seven Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, one PCinC, and two Nationally elected officers. Total would be twenty-eight.

No one here from Colorado.

We'll have to take Columbia's delegation aside because their numbers were still included in the Departments-at-Large. They only have two delegates present so their voting strength is two.

Connecticut is not present.

Florida: seven allotted. There's only three members here which include one delegate, one Past Department Commander, and one Department Commander.

Georgia and Pacific: allotted four. They have one delegate, two Past Department Commanders, and one Department Commander, total strength of four.

Illinois: nine possible allotted, nine present, two Past Department Commanders. Voting strength of eleven.

Indiana: They have one delegate present, three Past Department Commanders. Voting strength of four.

Iowa: nobody here.

Kansas: six possible, three present, one Past Department Commander, one delegate, one National elected officer.

Kentucky they have two Brothers present. Voting strength of two which includes one delegate, one Past Department Commander.

Maine: nobody here.

Massachusetts: ten which includes six delegates, one Past Department Commander, one Department Commander, one PCinC, and one Nationally elected officer, Ten.

Michigan: total eight which includes four delegates, one Past Department Commander, one Department Commander, one PCinC, and one Nationally elected officer.

Missouri: voting strength of seven. That includes two delegates, two Past Department Commanders, two PCinC's, and one Nationally elected officer.

New Hampshire: voting strength of one. One present.

Nebraska's not here.

New Jersey: one Brother present. That's a Past Department Commander, total strength of one.

New York: total voting strength of five. One delegate, two Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, one Past Commander-in-Chief.

North Carolina: voting strength of four. That's two delegates, two Past Department Commanders.

### **Department of North Carolina**

One Department Commander, one Past Department Commander.

### **Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. It's still four.

### **Encampment**

(laughter)

### **Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Ohio: total voting strength of twenty-two. Eleven delegates, six Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, three Past Commanders-in-Chief, and one Nationally elected officer.

Oklahoma: one Brother present, a delegate. Total strength of one.

Pennsylvania: total strength of eleven which includes seven delegates, two Past Department Commanders, three Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Rhode Island: total strength of nine. Five delegates, three Past Department Commanders, one Past Commander-in-Chief.

Tennessee: total strength of nine. Four delegates, four Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander.

Texas: total strength of two. Includes one Past Department Commander, one Department Commander.

Vermont: total strength of one. One delegate present.

Wisconsin: total strength of five. Includes two delegates, two Past Department Commanders, one Past Commander-in-Chief.

In Departments-at-Large: total strength of two. Two delegates present. Any questions?

### **Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

One seventy-one is the total. The reason I went by alphabet for the Departments is because your last vote was two people off.

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I had 169. I'm gonna read 'em back to you.

### **Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Okay.

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. I'm gonna read 'em back to you.

California and Pacific, thirteen.

Department of the Chesapeake, twenty-eight.

Colorado, zero.

Department of the Columbia, two.

Connecticut, zero  
Florida, three.  
Georgia/South Carolina, four.  
Department of Illinois, eleven.  
Department of Indiana, four.  
Iowa, zero.  
Kansas, three.  
Kentucky, two.  
Maine, zero.  
Massachusetts, ten.  
Michigan, eight.  
Missouri, seven.  
Nebraska, zero.  
New Hampshire, one.  
New Jersey, one.  
New York, five.  
North Carolina, four.  
Ohio, twenty-two.  
Oklahoma, one.  
Pennsylvania, eleven.  
Rhode Island, nine.  
Tennessee, nine.  
Texas, two.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

No, you're correct. What did...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yea, 169. (Indistinguishable) didn't subtract (indistinguishable).

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

All right. Uh...just for the rest of them. Vermont, one. Wisconsin, five. Membership-at-Large, one. And Department-at-Large, (indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

(Indistinguishable) North Carolina went from five to four and Pennsylvania from twelve to eleven.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

I'd like to give the Credentials Committee a round of applause. That is a thankless job.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you have something else?

**Wesley B. Mumper, National Guard**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, the doors have been barred for voting. Anybody who does need to leave, please come see me first at this door so I can move the chair that's on the outside of the door and put it back in place again. Thank you.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We will now proceed with the election for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that where there is no opposition, the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the candidate.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

It passes.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

And that goes for you too, Don.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

We will now proceed with the elections for the office of Junior Vice Commander. For Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, remember that we have two candidates, Brother Mark Day and Brother Bob Petrovic. Secretary, please call the roll of Departments.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

For the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific casts thirteen votes for Mark Day.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thirteen votes for Day. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake, twenty-eight for Mark Day.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake, Twenty-eight votes for Mark Day. Colorado and Wyoming is not present. Department of the Columbia.

**Department of the Columbia**

We issue two votes for Bob Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Bob Petrovic, Department of the Columbia. Department of Connecticut is not here. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Florida gives three votes to Day.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Three votes to Day. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Four votes for Brother Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

The Department of Illinois casts three votes for Petrovic; eight votes for Day.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Three votes for Petrovic; eight votes for Day. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana casts four votes for Bob Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for Bob Petrovic. Department of Iowa is not here. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas casts three votes for Mark Day.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Three votes for Mark Day. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky two votes for Bob Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Bob Petrovic. Department of Maine is not here. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts votes nine votes for Brother Day and one vote for Brother Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nine votes for Brother Day; one vote for Brother Petrovic. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Eight votes for Bob Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan, eight votes for Bob Petrovic. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts seven votes for Brother Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Seven votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Nebraska is not here. Department of New Hampshire

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire casts one vote for Brother Mark Day.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Mark Day. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey casts one vote for Bob Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Bob Petrovic. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York casts four votes for Brother Day; one for Brother Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for Brother Day; one for Brother Petrovic. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina, four votes for Brother Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

The Department of Ohio casts nineteen votes for Brother Day and three votes for Brother Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nineteen votes for Brother Day; three votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

One vote for Brother Bob Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother Bob Petrovic. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department casts nine votes for Brother Mark Day; two for Brother Bob Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nine votes for Brother Day; two for Brother Petrovic. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island casts three votes for Brother Petrovic; six votes for Brother Day.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Three votes for Brother Petrovic; six votes for Brother Day. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee with Alabama and Mississippi votes eight votes for Brother Day; one vote for Brother Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eight votes for Brother Day; one vote for Brother Petrovic from the Department of Tennessee. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas cast two votes for Brother Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont casts one vote for Brother Day.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother Day. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Wisconsin casts three votes for Brother Day and two votes for Brother Bob.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Three votes for Brother Day; two votes for Brother Petrovic. National Membership-at-Large.



**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Petrovic. National Camps-at-Large.

**National Camps-at-Large**

National Camps-at-Large casts two votes for Bob Petrovic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Robert Petrovic. I am showing a total at this point of the 169 votes counted, 115 for Brother Day; 54 for Brother Petrovic.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

A hundred and fifteen for Mark Day and 54 for Bob Petrovic. Well, in that case, with 115 votes, our new Junior Vice Commander is Brother Mark Day.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We're going to proceed with the election for National Council and we have two positions open. We will elect one position and then we'll proceed to elect the second position.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Please proceed.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

For the first position, Council of Administration, candidates are Don Shaw of Michigan, Jonathan Davis of Ohio, and John McNulty of Pennsylvania. Okay. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific casts eleven votes for Shaw and two votes for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eleven votes for Shaw; two votes for McNulty. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Can we have two minutes to talk, real quick?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

That's a Commander-in-Chief's decision.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections, two minutes to caucus?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We will have a two minute caucus. We will close the Bible for that. All right. All right. We'll restart.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Two minutes. Please remember the door is still sealed.

(caucus)

[one rap, \*]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Secretary, and just for clarification, in case anybody couldn't hear the question BP asked. We're going to vote for one position. We're going to go all the way through. And when that is done, we'll announce the winner. Then we will proceed to a second vote for the second position.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

For the first position of Council of Administration. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific votes eleven votes for Shaw and two for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eleven votes for Shaw; two for McNulty. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake, nineteen for Shaw and nine for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nineteen for Shaw; nine for McNulty. Department of Colorado and Wyoming is not here. Department of the Columbia.

**Department of the Columbia**

Two for Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two for Shaw. Department of Connecticut not here. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Florida casts one vote for Shaw, one for McNulty, and one for Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One for Shaw, one for Davis, one for McNulty. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Georgia and South Carolina, four votes for Don Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for Don Shaw. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

The Department of Illinois casts eleven votes for Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eleven votes for Shaw. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana casts four votes for Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for Shaw. Department of Iowa is not here. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas casts three votes for Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Three votes for Shaw. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Two votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Brother Shaw. Department of Maine is not here. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts votes ten votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Ten votes for Brother Shaw. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Michigan, eight votes for Brother Don.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eight votes for Brother Shaw. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts seven votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Seven votes for Brother Shaw. Nebraska is not here. Department of New Hampshire

**Department of New Hampshire**

New Hampshire, one vote for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother Shaw. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

One vote for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

That's one for Brother McNulty. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York votes five for Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Five votes for Brother Shaw. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina, four votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for Brother Shaw. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

The Department of Ohio votes twenty-two votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Twenty-two for Brother Shaw. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

One vote for Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Shaw. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department casts eleven votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eleven votes for Brother Shaw. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island casts nine votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nine votes for Brother Shaw. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Nine votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nine votes for Brother Shaw. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Two votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Brother Shaw. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

One vote for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother Shaw. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Five votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Five votes for Brother Shaw. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

One vote for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother Shaw. National Camps-at-Large.

**National Camps-at-Large**

Two votes for Brother Shaw.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Brother Shaw. The results are 155 votes for Brother Shaw, one for Brother Davis, thirteen for Brother McNulty for a total of 169 votes counted.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations Brother Shaw.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Do any Departments need another two minute caucus?

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Two minute caucus.

(caucus)

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Let's wrap it up, gentlemen.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Before we proceed to the vote, it's been pointed out to me during the caucus period, two Brothers left the room. We can do this the easy way. If the Departments involved would just let us know who left. Otherwise, we're going to have to get another report from Credentials Committee.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of the Chesapeake lost one delegate?

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Correct.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

So what does that make the voting for Chesapeake?

**Unknown**

Twenty-seven.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Twenty-seven. Does anybody know who the other Brother was that left?

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We're going to have the Secretary call the Departments. Have your delegates rise and they'll be counted.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

We actually had two that left, but only one was a delegate.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

But the other was not a voting delegate?

**Department of the Chesapeake**

He was not a voting delegate. So, we still have twenty-seven.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Is everyone satisfied with that for the two Brothers? All right. Let's call the roll for the purpose of Council of Administration's second seat.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

For the Council of Administration second seat. Davis, Ohio; McNulty, Pennsylvania are candidates. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific casts eleven votes for Davis and two for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eleven for Davis; two for McNulty. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake has twenty for McNulty and seven for Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Twenty for McNulty; seven for Davis. Colorado and Wyoming is not here. Department of the Columbia.

**Department of the Columbia**

Columbia casts two votes for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for McNulty. Department of Connecticut is not here. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Florida casts two for McNulty, one for Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two for McNulty; one for Davis. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Georgia and South Carolina casts four votes for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for McNulty. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

The Department of Illinois casts eleven votes for Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eleven votes for Davis. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana casts four votes for Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Four votes for Davis. Department of Iowa is not here. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas casts two votes for McNulty; one vote for Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for McNulty; one vote for Davis. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Two votes for Brother Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Brother Davis. Department of Maine is not here. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts votes five votes for McNulty and five votes for Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Five votes for Brother McNulty; five votes for Brother Davis. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Five for Brother Davis and three for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Five for Brother Davis; three for Brother McNulty. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts seven votes for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Seven votes for Brother McNulty by the Department of Missouri. The Department of Nebraska is not here. Department of New Hampshire

**Department of New Hampshire**

One vote for Brother Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother Davis. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey casts one vote for Brother McNulty.



**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother McNulty. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

New York votes five for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Five votes for Brother McNulty. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina three for Brother Davis; one for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Three for Brother Davis; one for Brother McNulty. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

The Department of Ohio casts twenty-two votes for Brother John Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Twenty-two votes for Brother Davis. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Oklahoma casts one vote for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for McNulty. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department casts eleven votes for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Eleven votes for Brother McNulty. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Rhode Island casts nine votes for Brother Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nine votes for Brother Davis. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee with Mississippi and Alabama nine votes for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nine votes for Brother McNulty. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Two votes for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Brother McNulty. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

One vote for Brother Davis.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother Davis. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Wisconsin votes five for McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Five for McNulty. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

One vote for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One vote for Brother McNulty. National Camps-at-Large.

**National Camps-at-Large**

Two votes for Brother McNulty.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Two votes for Brother McNulty. I have 168 casting votes. Eighty-three for Brother Davis; eighty-five for Brother McNulty.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations Brother McNulty.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Now maybe you know why I wanted to account for those two missing Brothers.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, while we're trying to wrap up here and before the housekeeping motions. For the items that were bid on, pay the amount they owe to the National Quartermaster. And if you go to the back, you can pick up your items. Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the Encampment Committees be discharged with the thanks of this Encampment.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All in favor. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I move you the National Secretary be instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Host Committee and the hotel thanking them for their accommodations and making this a successful Encampment.

**Several**

Second.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes. We will take... What time is it now? We'll take a ten minute recess. 'till 4:30. Give your attention to the Chaplain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break)

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief Elect... Actually, there's something we wanted to do forever. That's when he was up here earlier.

[two raps, \*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief Elect, have you selected an Installing Officer?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

It would be my great honor to have Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson as my installing officer.

**Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief**

Then I will turn the gavel over to the Installing Officer, Andy Johnson.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief Campbell, I am relieving you of the command of the National Organization. On behalf of the officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering command of the National Organization, your interest in the welfare of the Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the order. Please be seated on my left. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

I am. The Secretary has them.

[one rap, \*]

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Excellent. The Secretary will call the roll of the officers elect and staff appointments, who as their names are called, will rise.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Eugene G. Mortorff; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day; National Secretary, Alan L. Russ; National Treasurer, Richard D. Orr; National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler; Council of Administration Member, Donald W. Shaw; Council of Administration Member, John McNulty; Council of Administration Member, Edward J. Norris; Council of Administration Member, Walter E. Busch; Council of Administration Member, Brian C. Pierson; Council of Administration Member and the newly Past Commander-in-Chief, Tad D. Campbell. Appointed Officers: National Aide de Camp, Faron Taylor; National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, Loran T. Bures; National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski; National Chief of Staff, Michael Paquette; Parliamentarian, Kent Melcher; National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch; National Color Bearer, Robert Heath; National Counselor, Assistant National Counselor Blue Book, Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large, Secretary/Treasurer, and Assistant National Treasurer, James B. Pahl; Assistant National Counselor and Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Donald Darby; National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Jim Lyon; National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.; National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin; National Graves Registration Officer; Bruce D. Frail; National Guard, Justin Dorsey; National Guide, Adam W. Gaines; National Historian, Robert J. Wolz; National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Perley E. Mellor; National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffrey C. Burden; National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan L. Russ; National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French; National Signals Officer and National Webmaster, Jim P. McGuire; Assistant National Treasurer, Max Newman; Assistant National Treasurer, David McReynolds; Washington D.C. Representative, Lee D. Stone; and Assistant National Webmaster backup, Joshua A. Claybourn. That concludes the Officers.

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of these should not be installed, let them now speak or forever be quiet.

[one rap, \*]

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Adam, act as Guide and present these Brothers before the altar for installation. Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and the interest of the National Organization. And the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you will appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you remember that upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective offices will depend very largely the success or failure of the administration of the National Order. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties? If so, answer "I am."

**Officers (in unison)**

I am.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible or shoulder of the person in front of you, and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine. I, Andrew M. Johnson... having been regularly chosen...as an Officer of the National Organization...Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War...hereby renew...the sacred obligation...given at the time of my initiation...and in the presence of all mighty God...and the members of this encampment here assembled...do furthermore...solemnly and sincerely...promise and declare...that I will...to the best of my ability...in word and deed...and without fear or favor...faithfully...honestly... and impartially...perform all the duties of the office...upon which I am about to enter...so help me God.

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You may drop your hands. Encampment may be seated. Guide, will you conduct the Officers to their respective stations, acting Officers vacating. Guide, conduct the Commander-in-Chief Elect to this station.

**Adam W. Gaines, National Guide**

Sir, I present to you the Commander-in-Chief Elect.

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief Gene, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you've been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election in this honorable position is in evidence, not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of the Union Veteran of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trust and grave cares

await you. Into their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct your attention. As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the divine provider, the Chaplain will now ask His assistance and guidance. Chaplain.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

All mighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessings on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties of the Office in which they are to be installed with the knowledge that You are ever watching over them. Keep them in good health, so that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action, in Your name through the mediation of Your blessed son, Jesus Christ. If you agree with me, say Amen.

**Encampment (in unison)**

Amen.

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Your Officers are now at their respective stations and I'm about to place you in full control. But first, I give to your care the Charter of the National Organization. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it safely for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I place you in your care the Ritual of our Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you receive this gavel, an emblem of your authority. One rap [**one rap, \***] calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing. Two raps [**two raps, \*\***] calls the Officers to their feet. Three raps [**three raps, \*\*\***] calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by virtue of the authority invested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of the National Organization legally elected and installed, and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties, for the term ending August 2016, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. Now, I am pleased to present you with the badge of the office of the Commander-in-Chief.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

For those of you who may not know, this is my lovely wife, Linda.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hooray!

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hurrah!

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hurrah!

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief Gene, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty, and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness. And may your administration enjoy outstanding success.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell, will you step forward? Receive a symbol of the great honors that have been entrusted to you as a Past Commander-in-Chief's badge. The last one you'll ever need. Congratulations.

**Encampment**

(applause)

[one rap, \*]

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

And Andy, you can have this. Thank you very much. We're not going right to closing. I have some things to say and I need a computer to do it.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Where's my gavel? You're already out of order.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

You're the first.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and guests, I wish to thank the National Encampment for allowing me this great privilege, especially Past Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell. But I also want to thank, and if you wouldn't mind standing up, Past Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Even though I'm tough, like a good son that I am. I get a little teary-eyed too. Steve's one of the very few people in this organization have given to us anything, like *The Banner*. And I really do hope that in the future, I know I'll never meet your standards, but, I do appreciate all those years of all those fine *Banners* and what you did for the Organization. Things like that is what brings us together. I just wanted to let you know I personally really appreciate it. The next one I want to talk about is, and you have to stand also. Junior Vice Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake, Faron Taylor. Faron and I came into the Organization almost the same week. You know, anytime I need to check myself or to think things over or talk things out, Faron Taylor is always there. Even at my darkest hour, and he knows what I'm talking about, he's the one that kept me straight on line and I just want to say thank you very much for that. Next one. Past Commander-in-Chief, Andy Johnson, if you wouldn't mind standing. This guy is the Department of the Chesapeake.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Not only is he a treasure for the Department of the Chesapeake, he's a treasure for this entire Order. I think anyone who is in this room right now who's been in the Organization more than three days knows what he provides to us. I'm starting to think these are going to be huge shoes to fill. I want to also thank (indistinguishable.) After serving as Department Secretary for five years in the Department of the Chesapeake, I considered a run as Junior Vice. And Jim took me under his wing and brought me to where I am at today. He didn't come for the entire ride, but I tell you what, of that ride that he took with me, it is what really got me here today. I wish Jim could have been here to share it. So, I know we have the Department of Delaware, go back and tell him I said that. Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn. One cannot ask for a better partner in crime.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

We have more miles hiking in the mountains, driving around the country, and just plain getting into trouble. Let's say I've learned a lot about this Organization from him. I do appreciate it. You talk about someone else who's also dedicated to the Order, Charlie... Thank you, Charlie.

**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

You're welcome.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

No, I'm not getting on your roof anymore. Past Commanders-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Jim Pahl, and Don Darby. If you can stand, stand. If you can't, that's fine. My guys, these are my go to guys. Especially this one here, Jim Pahl. I mean, he's...I don't have answers to all the tough technical



financial questions and all this stuff. Every time I've gone to them, I have never yet been disappointed in any advice or answers that they gave me. It's always worked out nice. And last, most important person is my wife of forty years, Linda. She's allowed me to sacrifice our time, our money, and our resources over the years. Especially the work in this Organization at this level impacts the family to a great degree. It's easy to take the family members for granted. Please remember and take time to thank those who love you to allow you to do what you do. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

[one rap, \*]

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Those things we love, we nurture. We love this fraternal institution; therefore, we must spend all the energy required to nurture it. It's not always easy to get motivated. My father's favorite advice, words I'm sure you've heard it before too. Showing up is half the job. Let's make sure we show up. I love this Organization. We must also see to its care and feeding of the SUVCW and the members in it. Not just the Organization but the people too. And I promise not to intimidate Don Darby.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Semper paratus. And thank all of you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Please be seated. There being no further business to come before this National Encampment, we will now proceed to close.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

We will give attention to the National Chaplain as he asks the blessings of God on our deliberations.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Our Father in heaven, we pray You will deal with the events of this Encampment as You deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength, and integrity while we remain here. And when our mission on earth has ended, take us to a better world. If you agree with me, say Amen.

**Encampment (in unison)**

Amen.

[one rap, \*]

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief**

Just a couple of late announcements. First one is Council of Administration meeting, will be in the same room we were in last time at 8:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. And we'll try to get out of there just as fast as we possibly can. Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon this great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful to our duties, and exhibit toward each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity, and an unswerving loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the altar and the station banners. I now declare the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly closed.

**[one rap, \*]**

**Encampment**

(applause)



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## 1.0 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 Month DD, YYYY meeting in City, State. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

## 2.0 National Elected Officers

### 2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Tad D. Campbell, CinC

Wow! What an amazing year! The opportunities afforded to the office of Commander-in-Chief are incredible, while at the same time, the responsibilities resting upon the office can be quite daunting.

The position is a lofty one. The Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW is the head of an august national organization, which has existed since 1881 and which legally represents the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the largest and most powerful association of Union veterans of the Civil War. The GAR fought for the rights of all Union veterans, not just those who were members of the GAR, and likewise our membership does not require qualifying ancestors to have been a member of the GAR. As such, it can rightfully be said that the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW represents all of the more than two million Union soldiers who fought and died to save the Union and free an entire race between 1861-1865.

It was with these weighty responsibilities in mind that I took the oath of office and was installed as your Commander-in-Chief at last year's National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia. I thank you for the confidence placed in my abilities and hope that I met or exceeded your expectations.

As most are aware, my wife Rachele Campbell was installed as National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) last year as well. This is the first time since 1985 that the two national heads have simultaneously been from the same household. This presented a unique opportunity for one of my first official duties. At the Allied Orders Banquet last year our then six-year old daughter Emelia was initiated into the Auxiliary. The oath was administered by the National President, her mother, and her membership badge was pinned on her by the Commander-in-Chief, her father — a very moving experience, which garnered a standing ovation from the banquet attendees.

Anyone who followed my experiences online this past year can attest to the fact that I travelled a tremendous amount. Just how much? A little over 115,000 miles — more than four and a half times around the globe!

I was privileged to attend thirteen Department Encampments, one mid-winter Department meeting, a Department awards banquet, two new monument dedications, and meetings of all three of the Order's Camps-at-Large. I am particularly indebted to the many Brothers and Sisters around the country that showed me so many courtesies during my visitations. The transportation, meals, tours, and general camaraderie really helped me feel at home everywhere I went.

I visited both the eastern and western termini of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, in Provincetown, Massachusetts and Long Beach, California — which actually gave me the opportunity to use the word "termini"!

In September, the Department of California and Pacific hosted a testimonial banquet in honor of the Commander-in-Chief and National President. It was truly a special event with members of our Allied Orders family coming from near and far to help us celebrate.

Other highlights of the year included participating in ceremonies at Grant's Tomb in New York City, the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois, Remembrance Day in

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and the sesquicentennial events at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. The greatest honor of the year, and probably most Past Commanders-in-Chief would agree, was the presentation of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. What a moving and humbling experience!

My travels took me to dozens of cemeteries over the past twelve months. I was able to personally pay my respects at the graves of all seven of my direct Union ancestors, whose remains rest in Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan and Tennessee. In addition I visited the final resting place of fifteen blood uncles who fought for the Union, for a total of twenty-two Union ancestors visited. I also had the honor of visiting the graves of six Commanders-in-Chief of the GAR, namely Orlando Somers in Indiana, Stephen Hurlbut in Illinois, Russell Martin and Overton Mennet in California, Lucius Fairchild in Wisconsin, and John Logan in Washington, DC.

The amount and quality of work being done at the Camp and Department levels is incredible! The travel to the various Departments serves as a valuable reminder to the Commander-in-Chief that the work of the Order is done at the Camp and Department levels, and that the National Organization is here to serve and support them, not the other way around.

I am proud to report that our Order is strong and vibrant. While our overall membership numbers are down, this year we chartered nine new Camps and one new Department — the Department of the Columbia — the first new Department since 2008. With the exception of Arizona, all states and territories of the United States are now covered by one of our existing Departments. A new Department in the southwest is in the early planning stages and will include Arizona. This new Department, tentatively called the Department of New Mexico and Arizona, will likely come to fruition within the next year. There are efforts underway to establish Camps on foreign soil, an issue that will undoubtedly be discussed later during this Encampment. All of these developments position us for significant expansion and growth in the coming years.

Many Brothers and Sisters assisted in making my administration a success and my travels enjoyable. Some of them went out of their way to do so, including the following: Loran and Tricia Bures, Greg and Kim Carter, John Conrad and Paula Vessels, Bill Fischer, Sam Gant, Alan Hembel, Ed Krieser, Jim Lyon, Johnny Manley, Perley and Diane Mellor, Alan Russ, Joseph Stevens, Mark Stevens, Lee Stone, Alan Teller, Roger Tenney, Gene Turner, and Gary Ward. I thank each of them for their time and generosity.

All of my officers and committee members deserve thanks, but my Chief of Staff Kevin Martin and his wife Rosemary were particularly invaluable. Their behind-the-scenes efforts and dedication were unsurpassed, and the depth and nature of their assistance were so varied as to make listing all of their contributions impossible. Kevin certainly knows the meaning of the phrase “other duties as assigned.”

I also thank and congratulate my counterparts in the Allied Orders for a successful year: National President Cindy Zerkowski of the Woman's Relief Corps, National President Judy Rock of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and National President Ellen Higgins of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865.

Now, it seems like I am forgetting one. Oh, yes! National President Rachelle Campbell of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. She and I worked particularly closely this year!

Lastly, I must thank my daughter Emelia Campbell. She was able to accompany us on several trips, but for the most part she would agree that Daddy was either at work, sleeping, glued to the computer, or out-of-state. Her patience and sacrifice were greatly appreciated and I promise to make it up to her this coming year.

Collectively, all of our ancestors saved the Union and freed a race. This is our proud heritage. This is why we belong to this great Order. And this is why I served as your Commander-in-Chief. I thank you once again for the opportunity to do so.

Commander-in-Chief's Travelogue

08-17-2014 Post-Encampment COA Meeting, Marietta, GA  
 08-17-2014 Wisconsin Monument Dedication, Allatoona Battlefield, GA  
 08-29-2014 Lillian Marti Funeral Mass, Auburn, CA  
 09-06-2014 United Spanish-American War Veterans plot rededication, San Jose, CA  
 09-20-2014 Visited Fort Point National Historic Site, San Francisco, CA  
 09-27-2014 Allied Orders Testimonial, San Jose, CA  
 10-04-2014 MOLLUS National Congress, Framingham, MA  
 11-08-2014 Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Election Meeting, San Jose, CA  
 11-14-2014 Allied Orders Meeting, Gettysburg, PA  
 11-15-2014 SVR Breakfast, Gettysburg, PA  
 11-15-2014 Remembrance Day Ceremony, Gettysburg, PA  
 11-15-2014 Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA  
 11-15-2014 Original Civil War Ball, Gettysburg, PA  
 11-16-2014 COA Meeting, Gettysburg, PA  
 12-06-2014 Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 Election & Installation Dinner, Dallas, OR  
 12-07-2015 Visited Fort Hoskins Historic Park, Benton County, OR  
 01-10-2015 Dept. of Kansas Encampment, Emporia, KS  
 01-11-2015 Visited site of Battle of Osawatomie (John Brown, 1856) and Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) Monuments, Osawatomie, KS  
 01-11-2015 Visited GAR Monument, Iola Cemetery, Iola, KS  
 01-16-2015 Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Installation, San Jose, CA  
 01-17-2015 Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 Installation, Windsor, CA  
 01-24-2015 Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1 Installation, Olympia, WA  
 01-31-2015 Dept. of Tennessee Encampment, Nashville, TN  
 01-31-2015 Visited Fort Negley Visitors Center and Park, Nashville, TN  
 02-01-2015 Visited United States Colored Troops Monument & Nashville National Cemetery, Madison, TN  
 02-01-2015 Visited Eastern Flank Battle Park (Battle of Franklin), Franklin, TN  
 02-07-2015 Dept. of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting, Wauwatosa, WI  
 02-12-2015 Lincoln Birthday Commemoration, Washington, DC  
 02-13-2015 Visited mausoleum of Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, Washington, DC  
 03-07-2015 Dept. of California and Pacific Encampment, Sacramento, CA  
 03-14-2015 Civil War Book Promotion, Barnes & Noble, Gilroy, CA  
 03-28-2015 Dept. of Michigan Encampment, Lansing, MI  
 03-29-2015 Visited GAR Monument, Shiawassee County Courthouse, Corunna, MI  
 04-04-2015 Dept. of Oklahoma Encampment, Tulsa, OK  
 04-09-2015 Bells Across the Land Ceremony, Appomattox Court House, VA  
 04-11-2015 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, IL  
 04-11-2015 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Luncheon, Springfield, IL  
 04-11-2015 Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Ceremony, Petersburg, IL  
 04-11-2015 COA Meeting, Springfield, IL  
 04-17-2015 Visited eastern terminus of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway (Route 6), Provincetown, MA  
 04-17-2015 Dept. of Rhode Island Awards Banquet, Cranston, RI  
 04-18-2015 Dept. of New Hampshire Encampment, Concord, NH  
 04-19-2015 Visited Solders Memorial Building, Lebanon, NH  
 04-25-2015 Dept. of the Chesapeake Encampment, Fairfax, VA  
 04-26-2015 President Grant Birthday Commemoration, General Grant National Memorial, New York, NY  
 05-02-2015 Dept. of North Carolina Encampment, Durham, NC  
 05-09-2015 Visited grave of GAR Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Hurlbut, Belvidere Cemetery, Belvidere, IL  
 05-16-2015 Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large No. 1 Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ  
 05-25-2015 Memorial Day Ceremony & Wreath Presentation, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA  
 05-26-2015 Visited Grand Army of the Republic Memorial, Washington, DC

05-27-2015 Visited Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine (Civil War military prison), Baltimore, MD

05-28-2015 Visited SUVCW National Headquarters at the National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA

05-29-2015 Visited Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA

05-30-2015 Traditional Memorial Day Ceremony & Wreath Presentation, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA

06-06-2015 Dept. of Indiana Encampment, Kokomo, IN

06-06-2015 Visited GAR Monument & grave of GAR Commander-in-Chief Orlando A. Somers, Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo, IN

06-07-2015 Visited GAR Monument, Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, IN

06-13-2015 Dept. of Ohio Encampment, Kenton, OH

06-13-2015 Visited grave of Jacob W. Parrott (first recipient of the Medal of Honor) & GAR Monument, Grove Cemetery, Kenton, OH

06-14-2015 Visited Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, OH

06-20-2015 Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment, Williamsport, PA

06-27-2015 Dept. of the Columbia Special Encampment, Vancouver, WA

07-03-2015 Charter Signing for Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 2, Department of Missouri, Rogers, AR

07-04-2015 Visited Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Republic, MO

07-04-2015 Independence Day Activities, Fort Scott National Historic Site, Fort Scott, KS

07-04-2015 Visited Fort Scott National Cemetery, Fort Scott, KS

07-05-2015 Visited Pea Ridge National Military Park, Garfield, AR

07-05-2015 Visited Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, Prairie Grove, AR

07-10-2015 Visited Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA

07-10-2015 Visited western terminus of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway (Route 6), Long Beach, CA

07-10-2015 Visited Abraham Lincoln GAR Memorial Monument, Long Beach, CA

07-10-2015 Visited GAR Monument & graves of GAR Commanders-in-Chief Russell C. Martin and Overton H. Mennet, Angelus-Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA

07-18-2015 Civil War Monument Dedication, Camp Randall, Madison, WI

07-18-2015 Visited grave of GAR Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild, Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison, WI

07-25-2015 Charter Presentation for Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30, Department of California and Pacific, Gridley, CA

08-18-2015 Visited site of Battle of Williamsburg, VA

08-19-2015 Visited Fort Monroe National Monument, Fort Monroe, VA

08-19-2015 Visited Monitor-Merrimack Overlook (Battle of Hampton Roads), Newport News, VA

08-19-2015 Visited Yorktown Battlefield, Colonial National Historic Park, Yorktown, VA

08-19-2015 Visited Richmond National Battlefield Park, Richmond, VA (including Tredegar Iron Works, Gaines' Mill, Cold Harbor, Glendale, and Malvern Hill)

08-20-2015 Visited Petersburg National Battlefield (including Drewry's Bluff and Five Forks), Petersburg, VA

08-20-2015 Pre-Encampment COA Meeting, Richmond, VA

08-21-2015 134th Annual National Encampment, Richmond, VA

## 2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC

1. Since the last Council of Administration meeting, I have completed attended:
  - April 11, 2015 – The annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, IL.
  - April 14, 2015 – The annual Lincoln Dinner sponsored by Garfield Camp #1 At Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

- **April 25, 2015 – The annual Chesapeake Department Encampment in Fairfax, VA**
  - June 6, 2015 – The annual Wisconsin Department Encampment at Kenosha, WI
  - June 13, 2015 – The annual Florida Department Encampment at St. Cloud, FL
  - July 5, 2015 – Represented the SUVCW at the Dedication of the Monument and Memorial at Unity Park in Gettysburg, PA.
  - July 16, 2015 – Represented the SUVCW and addressed the annual meeting of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Richmond, Virginia – the SUVCW was well received.
2. The Programs and Policies Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the following updated Job Descriptions to the 2015 National Encampment (transmitted separately):
    - Department GAR Records Officer
    - National, Department and Camp Historian
    - National committee on History
  3. The Programs and Policies Committee reviewed, and recommended approval of, a revised Reimbursement Form to the National Council of Administration (transmitted separately):
  4. I have enjoyed performing the duties of National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I sincerely appreciate our Membership for allowing me the privilege of serving them. I intend to run for the high office of National Commander-in-Chief at the 2015 National Encampment at Richmond, Virginia.

### 2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Donald L. Martin, PDC

- Participated in the Remembrance Day Parade and attended the CofA meeting in Gettysburg, PA.
- Attended the Lincoln Day Dinner held by Enderlin Camp #73 on 7 Feb 2015.
- Spearheaded placement & dedication of a new monument to the Civil War Soldiers of Pike County, OH. 7 June 2015
- Attended Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and CofA meeting in Springfield, IL 11 Apr 2015
- Represented CinC Campbell at the Massachusetts Department Encampment. 25 Apr 2015

Online membership applications processed:

**TOTAL: 274 Members, 6 Associates, 2 Junior, 1 Jr. Associate = 283**

#### Online Memberships: By Department

Department	2013-14	2014-15
California and the Pacific	8	18
Chesapeake	29	42
Columbia	-	5
Colorado and Wyoming	1	8
Connecticut	3	5
Florida	9	7
Georgia & S. Carolina	6	4
Iowa	1	5
Illinois	10	17
Indiana	10	7
Kansas	0	2

Age Group	Number Members
6-13	5
14-19	17
20-29	14
30-39	27
40-49	47
50-59	59
60-69	73
70-79	34
80-89	7
90+	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>

Kentucky	4	6
Massachusetts	8	4
Maine	1	1
Michigan	2	5
Missouri	6	11
At-large	12	3
North Carolina	5	9
Nebraska	2	1
New Hampshire	1	1
New Jersey	14	8
New York	15	20
Ohio	10	18
Oklahoma	6	3
Pennsylvania	23	25
Rhode Island	2	0
Tennessee	11	15
Texas	17	22
Vermont	0	3
Wisconsin	10	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>283</b>

**Average Age 52**

## 2.4 National Secretary; Alan L Russ, PDC

First, I wish to state I will not be seeking re-election to the office of National Secretary in 2016; nor will I be seeking election to any other National office. I am making this announcement, now, in the hopes that a brother or brothers who might be interested in running for the office of National Secretary would make themselves known to the incoming Commander-in-Chief in the hopes of attempting a smooth turnover in August 2016.

ACTIVITIES. I participated in the following activities.

- August 14-17, 2014 – 133<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment, Marietta, Georgia
- August 17, 2014 – Council of Administration meeting, Marietta, Georgia
- October 18, 2014 – Mine Creek Battlefield Sesquicentennial Signature Event, Pleasanton, Kansas
- October 18, 2014 – Department of Kansas Fall Council meeting, Pleasanton, Kansas
- January 10, 2015 – Department of Kansas Annual Encampment, Emporia, Kansas
- April 11, 2015 – Council of Administration meeting, Springfield, Illinois

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings:

- Pre-National Encampment Council of Administration meeting, Marietta, Georgia, Thursday, August 14, 2014.
- Post-National Encampment Council of Administration meeting, Marietta, Georgia, Sunday, August 17, 2014.
- Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Sunday, November 16, 2014.
- Council of Administration meeting, Springfield, Illinois, Saturday, April 11, 2015.

MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM. The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the 2014 National Encampment. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below. The results are also posted on the National website within a week of the conclusion of voting on the motion.

**Motion 1: Motion Passed September 2, 2014**

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Shaw, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held on 14 August 2014 at Marietta, Georgia.

**Motion 2: Motion Passed September 6, 2014**

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Norris, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held on 17 August 2014 at Marietta, Georgia.

**Motion 3: Motion Passed November 2, 2014**

A motion by Brother Freshley, seconded by Brother Norris, that, for this year only, the current Commander-in-Chief be allowed to issue four (4) scholarships, specifically, the two (2) recipients recommended by the National Committee on Scholarships during the previous term (Musser and Zeien), which were intended to be awarded, but were not due to administrative oversight, and the two (2) recipients that will be recommended by the same committee during the current term.

**Motion 4: Motion Passed December 11, 2014**

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held on 16 November 2014 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

**Motion 5: Motion Passed February 15, 2015**

A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Russ, that the updated Form 30 be approved for use.

**Motion 6: Motion Passed February 23, 2015**

A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Norris to purchase two five-drawer lateral filing cabinets for National Headquarters as a capital expense.

**Motion 7: Motion Passed May 18, 2015**

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Shaw to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2015, Council of Administration meeting, held in Springfield, Illinois.

**Motion 8: Motion Passed May 18, 2015**

A motion by Brother Norris, seconded by Brother Orr to appoint Brother James Crabtree as The Banner Editor for a term of three years, effective upon the resignation of the current editor.

**Motion 9: Motion Passed June 29, 2015**

A motion by Brother Pierson, seconded by Brother Wheeler, that Brother Pierson review the Ritual and make necessary changes, including administrative ones, and bring the revised Ritual before the next National Encampment for approval.

**Motion 10: Motion Passed June 29, 2015**

A motion by Brother Pierson, seconded by Brother Orr, that either design "E" or design "G" of the proposed SUVCW-BSA Eagle Scout patch be voted upon, with the design receiving the majority of the votes is the final choice and be allowed to go into production. [Design "G" selected – shown below.]





**Motion 11: Motion Passed August 5, 2015**

A motion by Brother Norris, seconded by Brother Shaw, that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ be awarded the SUVCW Founders Award at the 2015 National Encampment.

SSE EVENT SETS. No SSE sets were received from the SSE sub-committee of the Council of Administration for approval/disapproval by the Council of Administration.

CAMP/DEPARTMENT CHARTERS.

1. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: Seven new applications for permission to form a new camp were received since the National Encampment:
  - Ensign John Davis Camp 10, Department of Tennessee – Disapproved (see below).
  - Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 15, Department of Wisconsin – Formed.
  - Sergeant Judson Hicks Camp 111, Department of New York – Formed.
  - Army of the Tennessee Camp 64, Department of Tennessee – Expires October 23, 2015.
  - Lt. Henry Spencer Swift Camp 137, Department of Wisconsin – Expires November 5, 2015.
  - Fort Walla Walla Camp 3, Camp-at-Large (WA) – Formed.
  - General R.H.G. Minty Camp 2, Camp-at-Large (AZ) – Formed.
  - General U.S. Grant Camp 3, Camp-at-Large (AZ) – Expires December 8, 2015.
  - Private Veatch Camp 30, Department of California & Pacific – Formed.
  - Humboldt Camp 9, Department of Kansas – Formed
  - Edward Wallace Camp 21, Department of Georgia & South Carolina – Expires March 15, 2016.
  - General George Wright Camp 0 (DMAL), Department of the Columbia – Expires July 11, 2016.
2. APPLICATIONS DISAPPROVED: The following application for permission to form a new camp was disapproved by Commander-in-Chief Campbell:

Ensign John Davis Camp 10, Department of Tennessee.
3. APPLICATIONS EXPIRED: The following applications for permission to form a new camp have expired since the National Encampment, by reason of camp not being formed:
  - Sergeant George Marion Taylor Camp 28, Department of Tennessee – Expired February 19, 2015
  - Lt. Col. Milton L. Phillips Camp 27, Department of Tennessee – Expired February 22, 2015.
  - Robert M. Blair Camp 5, Department of Oklahoma – Expired May 15, 2015.
4. CHARTERS ISSUED: The following charters have been issued since the National Encampment:
  - (2014-04) Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1, Camp-at-Large, Washington. Date of ranking: June 10, 1995. (Replacement Charter per GO 3)

- (2014-05) Old Glory Camp No. 7, Department of Kansas. Date of ranking: October 9, 2014.
- (2015-01) Col. Hans C. Heg Camp No. 15, Department of Wisconsin. Date of ranking: January 21, 2015.
- (2015-02) Sedgwick Camp No. 4, Department of Connecticut. Date of ranking: January 27, 2015.
- (2015-03) Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 2, Department of Missouri. Date of ranking: March 8, 2015.
- (2015-04) Sergeant Judson Hicks No. 111, Department of New York. Date of ranking: March 25, 2015.
- (2015-05) Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3, Camp-at-Large (WA). Date of ranking: March 30, 2015.
- (2015-06) Humboldt Camp No. 9, Department of Kansas. Date of ranking: April 11, 2015.
- (2015-07) Department of New Hampshire. Date of ranking: 1883. (Replacement charter per General Order No. 19, dated April 3, 2015)
- (2015-08) Department of the Columbia. Date of ranking: April 14, 2015. (Special General Order No 6)
- (2015-09) Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 9, Department of California & Pacific. Date of ranking: April 21, 2015.
- (2015-10) Baker-Fisher Camp No. 101, Department of Pennsylvania. Date of ranking: October 8, 2003. (Replacement charter per General Order No. 27, dated July 7, 2015)
- (2015-11) General R.H.G. Minty Camp No. 2, Camp-at-Large (AZ). Date of ranking: July 15, 2015.

#### MERCHANDISE LICENSE APPLICATIONS/RENEWALS.

Merchandise licenses applications were approved by the Council of Administration on August 17, 2014. No applications have been received since that date. A listing of approved merchandise for sale by camps and departments has been posted on the National website and furnished to the departments. License documents were furnished to the approved license holders.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS.

The Conflict of Interest Policy and statements were furnished to all elected and appointed officers, as required by the policy with instructions for them to read the policy and complete and sign the accompanying statement.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

### **2.5 National Treasurer; Richard D. Orr, PCinC**

It has been a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer this past year.

The bills are paid and we have money in the bank.

Our saga of the IRS continues.

At this time, all tax returns, and other reports to the IRS are current. I do want to thank those Department Secretaries and Treasures who submitted the EIN reports on time this past year. It made the task of compiling the report to the IRS much simpler and less hectic.

Likewise, I want to thank those Department and camp officers who responded to the request for copies of the camp and department by-laws with very short notice. This arose because of a request by the IRS through our attorney.

Please be aware that no new camp or SVR unit is attached to the National Order and covered by our tax ruling until I submit a letter verifying that the camp/unit is a subordinate of the National Organization. To do this I need the EIN and the name and address of the treasurer. This information can be submitted via e-mail or regular mail.

This office continues to work with our attorney to get the status revised to a c3 from c4. We continue to have stumbling blocks along the way. The largest this year was the request for all camp and department by-laws. We also are being challenged on the level of charitable work performed by the National Order. Since the application and 990 do not show the work of the camps and departments, those charitable works are not considered for the application of 501(c)(3) status. Only those charitable efforts of the National Order are considered. As it stands only 5 – 7% of our expenditures are considered charitable. All other expenses are either services to the Brothers or administrative costs. To increase this I will be making a number of proposals.

The co-mingling of funds between camps and SVR units continues to be an issue. This simply cannot be done for a number of reasons. First, it is against our own regulations. Second, it is a violation of Generally Accepted Accounting Practices as promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States. Camps and SVR units are legally distinct organizations, regardless of the composition of the membership of each. Camps are chartered by the National Organization upon the recommendation of the Department Commander. SVR units are formed on the authority of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. They exist under different authority. As such they are distinct. The camp is responsible to the Department while the SVR unit is responsibility to the Military District officers. Using the camp checking account for the purposes of the SVR unit is akin to having your paycheck deposited in your neighbors account and asking him to pay your bills. Once that money is deposited it is his. The same is true of the camp. If the SVR unit operates on a pay-as-you-go basis and does not maintain a checking account, then use money orders. Whatever is done, that money cannot be processed through a camp account.

The action taken by the COA to authorize investment of \$400000.00 in mutual funds has greatly increased our net return on investments. This past year our increase from dividends and increase in value of the funds was approximately 6.3 percent. When compared to prior years rates of less than 1 percent in CDs, this is a significant increase. They have further authorized the investment of another \$100,000 which is currently being implemented. (See financial reports for exact figures.)

The overall amount of funds in the Grand Army of the Republic Fund and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund continue to dwindle. The income for these funds is minimal. This requires the drawdown of the principal of the fund to meet the fund obligations.

#### Recommendations:

##### ROTC Program

**Recommendation 1:** Effective 1 January 2016, the ROTC medal, certificate and ribbon are available without charge when an application form is completed and submitted.

**Recommendation 2:** Effective 1 January 2016, the sale of ROTC medal, certificate and ribbon cease.

**Recommendation 3:** The ROTC form be amended and posted on the website in the new form no later than 15 December 2015 deleting the information regarding the name of the cadet. No one is keeping this information and it often is not known when the badge is ordered.

**Recommendation 4:** An Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC program be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief and all subsequent Commanders-in-Chief to be responsible for the ROTC program.

**Recommendation 5:** Effective 1 January 2017 all ROTC request must be submitted electronically.

**Recommendation 6:** The budget reflect the cost of the ROTC program (\$1900.00 in 2014-15) as a charitable expense

**Recommendation 7:** The National Quartermaster continue to be responsible for ordering the ROTC medal, certificates and ribbons and supplying the same to the Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC program. That he forward all invoices to the National Treasurer for payment and provide an accurate inventory of those items in his possession as of the last business day of June of each year.

**Recommendation 8:** The Aide to the National Quartermaster for the ROTC program be required to forward copies of all medal applications and postal receipts no less than monthly to the National Treasurer and provide an accurate inventory of all items in his possession as of the last business day of June of each year to the National Treasurer.

#### Eagle Scout Program

**Recommendation 9:** The National Treasurer and the National Quartermaster track the volume of Eagle Scout certificates and patches along with the costs of the program to determine if it is beneficial to create a program for the Eagle Scout Program similar to the above ROTC program.

#### Scholarship Program

**Recommendation 10:** Currently, there are two \$2500 scholarships awarded each year. This is the largest single charitable endeavor of the Order. We need to explore the possibility of expanding this program either in total amount awarded or the number of recipients. The Council of Administration is responsible for the financial well-being of the Order, therefore it is recommended that a committee of 5 members of the COA chaired by the National Treasurer review current funding and alternative funding which would allow expansion of this program.

### **2.6 National Quartermaster; Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC**

It has been a pleasure to serve the order for another year. I believe we have taken the Order places it has not been before. The store did over \$50,000 and excess income was around \$15,000. We have tried to put on new products to give our members more choices and to keep sales up year after year.

I am looking at changes in the ROTC program which would become a complete free program, and put back to the Patriotic Instructor. I have built it up doing around 1,000 medals a year. As we all know that someday it will have to be turned over to someone, it will take a year or two to make it complete for one person, etc. I would continue to take care of orders that come to the store that did not follow the order form.

I am working on a new order form which will be complete. At this point I will not take any more old forms. All old forms will be returned without completing the order. We have had forms that are 3 and 4 years old with the old prices. We cannot afford to do this any longer.

The online store needs a complete working and order to be complete. We have items that are not on it that should be and other items that are on and should not be. This is hurting sales and fellow brothers get upset when I can't fill an order.

I want to thank Brother Orr for all his help this year. I also want to thank each and every brother for their support of the Quartermaster store for this is what makes a successful year.

Prices were lowered on Past Department Medals, Camp Flags, and Pocket Holders. New products include Deluxe Note Cards, two new bumper stickers, 16oz stadium cups, and better pens. I will be glad to have any ideas for new products.

## **2.7 Council of Administration – 2016; Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

It has been my honor to serve the Order for the past year as a member of the Council of Administration.

During this time I performed the following activities:

- Attended all CofA meetings in the 2014-2015 term.
- Represented CinC Campbell at the Dept of GA & SC's Department Encampment in April 2015.
- Proposed and staffed the new Eagle Scout recognition patch, including drafting the concept artwork.
- Drafted a new edition of the Ritual & Ceremonials that (1) incorporates the changes approved at recent National Encampments, (2) ensures conformity with guidance in the C&R, and (3) makes a number of assorted administrative corrections and updates. The draft new edition will be presented at the 2015 National Encampment for approval by the Encampment. Upon approval, the new edition will be presented to the National QM for printing.
- Represented the SUVCW National Organization at the chartering ceremony of the new DUVCW Department of GA in July 2015.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Order in the upcoming term.

## **2.8 Council of Administration – 2016; Edward J. Norris, PDC**

I attended all in-person meetings and voted on all electronic board room votes. I performed all committee work assigned, including chairing the search for the new The Banner editor. I installed the officers of the Department of Rhode Island and Department of New York.

## **2.9 Council of Administration – 2016; Walter E. Busch, PDC**

I've voted on all issues, commented on some. Have nothing to recommend at this time.

## **2.10 Council of Administration – 2015; Donald W. Shaw, PDC**

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels, I have also been busy with duties in connection with the post of Member of the National Council of Administration. In pursuit of those duties:

- I have attended all council meetings.
- I have monitored and participated in discussions regarding all questions coming before the Council via the electronic board room. I have cast votes on all issues put to the Council for discussion and decision.
- I participated in the activities of the Memorial Grant Committee, voting on all applications.
- I attended the Central Region Association General Meeting and Seminars in Ohio.
- I completed work as a member of the Banner Editor Search Committee, that Committee having given its report to the Council.

- I have begun work as the Chair of the Michigan Host Committee for the 2017 National Encampment to be held in Lansing, Michigan.
- I have answered various questions from brothers around the Order on how to perform jobs which I have done in the past, which they are now tasked with performing.
- I represented the C in C and the National Organization at the Department Encampment for the Department of Nebraska this spring.
- I have no recommendations to put before the Council or Encampment at this time.

### **2.11 Council of Administration – 2015; Steve S. Hammond, PDC**

Since the last meeting, my SUVCW activities have been limited. I had a health issue followed by a family crisis, which limited my participation in SUVCW events.

I attended the Sesquicentennial of the escape of Lincoln's assassins held at the Samuel Mudd House in Southern Maryland.

I intended to accompany the CinC to the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, but was unable to attend due to unforeseen events.

I attended my own camp's meetings in May and July and I conducted Civil War tours at Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC in April, June and July.

With this meeting, I will be going off the Council of Administration. I would like to say it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Brothers and leadership of the Order and I look forward to continuing my association with the Order.

### **2.12 Council of Administration – 2014; Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

#### National CofA duties

Completed my duties as a National Council of Administration member, by voting on items presented to the CofA. I also attended CofA meetings in Springfield, IL and in Marietta, GA.

#### Other Events

Attended multiple Civil War living history events and involved in planning of Sesquicentennial Events in our area

I was honored to serve as a member of the National Council of Administration.

#### No Recommendations

### **2.13 Banner Editor; Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC**

At the time of this report, the Summer 2015 Banner is arriving in our Brothers' homes. Material for the Fall 2015 issue of the Banner has been forwarded to my successor, Br. James Crabtree. Attempts to make personal contact have been unsuccessful.

This past year, the *Banner's* content included many special and otherwise untold stories within our Order. In the expanded Winter issue, a Brother's prized possession and a Sons visitor's guide to Springfield, Ill. were featured. In the recent Spring issue, families of the Allied Orders were highlighted. In the Summer edition, we said goodbye to PCinC Richard Greenwalt and Real Son Carson Yeager.

+ Coverage of the Sesquicentennial of Lincoln's Death and the Sultana Sinking were included, as well as coverage of our annual national ceremonies, memorial restoration, recognition of today's vets and outstanding youth, special awards, and Department news.

+ Historical perspectives on the New Hampshire Veterans Association at the Weirs, World War I's affect on our Order, the Lincoln Memorial, and the upcoming GAR Sesquicentennial were highlighted. Collecting various Allied Orders memorabilia added interest.

+ We welcomed several new Camps, and recognized our brothers' outstanding achievements.

+ "With Our Sisters" continued to promote cooperation between the Sons and the over 1100 sisters in 60 Auxiliaries, as well as those in the WRC, LGAR, and DUVCW, who regularly partnered with our Camps and Departments.

During the last year, the following advertisers were welcomed to the Banner:

Grand Army Men (PDC Robert Wolz  
Fields, Jr.)

Gen. U.S. Grant (Dr. E.C.

The additional advertising revenue has allowed us to save nearly another \$800 this year.

#### Additional duties

- I chaired the Memorial University Redesign Committee (see separate report).
- I coordinated PCinC Campbell's visit to my Department's Mid-Winter Meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> and met him on his visit to Camp Randall's Civil War monument dedication on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- I participated in the procession at the 2015 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and in the GAR Founder's Ceremony (both on April 11<sup>th</sup>).
- I coordinated SVCinC Gene Mortorff's visit to the Wisconsin Department Encampment on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

It's been an honor to serve ten years as your Banner editor. Thank you for the opportunity.

### **2.14 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC**

Since the majority of actions at National Headquarters involves *paper*, emails, reports, rosters, queries about a Camp, Brother, Ancestor, and requests to identify ancestors, GAR markers, old flags, souvenirs, I shall fill the majority of this report with statistics on the above personnel actions and requests.

Active National Life Memberships totals 376; 11 processed so far this year! 126 since my tenure.

Active membership of our grand patriotic organization:

Associate	541
Junior	76
Life Member	376
Member	5,299
Real Son	6 [down 3 since 2014]
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,298 [down 148 since 2014]</b>

Dual Associate	7
Dual Life Member	51
Dual Member	127 [same as 2013]
Honorary	4
War Zone Service	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>196</b>

Additional data to date this year:

Visitors to headquarters – 36  
Calls – 372  
Queries – 1154\*  
Deaths – 38  
Forms 30 – 434  
Forms 3 – 262

\* Over 125% increase; visitors to headquarters include National Officers, brothers and sisters of the Orders, volunteers and visitors of the CEO of the NCWM.

Committee and Department personnel: If you or your subordinate officers need a report or other data, such as all Department Patriotic Instructions or Chaplains, please ask and I'll attempt to provide the data if it is readily available! Headquarters welcomes visitors and members of the allied orders thru-out the year.

Per past practice and later this year I will send a report to all Department Commanders indicating personnel residing in your department, but the individuals are Brothers of another department; you may desire to contact them and invite them to enjoy one of your local camps. Likewise, upon request, I can supply a report of residences of your state that are past Brothers for you to recruit anew.

It is a humble opportunity for me to serve the Brothers of our grand organization.

## **3.0 National Appointed Officers**

### **3.1 National Aide-de-Camp, Frank C. Avila, PCC**

Nothing to report.

### **3.2 National Camp-at-Large & Dept. Organizer, Loran T. Bures, PCC**

When I assumed office last August, the States of Alaska, Arizona, North Dakota, Oregon, and Washington, and the Territories and Possessions of the United States within the Pacific and the Caribbean were not part of a regular department. With VISION 2020's Organization Expansion Initiative as a guide, I am pleased to report the following:

#### North Dakota added to the Department of Nebraska:

With the issuance of General Order No. 4 on 8 Sep 2014, the State of North Dakota was added to the Department of Nebraska.

#### U.S. Territories and Possessions within the Pacific added to the Department of California & Pacific:

With the issuance of General Order No. 9 on 1 Nov 2014, all Territories and Possessions of the United States within the Pacific, including the Territory of American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Palmyra Atoll, and Wake Island, was added to the Department of California and Pacific.

#### U.S. Territories and Possessions within the Caribbean added to the Department of Florida:

With the issuance of General Order No. 10 on 1 Nov 2014, all Territories and Possessions of the United States within the Caribbean, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Navassa Island, Serranilla Bank, Bajo Nuevo Bank, and the United States Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was added to the Department of Florida.

#### Department of the Columbia:

With the issuance of Special General Order No. 6 on 14 Apr 2015, the Department of the Columbia was established, composed of the States of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Their Special



Department Encampment to complete the organization of the Department was held on 27 Jun 2015 in Vancouver, Washington.

State of Arizona:

- The General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 of Tucson, Arizona was issued their Date of Rank on 15 Jul 2015.
- On 15 Nov 2015 Brother David Swanson, PCC filed Form 51 to form the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 of Flagstaff, Arizona. Their Form 52 was issued on 8 Dec 2014.

Only the State of Arizona remains outside a regular department. Once Grant Camp No. 3 receives their Date of Rank, the three Camps in Arizona will be in a position to petition the Commander-in-Chief for the formation of a department.

Repurpose the Office of National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer:

It is likely during the next administration, the office of National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, in its present form, will have nothing left to do. On 10 Mar 2015, proposed amendments to the National Regulations were submitted to repurpose the office by expanding the duties of the office and renaming the office to better reflect its expanded responsibilities.

I wish to thank Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell for allowing me to serve our Order in this office.

### **3.3 National Chaplain, Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC**

No report given.

### **3.4 National Chief of Staff, Kevin L. Martin, PCC**

Late Saturday evening last year at the National Encampment, while everyone else was partying in the Past Commander-in-Chief's Courtesy Hour, I was frantically trying to find all the inventory that needed to be passed on to the new Commander-in-Chief. I had no idea what I needed to collect or where it was located. I had a sickening feeling that I had no idea what I had really signed up for as the Chief of Staff.

Over the next couple of weeks, I reached out to some of the past Chiefs of Staff, trying to get a handle on when and what needed to be done and when. I am not sure I could have survived the first few weeks without the assistance of Brother Ed Norris. As I was looking over previous years' National Encampment CoA Reports, I came across a Chief of Staff Report in 2009 from Brother Brad Schall. He very eloquently described in his report the exact frustration I was feeling, and I realized this was a consistent problem. I made it my mission during my tenure to create a Chief of Staff Handbook, and I am proud to report that it is now complete. This 46 page handbook includes inventory associated with the National Commander-in-Chief (including photographs), categorized Checklists, timeline of obligations/responsibilities, report layouts, schedule of events, calendar and contact information, sample correspondence including letters and emails, and useful information about our Organization and its Governance. I also created a supporting CD which contains 2014-2015 term artifacts, document and report templates, and other supporting documents and resources.

I have responded to all requests from Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell. My primary tasks included:

- Maintaining a schedule of events in which National representation was requested
- Attending all Council of Administration meetings
- Coordinating and completing the Gettysburg and Springfield Council of Administration reports and this National Encampment report
- ALL OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Speaking of other duties, the National Auxiliary Personal Aide (my wife), Rosemary Martin, and I provided specialized support to the Commander-in-Chief and in most cases the National Auxiliary President as:

the typical room reservations, escort and transportation, upgraded tour bus and personalized Gettysburg battlefield tour by COL John Rogers, a professional photo session, the platinum level Martin Inn and Tavern, Memorial Day limo bus and chauffeur, elegant dining, stimulating repartee, sing-a-longs and sing-a-lones, to name just a few. These acts of heroic valor occurred at events as Gettysburg Remembrance Day weekend; Lincoln's Birthday in Washington, D.C; Appomattox Courthouse 150<sup>th</sup>; Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois; and Memorial Day and Traditional Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. In all honesty, we had a blast and will cherish the memories.

In deepest sincerity and thanks, I was touched by their support during my father's passing in May. They made a difficult time more bearable and I cannot say enough about the beautifully arranged shadow box that Rachelle put together for my father's visitation.

Overall, the experience of being the Chief of Staff has been very rewarding. I am in total awe with the level of dedication that Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell and National Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell gave to their respective offices over the past year. At times, I must admit that I felt very overwhelmed with the pace of their activities; I barely can comprehend how it felt from their perspective. Words cannot begin to express how much I appreciate the prompt and professional guidance and support I have received from the Officers at all levels of our Organization during this past year. I would also be remiss if I did not express my appreciation to the Allied Orders for their support, and most especially to Rosemary. It truly took a husband and wife team to properly support a husband and wife team.

### 3.5 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

I've been hearing from more department monuments officers this year than ever before. Most asking for lists of what we currently have on file. All departments requesting such have been given the PDF files of what we have available.

California has been sending in the most extensive report. Dean Enderlin, California's memorials officer, also took the step to correct fill-in-the-blank errors in our current Form 61 and that is on the national website. We still await the review and approval of a new revised Form 61 sent in about 1 ½ years ago for review. It reduces to 3 pages what most monuments need to have filled out and expands two additional pages when there are repair issues or when wanting to add additional information.

This has been a fairly successful year. A database has been developed and approved of at the April meeting of the Council of Administration. Work has begun on entering records into the database. To date of this report, 250 records have been entered. Of these 218 are from the Arkansas spreadsheet as that was the easiest to enter. States that are completed from the records we have on file are Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Washington DC, West Virginia and those outside the US. I hope to do better in entries this next year. In short, about 1,000 still need to be added to the database and have their PDF files attached to it.

The one issue, as I reported to the council of administration in April, with the database is that it lacks a query form so that people visiting our site can look for a particular monument. I hope to work with the webmaster in the next year or any willing volunteer who does Access to develop such a query.

#### DIGITIZED RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS

STATE/LOCATION	2014 MONUMENTS	2015 MONUMENTS	Gain / Loss	Last Soldier Markers
Arizona		2	2	0
Arkansas		3	4	0
Australia		1	1	0
California		38	40	0

Note 1

Colorado	4	4	0	0	
Connecticut	2	2	0	0	
Delaware	2	1	-1	0	Note 2
Florida	2	2	0	0	
Georgia	5	6	1	0	
Idaho	1	9	8	0	
Illinois	127	128	1	0	
Indiana	5	5	0	0	
Iowa	7	7	0	0	
Kansas	15	15	0	0	
Kentucky	10	10	0	0	
Kazakhstan (on 61, no photo yet)	1	1	0	0	
Maine	5	5	0	0	
Maryland	3	4	1	0	Note 3
Massachusetts	36	37	1	0	
Mexico	1	1	0	0	
Michigan	88	88	0	0	
Minnesota	1	1	0	0	
Mississippi	1	1	0	0	
Missouri	473	484	11	1	
Nebraska	5	6	1	0	
Nevada	4	4	0	0	
New Hampshire	9	9	0	0	
New Jersey	5	5	0	0	
New York	6	6	0	0	Note 4
North Carolina	0	12	12	0	
North Dakota	2	2	0	0	
Ohio	24	26	2	13	
Oklahoma	2	2	0	0	
Oregon	1	1	0	0	
Pennsylvania	26	27	1	0	
Rhode Island	25	26	1	0	
South Carolina	1	1	0	0	
South Dakota	0	1	1	0	
Tennessee	6	7	1	0	
Texas	1	2	1	0	
Utah	1	1	0	0	
Virginia	4	4	0	0	
Washington	6	12	6	0	
Washington DC	1	1	0	0	

West Virginia	1	1	0	0
Wisconsin	32	32	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>14</b>

\* Minuses are result of cleaning up duplicate files

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

Note 2: Delaware's determined to be a duplicate

Note 3: 1995 Maryland Governor's Comm on Monuments report digitized

Note 4: 1992 New York SUVCW Monuments Book Digitized

Mullins Company Monuments Catalog of 1913 Digitized

It has been an honor serving this organization in this capacity and I hope that by 2016's encampment I can report that the data entry is at least half-way completed.

### 3.6 National Color Bearer, Justin M. Dorsey, PCC

Having been appointed National Color Bearer by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell at the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia, I report the following:

1. On 15 November 2014, I carried the Commander-in-Chief's flag at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Albert Woolson Monument in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, honoring members of the Grand Army of the Republic, our parent organization, and in the parade that followed.
2. On 30 May 2015, I coordinated the presence of the Color Bearers representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to carry the National Colors and the Commander-in-Chief's flag in the Traditional Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

I have no formal recommendations.

### 3.7 National Counselor, James B. Pahl, PCinC

I issued one formal opinion in the 2014-2015 year:

#### **OPINION I – SERIES 2014-2015**

I have been requested of the Commander-in-Chief to render an opinion as to the following question: Whether or not a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may be formed in any foreign country and if so, under what circumstances.

I first examined our National Charter as issued by the Congress of the United States.

Title 36 United States Code, Section 200308 states:

Sec. 200308. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Trenton, New Jersey, or another place decided by the council of administration. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted in the District of Columbia and throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States. (Emphasis supplied)

What constitutes a territory or possession of the United States? There are four generally recognized types of territories or possessions of the United States:

Incorporated organized territory

Incorporated unorganized territory

Unincorporated organized territory

Unincorporated unorganized territory

Incorporated organized territory. The United States has not had any incorporated organized territory since 1959 when the Territory of Alaska and the Territory of Hawaii were granted statehood and admitted to the Union.

Incorporated unorganized territory. This includes U.S. coastal waters out to 12 nautical miles offshore, being incorporated but not organized. U.S. flagged vessels at sea, including Naval, Coast Guard and Civilian are also in this category. The only other incorporated unorganized territory is the Palmyra Atoll. This was part of the Territory of Hawaii, however, when the State of Hawaii was admitted to the Union, the Act of Congress explicitly separated Palmyra Atoll from the new state.

Unincorporated organized territory. This includes Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands. These modern inhabited territories under the control of the federal government can be considered as part of the "United States" for purposes of law as defined in specific legislation; but, the judicial term "unincorporated" was coined to legitimize the U.S. late 19th-century territorial acquisition without citizenship and their administration without constitutional protections temporarily until Congress made other provisions. Most of the unincorporated organized territories now grant U.S. citizenship to their inhabitants, with organized local governments.

Unincorporated unorganized territory. This includes American Samoa (technically unorganized, but self-governing under a constitution last revised in 1967) with a population of 55,000 and Wake Island with a population of 150 (all military contractor personnel). The remainder of these territories are uninhabited, including Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Navassa Island Serranilla Bank and Bajo Nuevo Bank.

The remaining question is U.S. Embassy and Consular missions and U.S. Military bases. The generally accepted legal opinion is these fall within what is known as Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. The United States exercises some degree of jurisdiction in these areas.

As to U.S. Embassy and Consular missions, pursuant to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, diplomatic missions do not enjoy full [extraterritorial status](#) and are not sovereign territory of the represented state. Rather, the premises of diplomatic missions remain under the jurisdiction of the host state while being afforded special privileges (such as immunity from most local laws).

As to U.S. Military bases, most U.S. military bases are on leased land. The United States will enter into various agreements with the host nation as to the status of each military base, as outlined in the lease, treaty or a Status of Forces Agreement with the host nation. The opinion of military bases generally not be U.S. territory or possessions has been adopted by the Federal Courts, in cases such as [Souryal v Torres Advanced Enterprise Solutions, LLC](#), (847 FSupp2d 835) in a case involving the Family Medical Leave Act and [Marshall v Exelis Systems](#), (decided in March of 2014 - 2014 WL 1213473) decided in the United States District court for the District of Colorado, a claim of racial discrimination under the Civil Rights Act.

The notable exception is the United States Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In [Lakhdar v Bush](#) (128 S.Ct. 2229), the Supreme Court stated:

“Guantanamo Bay is not formally part of the United States. See DTA § 1005(g), 119 Stat. 2743. And under the terms of the lease between the United States and Cuba, Cuba retains “ultimate sovereignty” over the territory while the United States exercises “complete jurisdiction and control.” See Lease of Lands for Coaling and Naval Stations, Feb. 23, 1903, U.S.-Cuba, Art. III, T.S. No. 418 (hereinafter 1903 Lease Agreement); [Rasul, 542 U.S., at 471, 124 S.Ct. 2686](#). Under the terms of the 1934 Treaty, however, Cuba effectively has no rights as a sovereign until the parties agree to

modification of the 1903 Lease Agreement or the United States abandons the base. See Treaty Defining Relations with Cuba, May 29, 1934, U.S.-Cuba, Art. III, 48 Stat. 1683, T.S. No. 866.”

The court further relies upon the fact that the base was initially acquired by military conquest and not by negotiated treaty. The assumption, therefore, is that an overseas military base is not U.S. territory, unless a specific exemption exists for that base.

It is therefore my formal opinion that Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may not be formed in foreign countries, with the limited exception of military bases where the host country has totally surrendered all claims of sovereignty per an applicable treaty or by right of conquest. The only know base to meat that definition is the U.S. Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

### **3.8 Assistant National Counselor, Joshua A. Claybourn**

No report given.

### **3.9 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

With the publication of the Proceedings for the 132<sup>nd</sup> and 133<sup>rd</sup> National Encampments, I was able to annotate the Constitution and Regulations. I obtained the approval of the Chair of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations and recently published the 2015 edition.

### **3.10 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

I sent out notices to all of the Department Eagle Scout Coordinators requesting an updated list of the Department coordinator and also how many certificates were presented. I received information from about 7 Departments. There were a total of 255 certificates that were presented to Eagle Scouts and several Departments had new certificate coordinators. The signal officer was sent the updated list of certificate coordinators and one correction on how to order a certificate.

### **3.11 Aide to National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Loran T. Bures, PCC**

No report given.

### **3.12 National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.**

As The National GAR Highway Officer Report I am glad to report as being the Dept. of Ohio GAR Highway Officer I was very fortunate to locate the blue-prints of the 1940 sign specifications for the GAR Highway Sign. With this print I had the cooperation of my Camp the James A. Garfield Camp #142 of Ohio have these signs made and made available to be sold to the city's and any camp interested in purchasing these special signs. As I mentioned these signs are \$125.00 plus S/H with a SUVCW Camp check only. If not purchased by the camp the price would be \$150.00 plus S/H. Prices may change due to material price hike. See below what the signs look like.



GAR signs are 24”X 18” are made of .80 gauge aluminum vinyl & laminated

I am pleased to announce that the Department of New York SUVCW Admiral John L. Worden Camp #150 has purchased two signs on December 30, 2014.

I have not heard any other news from other GAR Department Officers. I will be in contact with them in the coming months if I remain National GAR Highway Officer.

In the State of Ohio as the Department GAR Highway Officer I am very pleased with the recognition that the GAR Highway Dedication received when it took place on June 20, 2015, with the Lorain Mayor Chase Ritenauer. The Mayor along with Executive Assistant to the Mayor Louise Kilbane, Street Superintendent Lori Garcia and Don Clark made it possible to have two new Grand Army of the Republic signs made, and placed up on each side of town as you enter the City of Lorain, Ohio, marking its history once again from East Erie Century Park to West Erie. The City of Lorain payed the entire cost of having the signs made and the labor for them up.

Below is myself Peter J. Hritsko GAR Highway Officer Mayor of Lorain Chase Ritenauer



Here is a list of those whom participated in the GAR Highway Sign Dedication are the James A. Garfield Camp # 142, Gen. A. C. Voris Camp #67, Eliza Garfield #142 Aux SUVCW, Ohio Naval Brigade, Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. See picture below.



I submitted an article and pictures along with a newspaper article of the dedication to the publisher of the Banner. I hope will be published in the Banner in the upcoming issue.

I learned that in Ohio the GAR Signs that are placed within the city limits are the responsibility of the City not the Department of Transportation. On that note I will work with other GAR Officers to see how we can get more GAR signs up

### **3.13 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

It has been a pleasure and honor to have served as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2014-2015 administrative year. This has been my fifth term serving in this capacity, and it has been a wonderful experience.

Next year will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. When I took over this program in 2010, our top priority was to develop a publicly accessible GAR Records Catalog prior to 2016, where one could go to check to see if GAR records for a specific Post or Department still exist. Our catalog went online in July 2013 at [www.GARrecords.org](http://www.GARrecords.org), and it has functioned well since its inception. I am pleased that, with the help of the National Committee on GAR Records, this could be accomplished in time for the GAR Sesquicentennial. There are still many GAR records yet to be found, but we have made a good start.

The amount of interest in our program is remarkable. Since 1 August 2014, I have received 250 emails regarding GAR records (compared to 255 last year), and have responded to all of them. Thirty-seven submissions were also received using the website's online GAR records notification form.

Especially gratifying to me this year, was the opportunity to work with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, assisting with a special project to identify and honor GAR ancestors at their 2016 national convention in Springfield, IL. In addition to offering research guidance to individual DUVCW members from across the country, I also presented slide show lectures on GAR research techniques to Kate B. Sherwood Tent #89, based in San Jose, CA, in January, and offered a workshop to the DUVCW Department of California & Nevada annual convention in Bakersfield, CA, in April.

Besides routine maintenance of the GAR Records Catalog (adding locations of records collections as they are found or reported), much of my time this year was devoted to researching and compiling historical data for each known GAR Post. Some of this work was done by my predecessors, while some was done by Departments and Camps. Knowing when a Post organized and when it disbanded is a helpful piece of information in researching GAR records, so this has become an important component to our program. In the process of locating these Post histories, I also discovered many Posts that had not been included in our lists. The number of known and uniquely named/numbered GAR Posts now stands at 10,532, up over 400 from last year's report. I suspect more will be found in the next few years, as a deeper exploration of GAR history reveals lesser known or short-lived Posts from the early years of the organization.

I am pleased to report that the office of Department Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Officer has now been incorporated into the SUVCW Regulations. The office was created at the National Encampment in 2004, but a technicality delayed its addition to the C&R until late 2014. The next step is to publish a job description for the new office (to be presented at the 2015 National Encampment), and prepare a guidebook to assist Departments with this work. There is still much to do at the National level, but once all of these housekeeping issues are behind us, I envision a stronger GAR Records program with much more involvement from Departments.

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

### **3.14 National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**



It is my honor to report to the 2015 National Encampment the following from the office of National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) and the Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration.

In the past year I have visited 14 National and State Veteran's Cemeteries in the following states; Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia and Washington DC. I have also visited many more private and public cemeteries in the above states and more. I have talked to as many of their staffs as I was able to and again the overall outcome was positive. There are a good portion of cemeteries National, State and local that do not have their grounds manned.

I have also represented the SUVCW at many other events; National, Regional and State Genealogical Conferences in New Hampshire, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

To date, 5 August 2015, we have currently 668,236 records of veterans in our National Graves Database; this is a increase of 30, 792 records this year or 83.22 new records per day. We are 8.22 new records/day above our 3 year plan estimate. We have had 701,056 records submitted since the database went online, as you should be able to see that represents 32, 020 records that are no longer in our database. They have been deleted by the National Graves Registration Committee as part of the ongoing database correction process, this number equals an additional 427 records that have been deleted and 14,721 that have been updated in the past year.

This translates to an estimated 0.54% correction rate to the database, we believe we still have about a 6.15% error rate in the database, This is down from the estimated 12-15 % error rate in the database in 2009, we have come a long way, we need to keep working.

We have 28 new Department Grave Registration Officer Administration accounts of which only 12 Departments and 2 Camps at Large have applied for and completed the required instruction on. These Departments are; California & Pacific, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Maine, North Carolina, Rhode Island and South Carolina & Georgia and the Camps at Large are from Oregon and Washington. Of these, Maine and South Carolina & Georgia haven't made any contributions to the database. We also have 7 special administration accounts that have been awarded to people who have proven a dedication to our database; these 7 people are very active. We need to get the rest of the Departments to take our National Graves Registration Project serious.

I would like to thank the following for their support, all of the Brothers of the National Committee on Graves Registration, Department GROs, Camp GROs and all of our submitters of the database. It is due to the time and dedication that these people give to the SUVCW we have been able to improve, standardize, and operate the database as we do today.

### **3.15 National Guard**

No report given.

### **3.16 National Guide, Adam W. Gaines**

Nothing to report.

### **3.17 National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

It has been a great pleasure to serve you all one more year. Our Executive Director Demmy has kept my mailbox full with numerous requests to identify objects and artifacts from our past.

Most items have been familiar and so I readily shared with our Brothers and occasionally Sisters and even the general public. A number of inquiries still come directly...some seeking family information, other hoping we might even have a photo of their great grandfather. All are answered to the best of our ability.

Likewise, I have been happy to share with the GAR Records committee and have supplied detailed accounts on the ritual and operations of our parent organization to various Camps and individuals trying to recreate Grand Army meetings and burials.

I believe we will see even more interest as we approach the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic next year.

This past year finally saw the completion of a lifetime project of recording all the insignia of our Order, the Grand Army and the Loyal Legion with the publication of my book Grand Army Men. While it was a private endeavor, the Order is deriving a profit of the sale of the book through our Quartermaster Department.

I am proud to inform our Brothers that the Southernmost City in America, Key West, Florida is about to add a permanent memorial to the black veterans from my city who enlisted and fought for the Union.

The sesquicentennial has proved an opportunity for much original research and while a number of New York and Pennsylvania USCT units were stationed there during the war, we now know that troops were actual raised among our free and enslaved people and proper tribute to them will finally be made. While Florida may have been a Confederate state, Key West was the headquarters of the Gulf Coast Blockade and 200 ships were captured shorting the War by several years.

### **3.18 National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Perley E. Mellor, PCinC**

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH

The REAL Memorial Day, May 30th, 2015, was celebrated by services held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH. It was an absolutely gorgeous day, with the sun shining brightly and the winds blowing through the mountains and valleys of NH.

As we walked down the path, I gave thanks that my National Commander-in-Chief had asked me to represent him and give me this opportunity to be liaison for this quiet, but special event.

The ceremony was short, less than a half hour, but moving, as each Patriotic Organizations name was called, we stood in proud recognition.

The organ played "America: and "Let there be Peace on Earth" and it resounded off the Mountains and Valleys of this great place. The feeling of serenity in your heart overflows in tears of peace and happiness.

We were thanked by several of the trustees for our donations to them. They survive on donations only.

Besides myself, attending this year from the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was National Liaison PNP Diane Mellor, and representatives from both NH and Maine. Representing the Daughters of Union Veterans 1861-1865, was Elsie Bonney, Maine Department President, and her sister.

### **3.19 National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffrey C. Burden**

I have advised the Commander-in-Chief that a concerted effort is now underway to develop and strengthen the Indiana Commandery of the Loyal Legion. I believe this effort also creates an opportunity to forge a closer working relationship between it and the S.U.V.C.W. Department of Indiana, and its various camps, which will benefit both organizations. I await further direction on that matter.

### **3.20 National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan L. Russ, PDC**

The Annual Report for the National Membership at Large reported the strength, as of March 31, 2015, as twenty-one Members and Life Members, no Associates, and one Junior Member, for a total of twenty-two brothers.

Gains since April 1, 2015:

New Brothers: 1  
Reinstated Brothers: 1

Losses since April 1, 2015:

Transfers Out:  
To Department of the Columbia: 6

Strength, as of July 31, 2015: Members/Life Members: 16, Junior Member: 1, Total: 17

NMAL brothers are located in Canada, Germany, and the United Kingdom, in addition to the United States.

I continue to furnish new brothers with a welcoming letter, an appropriate certificate, a membership card, and an email letting them know to look forward to the packet, within one week of receiving the application. All applications and related documents are forwarded to the Executive Director within the prescribed time frame.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by CinC Campbell and the Council of Administration. It continues to be my honor to perform these duties.

If there are any questions or concerns, I remain at your service to discuss them.

### **3.21 National Patriotic Instructor, Gregory M. Carter, PCC**

Summary of Relevant Activities, 2014-2015

August, 2014	Allied Orders National encampment, Atlanta, GA Initiated contact with US Army Cadet Cmd. Re: ROTC Medal
September, 2014	Labor Day program at Belleville, Illinois Sesquicentennial event at Pilot Knob/Davidson, Missouri
October, 2014	Illinois Dept. midterm encampment at Tuscola, Illinois National conference of the Southern Historical Association
November, 2014	Swore in officers of Hecker Camp No. 443 at O'Fallon, Illinois Veterans Day observance at Quincy National Cemetery Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
January, 2015	Wabash Valley Regional History Conference, Vincennes, Indiana Photographed 22 monuments in 8 Illinois counties Published in <i>MOLLUS Journal</i>
February, 2015	Documented 18 Confederate gravesites in joint project with the SCV National Genealogist
March, 2015	Attended meeting of Adams County Genealogical Society 40 hours community volunteer service at St. John Parish Department of Iowa annual encampment, Des Moines, Iowa
April, 2015	Lincoln Tomb and Stephenson Gravesite memorial programs

	Three Rivers Historical Symposium, Hannibal, Missouri 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Auschwitz Liberation program, St. Louis, MO Final annual Civil War reenactment, Keokuk, Iowa
May, 2015	Illinois Department annual encampment, Rockford, Illinois Rededicated Lookout Mountain Post 94 monument, Henry, IL Received Bachelor of Arts degree from Quincy University Memorial Day program at Barry, Illinois Decoration Day program at Athens Battlefield, Missouri Sesquicentennial Lincoln Funeral Program, Springfield, Illinois
June, 2015	Sesquicentennial observance, Alton Confederate POW Cemetery Headstone Dedication for Horace B. Locke, St. Louis, MO Flag Day observance at New Philadelphia Archaeological Site Camp Meeting, Hecker Camp 443, Shiloh, Illinois
July, 2015	Independence Day program at Quincy National Soldier's Home
August, 2015	Allied Orders National Encampment, Richmond, Virginia

#### Memorial University

The following Brothers contacted me and reported their scores for the Memorial University. If there have been more who took the course, I am unaware of their names. Each is due a diploma and pin for their efforts:

Kenyon, Charles  
McCord, Robert  
McReynolds, David  
Potts, Randy  
Schultke, Bill  
VerStreate, Daryl Jr.  
Waert, Wally  
Workman, Chris

#### National Committee on Americanization and Education

The national committee under my supervision never met. Several Brothers were very forthcoming in their communication and work, and continue their hard work afield. Bro. Hale continues within his department on their vast projects to identify Union unknown dead at Andersonville and elsewhere. Brother Gates made some good headway in Texas in reference to the JROTC award for the Navy and Marines JROTC and ROTC programs. The national committee is due for some form of revision in responsibility and membership. See recommendations for further information.

#### JROTC Award Program

I made some initial success in submitting the SUVCW award for approval to the Army JROTC program. I made contact in late August, 2014, and also in September, at which time I submitted a complete packet of information electronically to the representative of the Army Cadet Command using the guidelines provided for me by their staff. Since then no communications have been received from or answered by the Army Cadet Command. Despite this silence, Illinois at least has seen a marked increase of award requests in the state compared to the last several years. Either the award has been officially sanctioned or the various ROTC coordinators throughout the SUVCW have improved their promulgation of award information. I am not sure which of the two the case is.

#### Annual Reports

The following departments filed department patriotic instructor annual reports:

California and Pacific  
Chesapeake  
Iowa  
Kentucky  
North Carolina  
Ohio  
Oklahoma

The following Camps filed camp patriotic instructor annual reports directly to me:

Elmer E. Ellsworth No. 18 (Texas)  
John A. Logan No. 26 (Illinois)  
Friedrich K. Hecker No. 443 (Illinois)  
John B. Anderson No. 223 (Indiana)

The following departments filed no report of any kind:

Colorado and Wyoming	Columbia (New and exempt)
Connecticut	Florida
Georgia and South Carolina	Illinois
Indiana	Kansas
Maine	Massachusetts
Michigan	Missouri
Nebraska	New Hampshire
New Jersey	New York
Pennsylvania	Rhode Island
Tennessee	Texas
Vermont	Wisconsin

From these consolidated reports I regret I have little of material value to report overall. Patriotic instruction at camp meetings appears to be done regularly at only 25-30% of camps. The number of camps per department presenting programs at schools is even lower. ROTC awards are being given out, but the number is low and contingent on local ROTC units being both present and accepting the award, which is a factor we cannot control. Our departments and camps as a rule do not participate in programs for Independence Day or Veterans Day at all, and no other traditional patriotic holidays are mentioned in the reports.

### Recommendations

Concluding my report with the following recommendations has been a troubling experience. Given the evidence I have presented above, it is my belief that despite our nation being in state of war and political turmoil and polarization not seen since the American Civil War, our patriotic works as an organization are at their lowest, most shameful levels. With that statement in mind, I make the following recommendations.

**Recommendation 1:** National ROTC/JROTC Census. At this time I believe that I am the only JROTC award recipient who is also a member of the Order. I recommend that a national census of JROTC award recipients be taken, and if there have been no significant, measurable returns from our vast investment in ROTC medals and such, we need to reduce the program to a certificate of recognition equal to those awarded Eagle Scouts.

**Recommendation 2:** Certificate Revisions. I believe it is in our interest to revise certificates of membership and of award for Eagle Scouts and the ROTC programs until they reflect quality worthy of our Order. I have seen our certificates of membership, certificates for awards, and the comparable

certificates issued by the Illinois masonic bodies and those issued nationally by the SCV. Compared to theirs, our award and membership certificates are unworthy of display. I have also spoken to camp and department officers who have invested in supplies to produce their own awards because they are ashamed to present those issued by our Order.

**Recommendation 3:** National Committee on Americanization and Education. I believe this committee should be A) disbanded in its entirety, or B) reconstructed. If it is reconstructed, I recommend the committee be composed of the national patriotic instructor, the national Eagle Scout coordinator, a national ROTC award officer, the national chaplain and the national quartermaster. These individuals have a vested interest in the success of the committee and should therefore become the committee.

**Recommendation 4:** Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors. The dire lack of participation by these officers in patriotic programs and the great numbers of camps without a patriotic instructor at all leads me to this recommendation: I recommend the officer stations of department and camp patriotic instructor should be entirely eliminated from the Order and their responsibilities vested in the department and camp commanders instead. There is evinced a clear lack of desire to fill this post and equally strong evidence in this year's patriotic officer reports that most officers who fill these positions either do not wish to be in the role or choose deliberately not to participate, a clear dereliction of duty. Rather than keeping these officer posts for the sake of "because the G.A.R. did it," while shaming their efforts with our own disgraceful participation levels, we need to face facts and eliminate the post altogether.

### **3.22 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

We only have two National Camps-at-Large, both in Arizona. Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1 of Phoenix and General R.H.G. Minty Camp-at-Large #2 of Tucson. It is my understanding a third Arizona Camp is in the works and the intent is to create a new Department, eliminating the need for this position in the next year.

### **3.23 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), Edward J. Krieser, PCinC**

The past three years (2012, 2013 and 2014) of proceedings are complete, approved and posted on the National Website.

### **3.24 National Signals Officer, Joshua A. Claybourn**

See National Webmaster Report.

### **3.25 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James Pahl, PCinC**

Signed routine documents to place my signature on various National accounts at the request of the National Treasurer

### **3.26 Assistant National Treasurer #2, Max L. Newman, PCC**

Nothing to report.

### **3.27 National Washington DC Representative, Lee D. Stone, PDC**

Having been re-appointed Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell at the National Encampment in Marietta, GA, I beg leave to report the following:

I supported the Commander-in-Chief at Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA, 15 November 2014, attending the ceremony at the Woolson Monument, marching in the parade, and attending the Military Ball.

I supported the Commander-in-Chief at the Lincoln Birthday ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC, 12 February 2015, carrying his flag in the wreath presentation.

I supported the Commander-in-Chief and his family at the National ceremonies held on Memorial Day Observed at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, 25 May 2015, and the SUVCW ceremony held on the True Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery, 30 May 2015. I also supported several representatives of the Allied Orders in those ceremonies.

I gave a historical talk to the District of Columbia Department Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, 14 June 2015.

I look forward to attending the National Encampment at Richmond, VA, 20-23 August 2015.

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.

### **3.28 National Webmaster, Joshua A. Claybourn**

I am pleased to offer to the 2015 SUVCW Annual Encampment the report of the National Webmaster and Signals Officer. I am pleased to report that our public communications continue to have a wonderful impact for the order. The Facebook page continually sees increased traffic due to regular updates. In the past year our SUVCW Facebook page has increased from 3,898 likes to 5,138 likes. This is a critical way of reaching the next generation of members.

Likewise, our Facebook page's new design and layout gets rave reviews. I frequently hear from new and existing members indicating that the newer design is easier to read and navigate, and that it provides a more modern and vibrant feel. However, with thousands of pages on the old design, much work remains in transitioning all of them over.

It is with deep regret that I informed Commander Tad Campbell and Commander-Elect Eugene Mortorff that I will need to step down as head webmaster. I will soon be transitioning to a new job that will place a heavier burden on my time. I am pleased with the aesthetic changes we've been able to make to the website and I think it is positioned well for someone new to take over maintaining it. I hope to remain as Assistant Webmaster to help when available, and to continue working with the SUVCW Facebook page, but I believe the website is now positioned well for someone else to take over at the helm.

### **3.29 Assistant National Webmaster, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

Nothing to report.

## **4.0 National Standing Committees**

### **4.1 National Committee on Americanization & Education, Gregory M. Carter, PCC**

No report given.

#### **4.2 National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation, Edward J. Norris, PDC**

Efforts by states to conserve their flags have been slow. Two historic flags, given by the people of Delaware in August 1862 to the 1st Delaware Volunteer Infantry, are at last being conserved and readied for exhibiting. The \$30,000 conservation project is expected to start in March in Philadelphia and take two months. The Lyons-Muir Historical Museum conserved their GAR Post 100 flag. Over the course of several months, the flag was humidified and flattened to reduce distortions in the weave. It was stabilized and protected by encasing it between layers of sheer nylon tulle. Five historic flags from the Civil War were unveiled by the New Jersey State Museum and the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association during December. The museum's collections include more than a hundred flags carried by New Jersey soldiers in the war and the museum periodically rotates five of them for display. The flag found in Lowell MA was too damaged to be restored to what it would have originally looked like, but through a painstaking process, it has now been improved in a way that shows both what it would have looked like and the wear and tear it suffered. The Facebook page is up to 1,531 Likes. Last year we reported we had 311 Likes, we increased that number by 492%; we're getting the word out there.

#### **4.3 National Comm. on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Russell W. Kirchner, Jr., PDC**

No Activity- Nothing to report.

#### **4.4 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Stephen S. Hammond, PDC**

It was my honor to chair the Civil War Memorial/Monument Grant Fund committee for the past year. The committee which included PDC Donald Shaw and PDC Edward Norris received a total of eight applications for grants in the past year. Those applications covered three departments and five camps.

One of those applications was rejected because the location was not included in the database maintained by the National Civil War Memorials Officer. I returned the paperwork to the applicant and suggested that he submit a form concerning the location to the officer and then resubmit the grant application. I did not hear from this applicant again.

Of the remaining seven grant applications, the committee acted favorably on six of the grants, providing a total of \$5350 in grants. The seventh grant was received after June 15, so the committee could not act upon it. Also, the grant, which apparently was filled out by an Eagle Scout candidate, was returned to the appropriate camp for review and resubmission to the 2015-2016 committee.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Order by chairing this committee and I would like to thank Brothers Shaw and Norris for their hard work on this committee.

**Recommendation 1:** I recommend that the web site be updated as soon as possible with instructions directing the grant applications to be sent to the new chairman and not Brother Don Martin, who left the committee in August of 2014. I also recommend that the revised Form 62 (see below) be updated to include the names of the chairman and the committee members and also placed on the web site. It is my understanding that this form has been approved, but it was never placed on the web site.



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**  
(Form CWM #2)

**REQUESTOR INFORMATION** (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME/TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MEMORIAL OR MONUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd&10th Sts)

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FORM CWM #1: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ EXISTING MONUMENT \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MONUMENT \_\_\_\_\_ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

RESTORATION COST \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT RAISED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ REQUESTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK PAYABLE TO: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only

Grant Request # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Approved \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Approve	Deny	Table	Name	Signature	Date
			Chairman		
			Committee member		
			Committee member		

Check fee, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.

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#### 4.5 National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walter E. Busch, PDC

See the report of the National Civil War Memorials Officer

#### 4.6 National Committee on Communication & Technology, Joshua A. Claybourn

No report given.

#### 4.7 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E. Grim, PCinC

The changes made to the Regulations at the 133rd National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R. The updated C&R has been forwarded to the webmaster for posting on the web site. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this encampment. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS BY THIS ENCAMPMENT ARE NOTED IN **BOLD TYPE** for new language and strike troughs of language being eliminated.

##### **Proposal #1:**

(Resolution from the Dept. of New Jersey)

Chapter I, Article II, Section 6 (See C&R page 15)

*Note: If this proposal is adopted dual members would pay national dues only for their home camp, and they would pay department and local camp dues to each department and camp they belong to.*

*The C&R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposal. A similar amendment was presented last year and three years ago by the Dept. of New Jersey and was rejected by those national encampments.*

Section 6: Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in ~~another~~ **one** Camp or a Member-at-Large, may become a dual Member of another Camp. The applicant **is not subject to the national per capita assessment for camps which he joins as a dual member. He pays national per capita assessment only for his primary or home camp. Dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new camp.** ~~need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps.~~

### **Proposal #2:**

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)

Chapter I, Article II, Section 7 (See C&R page 15)

*Note: If this proposal is adopted dual members must declare which camp is their primary camp and that camp must file a Form 30 with that information. Also, dual members can be counted as part of the minimum number of members needed to form a new camp.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 7. **(a)** Dual Members shall only be counted in their primary or home camp in the total membership count of the Department but listed on each camp roster.

**(b) A dual member must identify his primary or home camp and such camp must file a Form 30 showing that information.**

**(c) Dual members may be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new camp.**

### **Proposal #3:**

(Resolution from the Dept. of Missouri and modified by the C&R Committee)

Chapter I, Article II, Section 11 (See C&R page 15)

*Note: If this proposal is adopted it will be a new section to this Article of the Regulations and will allow members to report additional Civil War ancestors or supplemental ancestors for record purposes.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 11 A member in good standing may report a supplemental Civil War ancestor by filing an application form with his camp secretary using the same application form as required for initial membership and printing the word "Supplemental" at the top of the form.**

### **Proposal #4:**

(Resolution from the Dept. of Pennsylvania)

Chapter II, Article I Section 5 and Section 8 (See C&R page 31 & 32)

*Note: This proposal will effect only the Department of Pennsylvania since it is the only Department to have previously existed as two separate departments. This change will allow the Pennsylvania Department to be divided without a two-thirds vote of the camps.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Current Language:

Section 5. Departments may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of Camps for a provisional status Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of Camps for a permanent status Department. If the Department does not concur, those Camps wishing to organize themselves into a new Department, may appeal to the Commander in Chief. The Commander-in-Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order; **except that concurrence by the vote of the camps shall not be required if the resulting Departments previously existed as Independent Departments.**

Section 8. Departments shall be composed of one or more states, commonwealths, republics, territories or the District of Columbia. All Camps within the geopolitical area assigned to a

Department by the Commander-in-Chief must become part of the Department. A Department may not consist of a part of a state, commonwealth, republic, or territory of the United States **unless previously divided into multiple departments.**

#### **Proposal #5:**

(Resolution from the Dept. of Missouri and modified by the C&R Committee)

Chapter II, Article II Section 1 (e) (See C&R page 33)

*Note: This proposal is a new paragraph for this section and will give department voting rights to a Past Commander-in-Chief who moves to a new department and becomes a dual member of the new department.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 1(e) A Past Commander-in-Chief in good standing who joins or transfers into a department as a dual member from another department shall have voting rights at department encampments and his credentials shall be issued by the department secretary.**

#### **Proposal #6:**

(Resolution from the Dept. of New Jersey)

Chapter V, Article VI Section (a) (vii), (See C&R pages 103 &104)

*Note: This proposal eliminates the need for camps to apply to the National Treasurer for reimbursement for Life Members. The National Treasurer states that our auditors require a live signature over a request for reimbursement attesting that each Brother for who a reimbursement is paid is alive and a member of the Order.*

*The C&R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposed amendment.*

Current Language:

Section a (vii) ~~All written requests for reimbursement from any of the several Life Member Programs must be submitted to the National Treasurer between January 1 and March 31 of each year. Any requests received after March 31 shall not be reimbursed. (moved from sections below)~~

Proposed Language:

**Section a (vii) Reimbursement from any of the several life member programs shall be made by the National Treasurer by August 1 yearly in accordance with the Life Member lists submitted in each camp's Annual Report (Form 27a).**

#### **Proposal #7:**

(This proposal was submitted by the National Graves Registration Officer Bruce D. Frail, PDC)

Chapter V, Article IV Section 2 (b), (See C&R page 95)

*Note: This proposal will allow all national officers (does not include committee members) to wear the gold color national ribbon with their membership badge as well as all past national officers. At present only elected national officers and past elected national officers can wear the gold color ribbon with their membership badge.*

*The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.*

(b) All elected **and appointed** officers of the National Organization, while holding such office, and past elected National officers who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term **or past appointed National Officers who have served and completed more than five consecutive terms** and who served until the end of that term, **shall be entitled to wear a ribbon**, the center a broad stripe of old gold, with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side. All elected Department officers, while holding office or having been granted emeritus status by his Department Encampment, a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white and blue border on each side.

#### **Proposal #8:**

(This proposal was submitted by the Program and Policy Committee)

Chapter II, Article VIII Section 4), (See C&R page 42)

*Note: This proposal is a revision of the job description for the department historian*

*on recommendation of National Historian Robert J. Wolz, PDC.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 4. Historian. The purpose of the office of Historian is to collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to the **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its membership. Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members of the Order.**

(a) The duties of the Department Historian should include maintaining and cataloging all historical, biographical and/or photographic material given to or developed by the ~~Camp~~**Department** regarding the Civil War, ~~Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.),~~ and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

(b) Such material would include but not be limited to the following: newspaper articles, ~~Post/Camp~~**Department** membership records, ~~Post/Camp~~**Department** meeting minutes, old ~~Post/Camp~~**Department** financial records which should be maintained, or discarded, in accordance with the approved records retention schedule, photographs, and donated memorabilia **(including Civil War and Grand**

**Army of the Republic artifacts). Proper archival storage of Department records should be followed.**

### **Proposal #9:**

(This proposal was submitted by the Program and Policy Committee on recommendation of National Historian Robert J. Wolz, PDC )

Chapter I, Article VIII Section 4), (See C&R page 24)

*Note: This proposal is a revision of the job description for the camp historian.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 4. Camp Historian- *The purpose of the office of Historian is to collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to the **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its membership. Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members of the Order.*** The activities of the Camp Historian should include:

(a) Maintaining and cataloging all historical, biographical and/or photographic material given to or developed by the Camp regarding the Civil War, ~~Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.),~~ and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

(b) Such material would include but not be limited to the following: newspaper articles, ~~Post/Camp~~ membership records, ~~Post/Camp~~ meeting minutes, old ~~Post/~~ Camp financial records **which should be maintained, or discarded, in accordance with the approved records retention schedule,** photographs, and donated memorabilia **(including Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic artifacts).** **Camps, working with the Department Historian, should also identify proper archival storage of Camp records.**

### **Proposal #10:**

(This proposal was submitted by the Program and Policy Committee on recommendation of National Historian Robert J. Wolz, PDC)

Chapter III, Article VII Section 12), (See C&R page 60)

*Note: This proposal is a revision of the job description for the national historian.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 12. The National Historian shall collect and preserve all historical or biographical materials pertaining to the **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its membership.** ~~Civil War and Brothers of the Order;~~ and shall serve as chair of the National History Committee. Duties include:

a. Collect, organize, catalog and ensure the preservation of historical records and holdings of the National Organization which pertain to the ~~Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic and the~~ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

b. Identify and inventory the historical records and holdings in the possession of National Organization officers. © 1881-2015, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, A Congressionally-Chartered Corporation.

~~c. Obtain annually a listing or index of Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War historical property, records and holdings in the possession of the federal government.~~

~~d. Ascertain annually the condition of Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War historical property, records and holdings in the possession of the federal government.~~

c. Provide research assistance and/or access to the Order's historical holdings to Brothers of the Order and, upon approval by the Commander-in-Chief, to individuals and organizations outside of the Order.

d. Encourage Department, Camp-at-Large and Camp Historians to identify, inventory or catalog (where possible), **and help locate and ensure the preservation of all state and local collections of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War historical records and holdings.** ~~to help locate and ensure the preservation of all state and local collections of Civil War memorabilia, and Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War historical records and holdings.~~

e. Encourage Department, Camps-at-Large and Camps to recognize and commemorate Civil War anniversary dates through a variety of means including, Department, Camp-at-Large and Camp meetings and ceremonies, notices in internal newsletters, notices in newspapers, etc.

**f. Assure ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the Order's business.**

**g. Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.**

**h. Prepare and submit periodic status reports to the Commander-in-Chief on the activities of the National Historian.**

**i. Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the National Historian.**

### **Proposal #11:**

(This proposal was submitted by the Program and Policy Committee on recommendation of National Historian Robert J. Wolz, PDC)

Chapter III, Article X Section 17), (See C&R page 82)

*Note: This proposal is a revision of the job description for the national committee on history.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 17. The purpose of the National Committee on History is to identify and preserve historical and biographical material pertaining to the **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its membership** ~~Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), SUVCW, and their respective memberships.~~ Duties include:

1. Collect, organize, catalog and ensure the preservation of historical records and holdings of the National Organization which pertain to ~~the Civil War, GAR and~~ the SUVCW.

2. Identify and inventory the historical records and holdings in the possession of National Organization officers.

~~3. Obtain annually a listing or index of the GAR and the SUVCW historical property, records and holdings in the possession of the federal government.~~

~~4. Ascertain annually the condition of the GAR and SUVCW historical property, records and holdings in the possession of the federal government.~~

3. Provide research assistance and/or access to the Order's historical holdings to Brothers of the Order and, upon approval by the Commander-in-Chief, to individuals and organizations outside of the Order.

4. Encourage Department, Camp-at-Large and Camp Historians to identify, inventory or catalog (where possible), to help locate and ensure the preservation of all state and local collections of Civil War memorabilia, and GAR and SUVCW historical records and holdings.

**5. Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.**

**6. Provide regular status reports to the Commander-in-Chief and National Council of Administration.**

**7. Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the committee.**

### **Proposal #12:**

(This proposal was submitted by the Program and Policy Committee)

Chapter II, Article VIII Section 10), (See C&R page 43)

*Note: This proposal is a job description for the department G.A.R. Records Officer.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 10. The purpose of the Department G.A.R. Records Officer is to coordinate Department activities associated with the process of seeking, locating, physically examining, inventorying, cataloging, recording, and promoting the preservation and conservation of all extant records of the Grand Army of the Republic. The activities of the Department G.A.R. Records Officer should include:**

- (1) Providing guidance to Camps that are actively involved in inventorying G.A.R. records or are researching G.A.R. history.**
- (2) Serving as the point of contact between the Department and the National G.A.R. Records Officer for matters related to G.A.R. Records.**
- (3) Compiling and maintaining an inventory of the locations of G.A.R. records within the Department, in a format and form approved by the Order for the collection of records information.**
- (4) Providing annual (or more frequent) G.A.R. records inventory updates to the National G.A.R. Records Officer for inclusion in the National G.A.R. Records Catalog.**
- (5) Compiling information relating to the history of G.A.R. Posts within the Department.**
- (6) Performing all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.**

### **4.8 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon, CC**

No report given.

### **4.9 National Encampment Site Committee, James T. Crane, PCC**

I would like to thank the Department of the Chesapeake for hosting the National Encampment this year. As departments that have done this work in the past, they have certainly measured up to a wonderful time, and great hospitality.

**2016 Encampment, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Il. Dept. of Illinois Aug 11-14**

The Encampment will be held in downtown Springfield. The room rate for a standard room will be 106.00. A complimentary shuttle will run from the airport, train station and bus depot.

The hotel is located only a couple of blocks from President Lincoln's Museum & Library. Also within a short drive, you may visit the Lincoln Tomb where our President is buried. This is well worth the drive. You can virtually "walk where Lincoln walked" here in Springfield.

#### **2017 Encampment, Radisson Hotel Lansing, Mi. Department of Michigan Aug 10-13**

The Encampment will be held in the Capitol of Michigan, Lansing. Enjoy the Starbucks located in the lobby of this hotel, and within walking distance, a block away is many shops and places to eat. Enjoy a short walk to the Capitol Building, where many Civil War monuments are scattered about the grounds honoring the 89,000 troops that Michigan sent to the War. The Michigan Historical Center has artifacts, archives and the Michigan Civil War Battle Flags Collection, of which we will have group showings. The room rate is 109.95.

#### **2018 Encampment, Sheraton Framingham & Conf. Center, Dept. Of Massachusetts Aug 9-12**

The Encampment returns to Boston, where Framingham is located about a 25 minute drive from the airport. The Host Committee is working on a trip to the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, which is a treat. It has the country's largest historic US military small arms collection along with historic archives and buildings. They are also looking into a Boston Harbor Cruise and a tour of Ft Warren, located on George's Island, which was a Civil war prison. Also, there is the Lynn Grand Army Museum, which was erected in 1885. The room rate is 109.00.

As you can see, we have some very good Encampments that are being set up. It has been a pleasure working with the Host Committees, as they are willing to take on the financial responsibility and do the hard, tedious work of putting on these Encampments.

### **4.10 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Jerry R. Sayre, PDC**

Committee Membership: Jerry R. Sayre PDC (Chair), Frank C. Avila PCC, and D. Christopher Warren.

The committee identified the names and addresses of the national heads of all Allied Orders of the G.A.R., Civil War hereditary and veterans' organizations and provided the names and addresses to the Commander-in-Chief and National Executive Director. These organizations included the following:

- Civil War Hereditary Organizations
  - Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
    - Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW)
    - Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. (WRC)
    - Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Inc. (DUVCW)
    - Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR)
  - Other Union Civil War Orders
    - Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS)
    - Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (DOLLUS)
    - National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865
    - Civil War Plymouth Pilgrims Descendants Society
  - Confederate Civil War Orders
    - Morgan's Men Association, Inc.
    - United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC)
    - Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
    - Children of the Confederacy
    - Military Order of the Stars and Bars
    - National Order of the Blue and Gray
- National Veterans' Organizations
  - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)
  - American Legion



On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, representatives from the above organizations were invited to attend the Order's national ceremonies and programs, including, but not limited to, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield, Illinois, and the National Encampment.

A copy of the full contact information for each was provided to the National Executive Director and the *Banner* Editor for the purpose of ensuring that the national heads of the listed organizations received a complimentary copy of the *Banner*.

Although the G.A.R. Memorial Association is mentioned by name in the stated purpose of the Committee, no current information could be found on this organization and it is possible that it is now defunct.

The Order of Confederate Rose was founded in 1993 and consists of independent support groups to individual Divisions and Camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and does not appear to have a national-level organization. It is open to both males and females and has no lineage requirements.

The committee has no recommendations.

#### **4.11 National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

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.

Five Year GAR Records Project Plan (2012-2017) -- Progress Report: A 5-year Project Plan for the GAR Records Committee was approved at the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment (2012). A progress report for each plan objective is presented below:

1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website and online GAR Records Catalog.

Status: Up to Date. The new website ([www.GARrecords.org](http://www.GARrecords.org)) marked its second anniversary on 18 July 2015. It has continued to function well over its first two years of operation. Updates to the online GAR Records Catalog and Post History pages occur quarterly.

2a) Expand the website content to include separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts.

Status: In Progress. Particular attention was given to updating historical details on individual Posts this year. This information is presented in a separate set of files (PDF format) on the GAR Records website for each state. Details include organization and dissolution dates for Departments and Posts, meeting places, Post namesakes, and other relevant information. This is a long-term project, and an important component to the program. As of 1 August 2015, we have identified 10,532 uniquely named and numbered GAR Posts. This total reflects the addition of over 400 lesser known Posts discovered by the National GAR Records Officer over the course of the past year, plus the removal of several Posts from our list that were found to be duplicates.

2b) Expand the website content to include links to other SUVCW web pages.

Status: Complete to Date. Links to all known SUVCW web pages that present GAR data have been added to the website on each state page. References to the newly formed Department of the Columbia have been added for the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

2c) Expand the website content to include links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections.

**Status: In Progress.** Links to relevant non-SUVCW websites are added as they are found. The state pages on the website also include bibliographic references, listing important books related to the GAR in the respective state. Additions are added as found or reported.

- 2) Encourage and assist SUVCW Departments and Camps in developing and/or expanding their respective GAR Records programs.

**Status: In Progress, Contingent on Actions of the National Encampment.** Numerous communications with Departments, Camps, and Camps-at-Large were made during the year; however, the point of contact varies widely from state to state. Only nine of twenty-nine Departments have a clearly identified and formalized GAR Records Program. Of these, five have a GAR Records Officer or equivalent specified in their by-laws. The office of Department Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Officer, originally created in 2004, is now incorporated into the C&R (see 2015 SUVCW Blue Book, pg. 35). Once job descriptions are added, the infrastructure will be in place to implement a standardized nationwide program.

Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Recommendation: Progress toward achieving our long-term committee goals was reported to the 133<sup>rd</sup> 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." As discussed in our committee report to the 133<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment, we believe the best approach to accomplish this is to publish a handbook, similar to those now available to Patriotic Instructors and Graves Registration Officers. A significant step forward was made in late 2014 with the addition of the office of Department GAR Records Officer to the Regulations. We anticipate that the new job description for the Department GAR Records Officer and revised job description for the Historian (National, Department and Camp level) will be approved for amendment at the 2015 National Encampment. Once the amendments have been published in the C&R, we will be able to move forward with the development of a handbook. In the meantime, we have begun assembly of portions of the handbook, including a glossary of terms being compiled by committee member, Ernie Blevins. A status report of pending and completed recent National Encampment actions pertaining to the GAR Records Program is tabulated below.

Status of Previous National Encampment Actions Relating to GAR Records:

Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
2012	That a GAR Records Project Plan be approved.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. Implemented in Aug. 2012
2012	That the Job Description of the National GAR Records Officer be amended.	Voted/Approved	Partly implemented (2015 Blue Book updated), Nat'l website not yet updated.
2013	That the Job Description of the National Standing Committee on GAR Records be amended.	Voted/Approved	PENDING. The 2013 official record needs to be corrected.*
2013	That a National Policy on GAR Records be approved.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE, however, the 2013 official record needs to be corrected.*
2014	Proposal of a new Job Description for the Department GAR Records Officer, and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.	Voted/Approved	PENDING final action at the 2015 Nat'l Encampment

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
2014	Proposal of an amended Job Description for the National Historian, and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.	Voted/Approved	PENDING final action at the 2015 Nat'l Encampment
2014	Proposal of an amended Job Description for the National Committee on History, and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration	Voted/Approved	PENDING final action at the 2015 Nat'l Encampment
2014	Proposal of an amended Job Description for the Camp and Department Historian, and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.	Voted/Approved	PENDING final action at the 2015 Nat'l Encampment
2014	Motion to amend Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1 of the C&R to include the office of Department G.A.R. Records Officer (the office was created at the Nat'l Encampment in 2004).	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE (2014 Blue Book updated)

\* A full hour of committee reports (including that of the National GAR Records Committee) was not recorded during the 2013 National Encampment. Because of this, no transcript of the actions or decisions of the National Encampment is available for that time period. Refer to page 56 of the 2013 Proceedings for an explanation. We anticipate that a motion to correct the record will be made at the 2015 National Encampment, which will permit implementation of the actions in question.

Our committee is pleased with our achievements for the year, and we hope that our accomplishments will meet with the satisfaction of the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment. It has been a privilege to serve.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation 1:** That the following nine Departments be recognized by the National Encampment for their ongoing efforts to maintain formalized and publicly accessible GAR Records Programs, either through verbiage in their by-laws or by Department Orders: Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri (including Arkansas), Nebraska (including North and South Dakota), New Jersey, New York, and Ohio.

**4.12 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

See National Graves Registration Officer Report.

**4.13 National Committee on History, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

See National Historian Report.

**4.14 National Committee on Legislation, Daniel R Earl, PCC**

The purpose of the National Committee on Legislation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to keep Brothers apprised of proposed federal and state legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. To that extent, this report summarizes relevant federal and state legislation.

### Federal Legislation

Federal legislation was analyzed beginning with the first session of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress (January 2015) through the end of July 2015. None of the Federal legislation previously reported on passed in both the House and Senate, and thus died when Congress adjourned sine die in December 2014. To date, there has been no legislation introduced in Congress of noteworthy interest to the Order.

Of historical significance to the Order has been legislation in past Congresses that would restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day. Thus far there is no indication that such legislation will be introduced anytime soon. If it is, the Committee will report on its status.

### State Legislation

There is no state legislation of significant interest to report.

### Recommendations

The Committee has no recommendations.

## **4.15 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

We have a signed contract with The Abraham Lincoln hotel for April 15&16, 2016. The room rate this year is \$96.99 for single, double, triple and quad. We have our permit from the Lincoln Tomb to hold our program. We will sign a contract with the band at the first of the year. The ribbons and programs will be ordered after the first of the year. Chaplain Jerry is contacting a speaker for our luncheon. Everything is right on schedule for this program.

## **4.16 National Committee on Membership, Donald L. Martin, PDC**

See Junior Vice Commander in Chief Report.

## **4.17 National Military Affairs Committee, Henry E Shaw, PCC**

This Report will cover the activities of the National Military Affairs Committee from the 2014 Remembrance Day Weekend (14 November 2014 - 16 November 2014) through and including the date of this Final Report of the National Military Affairs Committee, and, of necessity, is somewhat duplicative of this Committee's Interim Report dated 25 March 2015.

- At the outset, it should be noted that during the first full week of July, 2015, one of the Committee members, David M. Lamb, informed the Committee Chair that he had terminated his membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and, thus, the incoming Commander-in-Chief will need to fill this vacancy.
- Further, it should be noted that the Committee is presently engaged in reviewing the SVR Regulations, line by line and word by word, and is in the process of preparing proposed amendments to the Regulations. Unfortunately, the work of the Committee has not yet been finalized and such amendments as are finally agreed upon will have to be presented to the 2016 National Encampment.
- Nineteen SVR General Orders have been issued since the date of this Committee's Tri-Annual Report dated 21 October 2014, specifically, SVR General Order 2014-05, dated 11 November 2014, SVR General Order 2014-04 dated November 23, 2014, SVR General Order 2014-06 dated 23 November 2014, SVR General Order 2014-07 dated 23 November 2014, SVR General Order 2014-08 dated 23 November 2014, SVR General Order 2014-09 dated 23 November 2014, SVR General Order 2014-10 dated 23 November 2014, SVR General Order 2014-11 dated 31 December 2014, SVR General Order 2015-01, dated 16 February 2015, SVR General Order 2015-02, dated 08 March 2015, SVR General Order 2015-03, dated 16 February 2015, SVR General Order 2015-04, dated 14 March 2015, SVR General Order 2015-05, dated 31 March

2015, SVR General Order 2015-06, dated 11 May 2015, SVR General Order 2015-07, dated 11 May 2015, SVR General Order 2015-08, dated 15 May 2015, SVR General Order 2015-09, dated 09 July 2015, SVR General Order 2015-10, dated 12 July 2015, and SVR General Order 2015-11, dated 14 July 2015, all of which are published on the Web Site.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND – 2014

- At the Woolson Ceremonies conducted on Saturday, 15 November 2014, 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 \$4,000.00 to a representative of the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument preservation. That donation brings the total to date in the sum of \$77,000.00.
- The Parade was extremely 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. The construction project on Steinwehr Avenue has been completed and, on 21 November 2015, the parade will follow the usual route, terminating at the National Park entrance.
- The Ball was quite a fine success with over 350 participants in attendance. It appears that a donation at least in the sum of \$4,000.00 will be presented to the Gettysburg National Military Park on 21 November 2015 in the course of the Woolson Ceremonies. As in numerous prior years, the efforts of Janice Corfman and SVR Deputy Provost, Captain David K. Hann who handled the tickets at the door and Anne and David Sosnowski who did the Ball decorations should be recognized.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND, 2015

- As previously reported, on 31 December 2012, contracts, covering the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 were executed with the Wyndham Hotel Management contemplating lodging at both the Wyndham Hotel and the adjacent Courtyard Marriott for the aforesaid four years. Thus, the year 2015 is the third year of the four year contract.
- As previously reported, a 4 year contract for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 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 Wyndham 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 have been made with the various CW publications as well as with PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, the Editor of *The Banner*, 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 2015 ads will be distributed at the 152<sup>nd</sup> reenactment in Gettysburg in August of 2015.
- Through the assistance of PCinC and SVR Web Master Leo Kennedy, Notice of the 2015 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2015 Original Civil War Ball are both posted on the SVR Web site.
- Captain David K. Hann, Deputy Provost, SVR, fashioned a Remembrance Day Facebook Page in 2014 and which said page has been updated to include the 2015 events as well as other materials.
- Schedule of Events for Saturday, 21 November 2015:
  1. SVR Breakfast at Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 A.M.
  2. Parade Briefing at Wyndham 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 Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 P.M.
- Remembrance Day 2015 Permits:
    1. Gettysburg Area School District – Application for Facilities Lease Agreement for purposes of use of Middle School area for form up of parade was mailed on 04 February 2015. The Facilities Lease Agreement was approved by the School District, received back on 17 February 2015, and the original Agreement was signed and returned to Daniel Golliday, the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the School District on 18 February 2015.
    2. Borough of Gettysburg – Application for Parade Permit together with \$30.00 document processing fee (anonymous donor) was mailed to Borough of Gettysburg Police Department on 04 February 2015. Thereafter, and on 11 March 2015, a detailed summary of costs associated with the Parade, in the sum of \$1,630.73, was received from Joseph F. Dougherty, Chief of Police, Gettysburg Police Department. On 20 March 2015, a check for \$1,000.00 was received from Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield, Inc. (formerly the Steinwehr Avenue Business Improvement District) for part of the Remembrance Day Parade Fee and on same date mailed the required acceptance of the terms of the Parade Permit, the BID Check for \$1,000.00 and NMAC Chairman's personal check for \$630.73 to the Gettysburg Police Department. The advance of \$630.73 was immediately reimbursed by the SVR. Upon receipt thereof, the Gettysburg Police Department will issue a Provisional Approval which will enable the completion of the required Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.  
  
A Provisional Approval was received on 02 April 2015. However, due to the retirement of the officer that was handling the Parade Permit Application, things were delayed. On 31 July 2015, the Parade Operations Plan was received from Sgt. Larry Weikert, the officer now in charge of the application process. Still needed is an official map of the parade route which should be supplied on or before 07 August 2015. Once that is received, then the required documentation (Special Event Permit TE300) can be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for its approval. That approval is generally routine.
    3. Gettysburg National Military Park – for purposes of conducting the Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove, a Special Use Permit Application was mailed to Grace Reese, Special Park Use Manager on 11 March 2015. That Permit was received on 01 May 2015.
    4. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – this Application for a Special Event Permit cannot be made until the last of the documentation is received from the Borough of Gettysburg Police Department, which should be on or before 07 August 2015. A draft of the required documentation has already been prepared and the final documents will be forwarded to PennDOT immediately upon receipt of the materials from the Gettysburg Borough Police Department.
    5. Certificates of Liability Insurance were applied for and received from the SVR's insurance carrier and accompanied the School District Facilities Lease Agreement Application and Parade Permit Application to the Borough of Gettysburg.
  - 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 were ordered on 02 February 2015 and were received on 12 February 2015. Total cost, including shipping, was \$115.00.
  - Arrangements were made with PCinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., 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 2015 Remembrance Day Parade and then remove the same following the completion of the Parade.

- Remembrance Day Parade Streamers were ordered from R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
- Arrangements were made with All Sound Pro (Robert Ranalli) to provide PA system for Woolson Monument Ceremonies. Mr. Ranelli has provided the PA system for a number of years and moved his place of business from York Street in Gettysburg to Kunkle Drive in Chambersburg.
- Arrangements were made with Associated Products Services, Mechanicsburg, PA, for purposes of providing 3 portable sanitary facilities at the parade staging area and secured authorizations from Gettysburg Police Chief and the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Gettysburg Area School District to place the sanitary facilities at the staging area.
- Ordered 13 wreaths from The Floral Boutique in Gettysburg and arranged for the wreaths to be delivered to the Woolson Monument on Saturday, 21 November 2015 at 10:00 A.M.
- Effective on 18 March 2015, Brother James A. Getty elected to retire from participation in the Memorial Day Ceremonies and the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Gettysburg. Through the efforts of SVR Deputy Provost David K. Hann, a replacement has been secured in the person of Robert Costello, who resides in Piscataway, NJ and is a member of Custer Camp No. 17 in New Jersey. Brother Costello is an experienced first person Lincoln presenter and can be checked out at nj-lincoln.com.
- Made arrangements with Jeffrey C. Young, owner of Gettysburg Carriage Company, to have a carriage at the parade staging area to convey President and Mrs. Lincoln, Gen. Scott (John Hart) and one other in the Remembrance Day Parade.
- Secured Dance List from Larry Keener-Farley, the Victorian Ensemble Dance Master so that Dance Cards for the Original Civil War Ball can be prepared.
- **Of Necessity, Further Tasks In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2015, Will Be Addressed Subsequent To The 134<sup>th</sup> 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 Wyndham Hotel, commencing at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday 21 November 2015.
  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. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Ivan E. Frantz, Musician Sgt. Major, SVR, requesting him to render *TAPS* at the conclusion of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
  6. 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.
  7. Pick up Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from the R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
  8. Arrange to have Dance Cards for the original Civil War Ball to be printed, boxed.

9. Arrange to have the various Certificates of Appreciation/Thanks prepared.
10. Arrange ceremony for Friday afternoon, 20 November 2015, with Gettysburg business leaders, for presentation of Certificates in recognition of their \$1,000.00 parade permit donation.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKENDS – 2017 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 2021:

- During the 2014 Remembrance Day Weekend, information was received from the Wyndham Hotel management that the Ball Room at the Hotel had been reserved for the Lincoln Forum and, thus, would not be available for the Original Civil War Ball in 2017. Insofar as the net proceeds of the Ball are donated to GNMP each year, it then became clear that in order to continue with the Ball and thus continue to donate the net proceeds of the Ball to GNMP, it would be necessary to secure another forum, both as a Headquarters Hotel and a site for the SVR Original Civil War Ball.
- SVR Chief of Staff, Colonel Robert M. Petrovic, worked on this matter and negotiated five (5) proposed contracts with the Eisenhower Complex (formerly the Eisenhower Hotel) for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. It should be noted that the Eisenhower Complex has a substantially sized Ball Room.
- The NMAC Committee considered the matter and came to the conclusion that it would be proper for MG Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer, SVR, to sign each of the five (5) contracts on behalf of the SVR. As of the date of this Report, all five (5) of the subject contracts have been signed by MG Grim and mailed back to the Eisenhower Complex, specifically, for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- 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 is 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.
- It should also be noted that the nightly group rate of \$116.00 plus tax at the Wyndham will expire following Remembrance Day Weekend in 2016. It should also be noted that there is no reason to believe that the group rate at the Wyndham will remain at \$116.00 for the years subsequent to 2016 and most likely will increase to at least the sum as contained in the Eisenhower contracts.
- The contracts with the Eisenhower Complex also provides 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.
- The Eisenhower Complex is presently undergoing substantial upgrades and should be a first class facility by November of 2017.

REMEMBRANCE DAY DATES – 2015 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 2021:

The following future dates have been established for Remembrance Day:

- Saturday, 21 November 2015
- Saturday, 19 November 2016
- Saturday, 18 November 2017
- Saturday, 17 November 2018
- Saturday, 16 November 2019
- Saturday, 21 November 2020
- Saturday, 20 November 2021



#### 4.18 National Committee on Program and Policy, Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC

Committee Membership:

Eugene G. Mortorff PDC (Chair), Michael A. Paquette PDC, Roy A. Lafferty PDC, James G. Ward PDC, and Mark R. Day PDC.

Department Permission to Sue. This item came about because of a Cannon Tube in a Cemetery resulting in a Department entering in a lawsuit over the rightful owners of the tube. The question whether Departments may act individually in suing was given to the P&P for policy development. No action was taken.

**ACTION:** As this is a legal matter, I believe that before a policy question can be answered, this needs vetting by legal professionals. I recommend the CinC refer this to National Counselor to render a decision. If it is decided that Departments CAN, then it can come back to the P&P to development a policy.

Criteria For Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

**IN PROGRESS.** Criteria will be developed before the Springfield CofA meeting for vote either before (online) or at that CofA meeting. The issue has been whether the criteria for the award are too subjective. There is also an issue with the fact that the award is being given with just a certificate. This award deserves a "citation" that outlines in detail the examples of outstanding service actually accomplished.

National Reimbursement Form (Consolidate two existing forms).

**IN PROGRESS:** The National Treasurer submitted a suggested Form to the P&P for review. The Committee has submitted it to the Council of Administration at Richmond. The Committee recommends they vote to approve the form.

FORM 2A: Annual Encampment Credential Card (Add Check Block for Nat. Elective Officer).

**NO ACTION**

FORM 27 Camp Annual Report and FORM 35 Department Annual Report:

This form needs work including resizing fonts and including a section to record reinstatement fees. In line with decisions made at the last National Encampment, there needs to be a place to indicate a members "home" department and resultant home department.

**ACTION: Complete**

FORM 61/62: Consolidate Forms 61/62.

Committee member Brother Mark Day has spent considerable time on this issue. Many members of the P&P / Graves / Monuments Committees have had an opportunity to study Brother Day's recommendations. Action by the P&P Committee will revolve around the following plan put forth by Brother Day:

- A) As the Civil War Memorials Committee is a standing Committee and will be the primary committee involved in recording the data regarding the condition of Memorials, It would be proper to have all Form 62 applications for Memorial Grant Funding come to that committee. {The National Civil War Memorials Committee would then file a copy of the Form 62 in their records and forward copies of the Form 61 Addendum 1 and Addendum 2, pertaining to the monument the Form 62 application was made for, along with the original form 62 to the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee
- B) The Civil War Memorials Committee would then forward the application along with the collected data on the condition of the monument to the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee for their consideration regarding the approval of a financial grant and make notification to the petitioning applicant as to its decision. {With regard to the approval or disapproval of financial grants the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee would have the final say} The Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee would send a copy of their decision on the Form 62 application to the National Civil War Memorials Committee for that committee's records.

Note #1 If this procedure is used the current form 62 would be sufficient for making application for a Grant, but the form would now go to the Chair of the National Civil War Memorials Committee rather than the Chair of the National Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

Note #2 All of this will of course have to be included in an update to the National Civil War Memorials Committee Jobs description and a New Job Description would have to be written to delineate the responsibilities of the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee, which current has not job description on record.

**ACTION: Completed**

FORM 30 Camp Status Report. Add a section dealing with multiple Camp/Department memberships and designating Home Camp/Department.

**ACTION: Completed**

JOB DESCRIPTION - Government Headstone Application Committee (GHAC).

**ACTION:** Referred to the CinC for the creation of a Special Committee to Create a Job Description for the GHAC.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS – The following Job Descriptions proposed by Brother Robert Wolz were reviewed by the Programs and Policy Committee. I sent copies to the CofA for comment and the Descriptions (with minor revisions) will be sent to the 2015 National Encampment as prescribed by our Constitution and Regulations with a recommendation for approval.

- GAR Records Officer
- Historian (Camp and Department)
- National Historian
- National Committee on History

**ACTION:** Job Descriptions have been submitted to the National Encampment for approval. The P&P Committee recommends approval.

POLICY: Dishonorable discharge Policies and Tracking: Review Policies regarding Dishonorable Discharge from the Order and suggest tracking mechanism (From the 2014 Springfield COA Meeting by direction of the CinC.

**ACTION: In Progress – Incomplete.**

#### 4.19 National Committee on Scholarships, John R. Ertell, PCC

The Scholarship Committee received ten completed applications by the March 31, 2015 deadline, with all applicants meeting the scholarship criteria. After carefully reviewing the applications, scholastic records and letters of recommendation, the committee unanimously recommended to the National Commander the awarding of this year's scholarships to:

Britta Alexandra Musser

[Member of Mount Union Church Camp #502 ASUVCW, Department of Pennsylvania]

Mark E. Schlegel

[Member of General J.P.S. Gobin Camp #503 SUVCW, Department of Pennsylvania]

We note that changes enacted to the scholarship criteria in recent years have led to an improvement in the quality of applicants, generally eliminating those who in the past have joined at the last minute in order to apply for the scholarships. In addition to academic requirements and letters of recommendation, applicants are now required to provide information regarding their involvement in the SUVCW or Allied Orders as well as in activities to promote an appreciation of the men and women who served the Union Cause in the Civil War.

In 2013, a significant bequest of \$25,000 was made to the SUVCW in support of the scholarship program enabling the scholarship awards to be raised to \$2,500 from \$1,000. As a committee, we encourage

other members of the Allied Orders to make contributions towards the scholarship program in order to sustain it in future years.

The 2014-15 Scholarship Committee consisted of Brothers Theodore J. Zemen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gene D. Turner of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chairman John R. Ertell of Spring City, Pennsylvania. We have appreciated the opportunity to serve as the committee this past year.

## 5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 5.1 Civil War Sesquicentennial Special Committee, *D. Michael Beard, PDC*

The Special Committee for the Sesquicentennial respectfully submits this report for the 2015 National Encampment. This is the Committees final report.

The Committee has operated since 2009. It:

1. Created a Sesquicentennial Medal.
2. Created and maintained a Sesquicentennial page on the National SUVCW website.
3. Created and maintained a Facebook page.
4. Obtained permission from James McPherson to use and reprint his essays in *This Mighty Scourge* in any format the Sons desired.
5. Received acknowledgement from the History Channel they were disparaging to Gen. Sherman referring to his March to the Sea as "infamous".
6. Created and maintained an online Signature Event application form.
7. Promoted Sons of Union Veterans Sesquicentennial Signature Events that: Had a direct connection with the Civil War; were of national significance; presented the United States and its military in a positive manner; did not have any sponsors or cosponsors that could prove embarrassing to the SUVCW; and not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk.
8. Created a Sesquicentennial Passport for Signature Events.

Sesquicentennial Signature Events: The committee processed 92 applications for Signature Events. The committee approved applications considering whether or not they met the criteria set forth in the application. The committee consisted of seven to eight brothers, including two PCINCs, and several PDCs. Once approved, a subcommittee of the Council of Administration headed by the SVCINC reviewed the application. If the COA subcommittee approved, the entire COA would vote on the application. The Sesquicentennial Committee rejected 3 applications. The COA rejected a further 23 applications. Thus, the Sons of Union Veterans sponsored 66 Signature Events during the Sesquicentennial. The Sons held 30 events in 2011, 22 in 2012, 10 in 2013, 4 in 2014 and none in 2015.

The Department of Missouri led the way with 14 applications (4 rejected).

California Pacific submitted 10, as did Chesapeake (3 rejected). Ohio submitted 7; Michigan 6 (3 rejected); Massachusetts 5 (2 rejected); Florida 4 (1 rejected) and Kentucky 4 (2 rejected). Iowa, Georgia & South Carolina, and Rhode Island applied for 3 each (1 RI rejected). Submitting 2 events were the At Large Camps (1 rejected), Illinois (2 rejected), Indiana (1 rejected), New Hampshire (1 rejected), New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas (1 rejected). Asking for one event were Connecticut, Kansas, the National Organization (rejected), Nebraska (rejected), New Jersey, North Carolina, National Women's Relief Corps (rejected), SVR 6<sup>th</sup> District, and MOLLUS. These are the events put on in the Sesquicentennial:

1. Twiggs Surrender, Texas, February 2011
2. Charlestown Remembrance, Massachusetts, April 2011
3. In Remembrance, Iowa, April 2011

4. Fort Sumter, Georgia & South Carolina, April 2011
5. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, MOLLUS, April 2011
6. Defense of Washington, Chesapeake, April 2011
7. Camp Jackson, Missouri, May 2011
8. Murder of Col Ellsworth, New York, May 2011
9. Gibson Ranch, California & Pacific, May 2011
10. Cantonment Anderson, Michigan, June 2011
11. Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, July 2011
12. Private Auten, Indiana, July 2011
13. Battle of Wentzville, Missouri, July 2011
14. Grant Commission, Missouri, July 2011
15. Colonel Crowther, Pennsylvania, August 2011
16. Fort D Days, Missouri, August 2011
17. Battle of Wilson's Creek, SVR 6<sup>th</sup> District, August 2011
18. On to Richmond, Connecticut, August 2011
19. Sprague Mansion, Rhode Island, September 2011
20. Camp Thompson, Michigan, September 2011
21. Lawnfield, Ohio, September 2011
22. Homefront, California, September 2011
23. Alcatraz Artillery, California & Pacific, October 2011
24. Battle of Santa Rosa, Florida, October 2011
25. Oregonians & Virginians, At Large Camp, October 2011
26. Battle of Port Royal, Georgia & South Carolina, November 2011
27. Eads Dedication, Missouri, October 2011
28. Woodland Cemetery, Ohio, October 2011
29. Fort Mervine Encampment, California & Pacific, October 2011
30. Lynchburg Civil War Trail Marker, Chesapeake, December 2011
31. USS Monitor Launch, New York, January 2012
32. Fort Point Garrisoning, California & Pacific, January 2012
33. New Smyrna Gun Boat, Florida, March 2012
34. Battle of Kernstown, Chesapeake, March 2012
35. Battle of Montevallo, Missouri, April 2012
36. Andrews Raid, Georgia & South Carolina, April 2012
37. Arlington Cemetery Founding, Chesapeake, May 2012
38. Lambertville CW Weekend, New Jersey, June 2012
39. Derry CW Days, New Hampshire, June 2012
40. Newburg Days, Missouri, June 2012
41. Lawnfield, Ohio, July 2012
42. Clara Barton Memorial, Massachusetts, September 2012
43. Battle of Middle Creek, Kentucky, September 2012
44. Allegheny Arsenal, Pennsylvania, September 2012
45. Alcatraz Island Day, California & Pacific, September 2012
46. Formation of the 78<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Missouri, September 2012.
47. Belle Isle Memorial, Chesapeake, October 2012
48. Ohio 150 Hear the Silent, Ohio, October 2012
49. Burnside Commemoration, Rhode Island, October 2012
50. Fort Mervine Encampment, California & Pacific, October 2012
51. Battle of Perryville, Kentucky, October 2012
52. Battle of Fredericksburg, Chesapeake, December 2012
53. Fort Point, California & Pacific, January 2013.
54. Bentonville Monument Dedication, North Carolina, March 2013.
55. Stafford County Civil War Park, Chesapeake, April 2013.
56. Colonel Kinsman Monument, Iowa, for May 2013.
57. First Nevada Formation, California & Pacific, May 2013.
58. Camp Reynolds 150<sup>th</sup>, California & Pacific, June 2013.
59. Lawnfield Sesquicentennial Encampment, Ohio, July 2013.

60. General Ewing's Order No, 11, Missouri, for August 2013.
61. History Hill Dearborn, Michigan, August 2013.
62. General Lytle, Ohio, October 2013
63. Battle of Olustee, Florida, May 2014
64. Lynn Common Soldier, Massachusetts, May 2014
65. Davis Count Raid, Iowa, October 2014
66. Battle of Mine Creek, Kansas, October 2014

Rejected Signature Events. Applications failed for three reasons: the event was not specifically related to a civil war event; it was not specifically insured; or it was not submitted in a timely manner. However, these problems were not the fault of the applicants, rather a disagreement amongst those processing the applications. Further, in 2013 the COA modified the signature event application changing the lead-time from 90 days to 6 months. The COA also replaced the application insurance language from: "The event will not expose the SUCVW to any insurance risk" to: "The National Organization of the SUCVW must be held harmless either by being named as an insured party on any insurance policy covering the event or a legally binding document in which the SUCVW is held to have no legal liability for any part of the event or any unforeseen occurrence during the event. If the organizer is a government entity and assumes all liability or is exempt from suit and that exemption extend to those who partner with the government entity a letter expressing this is acceptable." Following that change, not many applications were received. The following events were not approved:

Not related to the Civil War:

- Stephenson Memorial, Illinois, for April 2011. The COA disapproved saying the event was a GAR event and not related to the Civil War.
- Michigan Engineer, Michigan, for April 2011. The COA disapproved saying the event was not directly related to the Civil War.
- Native American Grave Dedication, Michigan, for May 2011. The COA disapproved saying the event was not directly linked to a specific Civil War event.
- Corporal Lilliard Grave Dedication, Missouri, for June 2011. The COA disapproved saying it was not linked to a specific Civil War event.
- LaValley Memorial Dedication, Michigan, for July 2011. The COA disapproved saying it was a GAR memorial event.
- National Encampment, Chesapeake, for August 2011. The COA disapproved saying encampments were not related to the Civil War.
- Rededicate Monument, At Large Camp, for August 2011. The Subcommittee disapproved saying rededications were not directly related to the Civil War.
- Lynn Mass In the Civil War, Massachusetts, for February 2012. The COA disapproved saying the event was not related to a specific civil war event.
- Lynn Mass In the Civil War, Massachusetts, for February 2012. The COA disapproved a refocused application saying the event was not related to a specific civil war event.
- SW Illinois College, Illinois, for April 2012. The Sesquicentennial Committee disapproved saying the event was not related to a specific civil war event.
- Genevieve County in the Civil War, Missouri, for September 2012. The COA disapproved saying the event was not related to a specific civil war event.
- GAR Sundial Rededication, New Hampshire, for September 2012. The COA disapproved saying the event was not related to a specific civil war event.
- Last Soldier Memorial, Indiana, for October 20, 2012. The COA disapproved the event stating the Last Soldiers Plaque & Headstone Dedication Ceremony belonged in the Last Soldiers Project not as a Signature Event.
- Funeral of Commander Wainwright and Lt. Commander Lea, Texas, for January 12, 2013. The COA disapproved the event stating it was a memorial service.
- McClellan Rededication, National Women's Relief Corps, for June 2013. The Sesquicentennial Subcommittee rejected saying it was not related to a specific civil war event. Resubmitted as Gettysburg Address.

- Captain Blandowski, Missouri, for September 12, 2013. The COA asked the sponsors for an insurance certificate, which the sponsors obtained. The COA then disapproved the event because it was a memorial event.

Issue involving insurance:

- Battle of Gettysburg, National Organization, for June 2013. The COA rejected over insurance concern.
- Gettysburg Address, National Women's Relief Corps, for June 14, 2013. The application included a statement from a County Attorney the event was insured and on county property, but the county was not responsible for any accidents/damages that would be incurred by SUVCW. The COA disapproved the event stating the County needed to name the SUVCW as an insured party.
- Battle of Corydon, Kentucky, for July 14, 2013. The COA disapproved the event over insurance concerns. The application stated the Harrison County Convention Bureau and the Battle of Corydon Park Board would not hold the SUVCW liable in any action in regard to the event. The COA had asked the sponsors for written clarification and none was received.
- Rhode Island Gettysburg Gun, Rhode Island, for July 2013. The COA disapproved the event over insurance concerns.
- General Corcoran Historical Marker, Chesapeake, for October 2013. The COA disapproved the event because the application had no explanation for insurance coverage.
- Hillsborough Raid, Florida, for October 2013. The COA disapproved the event over insurance concerns.

Not submitted in time:

- Battle of Herman, Missouri, for September 2011. The COA rejected citing timeliness.
- Battle of New Market Heights, Chesapeake, for September 2014. The CINC rejected citing timeliness.
- Second Inaugural, Kentucky, for March 2013. The Sesquicentennial Committee rejected citing timeliness.
- Prospect Museum, Nebraska, for July 2015. The CINC rejected citing timeliness.

## **5.2 National Encampment Credentials Special Committee, Joseph S. Hall, Jr.**

### 1. National Encampment Pre-Registration

As of August 1, 2015, at the close of business for the United States Postal Service, we have 191 brothers pre-registered for the upcoming National Encampment to be held in Richmond, VA. This figure includes one (1) Junior Member.

### 2. Credential Committee for Upcoming National Encampment

The Committee will consist of the following:

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Chairman

Thomas J. Brown, Committee Member

Walter E. Busch, Committee Member

Brother Bruce Laine is unable to attend this year's National Encampment and will be missed.

### 3. Problems Encountered

This is my first year as Chairman of the Credentials Committee. I would like to thank Brother Walter E. Busch for his support and guidance. The problems this year thus far, that I have encountered, have been minimal and minor. I would like to apologize for not providing any reports to the Council of Administration as I did not know this needed to be done.

There was one glitch in the Access Program where the Department of the Chesapeake dropped out of the Department listing. This was easily rectified.

**Recommendation 1:** Every department should hold a small training with reference to pre-registering for a National Encampment. I had two brothers pre-register twice (and the SUVCW thanks them for their donation), 4 to 5 attempt to pre-register as Commander-in-Chief, at least 3 attempts to pre-register as Past Commanders-in-Chief (verified not), and a few not check anything. It would appear that a good number of the brothers and, quite possibly a couple of Departments, do not understand the Elected Delegate Lists or how to use them properly at the Department Encampments. Some have delegates listed as Elected Delegates, for Instance, that are already considered Automatic Delegates (PDC; Past C-in-C). One Department listed no elected delegates.

In closing, I would like to thank Commander-In-Chief Tad Campbell for putting his faith in me to do the job, Brother Walt Busch for his support, and Brother Bruce Laine and Brother Tom Brown who help make this committee run smoothly and make it enjoyable to be part of.

I am still learning, but have enjoyed this year as the Chairman.

### **5.3 National Fund Raising Special Committee, Glenn B. Knight, PDC**

No report given.

### **5.4 GAR Sesquicentennial Special Committee, Terry R. Dyer, PDC**

No action taken. No recommendations.

### **5.5 Natl Government Headstone Applications Special Comm., Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

It is my honor to report to the 2015 National Encampment the following from the Government Headstone Application Committee.

In accordance with General Order #7, Series 2014 – 2015;

#### Section 1

In accordance with the direction of the 133rd Annual National Encampment the National Special Government Headstone Application Committee (GHAC) is hereby constituted for the period ending August 22, 2015

#### Section 2

The following Brothers are appointed to the GHAC: Bruce Frail (Chair), Steve Aarli, David Burkett, John Eger, Merle Rudebusch, William Stark, and Stephen Twining

#### Section 3

The primary duties of the GHAC, in cooperation with the National Committee on Graves Registration (NCGR), are to assist people inside and outside of the Allied Orders in researching and obtaining Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) headstones, whether they are for unmarked graves or replacement headstones; and to design videos and workshops to show people the proper way to complete forms, raise headstones, level headstones and install all new types of headstones. The GHAC will also receive the data from the check boxes of the graves registration forms and transmit that data to local Departments and Camps for their action, with which the

GHAC will assist when needed. All contact with the VA should be discussed with the office of the National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) prior to any contact by the GHAC's secretary or chairman.

#### Section 4

The GHAC shall report on its activities, along with any recommendations, to the 134th Annual National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia. The National Encampment will then determine whether the committee should be continued, and if so, in what form.

The committee was formed and has met online in Chat rooms to discuss the job of the committee and how we would proceed. One of the members continued to disrupt the mission of the committee, he wanted the committee to challenge the Department of Veterans Affairs and sent emails to committee against our mission to the point that I requested thru the Commander-in-Chief that I be given permission to have him removed from the committee, this request was sent with supporting documentation (emails), Permission was granted and I notified this Brother that he had been removed from the committee, the reason why and I thanked him for his interest.

With this done, we were able to concentrate on our mission and forming the committee tasks. One of those tasks was to create a list of veteran's graves that need headstones; another was to introduce this new committee to the public and to volunteers in the genealogy field. This later part was done at several genealogy conferences in which we now have 7 active researchers volunteering their time to locate Next of Kin for these veterans on the list. These researchers have located NOK for 5 of the veterans, three of these are proceeding with our assistance to order headstones for their relatives, and they are located in Ohio (2) and Connecticut (1).

I would like to thank the National Encampment on 2014 for their support in this matter as well as the members of this committee who have given of their time for this project.

**Recommendation 1:** I would make the following recommendation, that this committee (special committee) be either continued for at least another year or to be converted into a permanent committee. The public relations value alone of this committee should warrant this action.

#### **5.6 Natl Membership Process Development Special Committee, *Paul T. Zeien, Jr., PCC***

No report given.

#### **5.7 Memorial University Redesign Special Committee, *Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC***

The committee successfully began developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, a power point covering an organizational overview and applicable review quizzes were completed. These were presented on "Blendspace," courtesy of Br. Mark Day and accepted by the CofA.

Should the committee be reappointed, it will continue to complete presentations on badge wear, customs and courtesies, core values, and history. Prototype presentations were successfully used at the Wisconsin Dept. Member Orientation on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5.8 Promotion & Marketing Special Committee, *Mark R. Day, PDC***

Nothing to report.

#### **5.9 Real Sons & Daughters Special Committee, *Jerome Orton, PDC-NY***

The committee on real sons and daughters submits this report to you and to the brothers attending the 2015 national encampment. As far as can be determined, this information is accurate. Letters were sent to these individuals and where addresses were not known as with the Daughters of Union Veterans, their committee head was asked to forward the letters. Very few responses

#### Deaths



- David Ordean Chase of Cowichan, British Columbia, Canada, died January 2, 2015. Father, Albert Chase, Co. H. 6th MN Vols. SUVCW
- Luke P. Martin, Jr., New Bern, NC died January 25, 2015. Father, Luke P. Martin, Sr., 1st NC Colored Troops, which became 35th United States Colored Troops. SUVCW
- Hilbert J. Gramelspacher, Popular Bluff, MO died on February 1, 2015. Father, Joseph Gramelspacher, 143rd IN Vols. His mother, Mary O. Wiles, was the last Civil War widow in MA. SUVCW
- Claremont Deem, Rt 12, Box 156, Walker, WV 26180, died on January 26, 2006. Father, John Deem. Co. E, 11th WV Infantry. SUVCW
- Lorene Elizabeth Meadows of Marionville, Missouri, born February 3, 1915, died November 21, 2014, aged 99 years. Her father was James Alexander Miller (1846-1920) of Company F, 4th Tennessee Cavalry.
- Juanita "Skeet" Mary Tudor DeFord Lowrey of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, born June 17, 1926, died January 9, 2014, aged 87 years. Her father was Hugh Tudor (1847-1928) of Company F, 25th Iowa Infantry and Company I, 4th Iowa Infantry.

#### Living Sons of Union Veterans

- Harold Becker, 8333 Atlantic Dr., Rockford, MI 49349. Father Conrad Becker, 128th IN Vols. Co. H SUVCW
- Charlie Brock, 1414 Matt Baker Rd., London, KY 40744. Father, Amon Brock, 49th KY Vols, Co E SUVCW
- Ernest J. Pool, 1416 Highway UU, Bolivar MO 65613. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D, 6th WV Vols. SUVCW
- Garland Pool, 1001 Highway T, Bolivar MO 65613-8122. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. C, 6th WV Vols. SUVCW
- William Pool, 1030 Highway T., Bolivar, MO 65613. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. C, 6th WV Vols SUVCW
- Frederick Upham, 5404 Fossil Ct. N; Fort Collins, CO 80525. Father, William Upham, USMA Class of 1866, Co. F., 2nd WI Vols

#### Living Daughters of Union Veterans

- Patricia Albertson, DUVCW
- Emogene Cassell Horton, DUVCW
- Mary Ella Reed Lewis, DUVCW
- Jessie Montag, PO Box 317, 413 Pine St., Augusta, WS, 54722. Father, James Terry, 8th NY Art. Co. B. DUVCW
- Rachel Perine, 1416 Andrew St., Parkersburg, WV 26101. PDP-LGAR, Harvey Smith, Co. C., 142nd Ohio Vols. DUVCW
- Irene Triplett, %Avante 1000 College St., Wilkesboro, NC 28697. She is the LAST person to be receiving compensation from the federal government as a dependent child of a Civil War veteran. He father, Moses Triplett attended the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1938. He served with Co. B, NC Mounted Infantry (Union). He first served in the 26th and 53rd NC Volunteers (Confederate). The Wall Street Journal in its May 10-11, 2014 edition did a whole page article on Irene.
- Florence Wilson, 920 Highway UU, Aldrich, MO 65601. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D., 6th WV Vols. DUVCW

These are the individuals known to me and certainly there must be more and there maybe some SUVCW members who are real sons but listed as such.

#### Recommendation:

**Recommendation 1:** A camp or department should be allowed to make a real daughter an honorary member without the consent of the Council of Administration.

## 5. 10 National Regulations Special Committee, James B. Pahl, PCinC

No report given.

### 5.11 Restore Memorial Day Special Committee, Alan E. Peterson, PDC

Over the past year or so, this effort to bring Memorial Day back to its original day, May 30<sup>th</sup> has run into several roadblocks. Although we continue to gather signatures and make recommendations to make Armed Forces Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May) into a three day weekend and put Memorial Day back to the 30<sup>th</sup>, this idea/suggestion has been accepted by many people throughout the country.

As all may be aware, at the current time, there is no bill that has been submitted in Congress. Senator Daniel Inouye passed away, and Rep. Coleen Hanabusa decided to run for the Senate from Hawaii and was defeated. Therefore, we have yet to make contact with a member of the House or the Senate who will step up and introduce a bill. Although we have asked, begged, and pleaded with members of this committee and members of the SUVCW to make contact with their local congressional delegation to introduce a bill, the support has been poor.

We have 5 members of the SUVCW on this committee and I constantly ask/request that they get more involved in this effort and send me reports, updates of their activities, but only one member of this committee has jumped on the bandwagon and has done a tremendous job, and that is Brother Al Platt of Georgia; hats off to him.

Brother Platt keeps me informed and up to date on his efforts, almost on a weekly basis, for that I am grateful. HUSZAA, HUSZAA, HUZAA!

I have made contact with several Camps and Departments throughout our Organization, inquiring as to whether their Camp or Department conducts Memorial Day services/programs on the original day, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The response I received was so disappointing that we as members of the greatest patriotic organizations in the country, do not/will not participate in any programs on Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

IF WE CONTINUE TO HOLD/CONDUCT SERVICES/PROGRAMS ON ANY DAY EXCEPT MAY30TH, THEN WE ARE DEFEATING THE PURPOSE OF THIS EFFORT.

By conducting a service/program on the 30<sup>th</sup> has got to raise eyebrows, asking "Why are you doing this on the 30<sup>th</sup> when everyone else does theirs on the last Monday of May?" Once you explain why, then they have a different outlook on this matter. The William B. Keith Camp #12 here in Las Vegas, NV has conducted our programs on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May since our Camp was chartered, and we get great response and good attendance.

Therefore, I suggest that our National Organization take an active part in passing the following resolution:

**Recommendation 1:** Have all Camps and Departments to take a more active role in this Program in four ways as listed below:

1. To gather signatures in their area of the country as they participate in various programs for which they are involved.
2. To recommend/suggest that they participate in Memorial Day (May 30<sup>th</sup>) programs in their respective cities/towns/states each year.
3. To encourage all members of this Organization to make contact with their congressional delegation and request/suggest that they support this effort of making Armed Forces Day into a three day weekend and put Memorial Day back to where it once was and belongs.

4. That members of this committee and others who would like to participate, to attend the annual Memorial Day concert next year in Washington, D.C., to set up a tent, tables, etc. to gather as many signatures as possible.

The above resolution is necessary to our country IF we are going to keep our history alive. I further recommend that the three inactive members of this committee be removed and replaced by others.

Again, we are encouraging and urging all of our members and their families to support this effort by more than just saying they support it. Make contact with other organizations such as the Vietnam Veterans, VFW, American Legion, Order of the Purple Heart, plus others. Let them know we need their help. Lastly, we ask that this message be passed on to the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic).

## **5.12 Vision and Strategic Planning Special Committee, Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

The Committee continues to track and report our progress toward meeting the goals of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

Overall, there continues to be visible progress in a number of areas since the last Encampment; in others, there remains work to be done.

The detailed analysis for the 2014-2015 term is still in progress. The committee will analyze the information provided in the Annual Officer, Committee, and Department reports and present the results of the analysis at the CoA meeting at Remembrance Day as well as to all applicable parties and Department Commanders.

The committee wholeheartedly recommends the Order's continued commitment to Vision 2020.

## **5.13 Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, James G. Ward, PDC**

- I. Goals and enabling objectives
  - 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. Create a process for Brother's to acknowledge more than one Union Veteran Ancestor with qualifying service when that pertains
- II. Facts and Opinions
  - F1. An SUVCW strategic mission is to strive to become a trusted and preeminent source organization for Civil War information and artifacts.
  - F2. The SUVCW requires lineage "proofs" (reference 1).
  - F3. There are (from a genealogical point of view) "best practices" for "proving" lineage (reference 2).
  - F4. There is (from an organization processing point of view) disagreement in practice and/or over time regarding "acceptable" practices for "proving" lineage (reference 3).
  - F5. There is even more disagreement over "acceptable" presentation format (reference 3).
  - F6. There is support among SUVCW Departments and Camps-at-Large for creating an SUVCW Supplemental Ancestor application and recognition program (references 4 & 5).
  - F7. Computer systems (hardware, software, and services) with word processing, storage, database, internet, and security capability exist both in "off-the-shelf" and "proprietary" packages.
  - F8. The SUVCW GR database operates on a "proprietary" system.
  - F9. There are benefits to using computer and database systems that are "off the shelf", and not "proprietary" (reference 6).
  - Op1. There is a wide variety of vigor in the degree to which Camps require, document, and retain lineage "proofs."
  - Op2. A database of Union Veterans with qualifying service advances the SUVCW strategic mission.

Op3. Cost and/or expense will be involved in advancing lineage proofs, establishing an ancestor database, and/or creating a Brother's recognition of more than one ancestor with qualifying service.

### III. Recommendations

**Recommendation 1:** exercise a "best practices" prototype for "proving" genealogical descent from an ancestor with SUVCW qualifying service.

- a. Outgoing C-in-C Campbell recommend incoming C-in-C appoint a hereditary issues special committee chairman with authority to appoint committee members
- b. '15-'16 SCoHI obtain an off-the-shelf (non-proprietary) internet-able secure computer system capable of documenting and storing applications and proofs.
- c. '15-'16 SCoHI invite Brothers, beginning with both '14-'15 and '15-'16 SCoHI members and '15-'16 PC-in-C's to provide applications and documents that "prove" genealogical descent from an ancestor with SUVCW qualifying service.
- d. '15-'16 SCoHI publish the best practices for "proving" genealogical descent no later than NE16 as a supplement or replacement for current application processing guidance.
- e. '15-'16 SCoHI invite SUVCW Camps (with Department coordination) to participate in a "hereditary" certification process that ultimately leads to high confidence that both type one and type two genealogical errors are minimized throughout SUVCW.

**Recommendation 2:** establish a database for "proved" genealogical descent from ancestors with SUVCW qualifying descent.

- a. '15-'16 SCoHI ensure obtained computer system is database capable, and is "searchable."
- b. For participating members in good standing, '15-'16 SCoHI enter in the database both original ancestor with qualifying service as noted on the original application form, and additional ancestors with qualifying service, using the same application form required for initial application and printing "supplemental" at the top of the form.
- c. Compare this hereditary database with the SUVCW Graves Registration database and report what, if any, coordination between the two would advance the SUVCW mission.

**Recommendation 3:** authorize formal recognition of initial and supplemental ancestors with qualifying service.

- a. Authorize a certificate for purchase documenting initial and supplemental ancestors with qualifying service
- b. Establish a fee/fee schedule.
- c. Authorize a blue "back-ribbon" to the membership (or equivalent) badge, such that:
  1. The top and sides of the ribbon match that of the badge
  2. The bottom of the ribbon extends below the badge
  3. The bottom extension is sufficient to affix a white star
  4. The gold star, for members with more than one ancestor with qualifying service, shall have centered a circle in blue with a red numeral indicating the number of ancestors with qualifying service

**Recommendation 4:** authorize an initial cost/expense budget, with supplemental increases to be applied for as the need is clarified.

### IV. Alternatives:

- A. For ancestors 1-4: plain star; 5-9: star with "5" numeral; 10-14: star with "10" numeral, and so forth
- B. Revise SUVCW membership application to be similar to that of the "Sons of the American Revolution," "Descendants of Valley Forge", and "Daughters of the American Revolution", all three of which are similar.
- C. Create a "staff genealogist" position to check hereditary applications and proofs submitted by Departments.

- D. Acquire and store duty using a system similar to that of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- E. Establish a searchable Union Veteran ancestor database similar to that of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Jacksonville, Florida.
- F. August 20, 2015 Council of Administration approve the recommendations and the SUVCW implement them.

V. References:

1. SUVCW Constitution and Regulations
2. Certified genealogist syllabus
3. 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 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

4. Department of Missouri recommendation for NE15
5. Camps-at-Large reports to Special Committee on Hereditary Issues Member Gaines
6. Technology Committee Chairman Harrison report to SCoHI Chairman Ward.

VI. Glossary

Error: Type 1-showing an unrelated generation individual related to another individual

Error: Type 2- failing to show a related generation individual as related to another individual

VII. Acknowledgements and conclusion

NSCoHI Committee Members were Adam Gaines, Owen Stiles, James Ward, and Tad Campbell (ex officio as Commander-in-Chief). Technology Committee Chairman Keith Harrison, PCinC, Department of Florida Commander (and Past Department of Ohio Commander) Chuck Reeves, General William H. Lytle Camp#10, and Lucius L. Mitchell Camp#4 also directly contributed to this report. The National Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief and the Department of Missouri all contributed indirectly to this report.

This concludes the 2015-2016 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues Report to National Encampment 2015, to Commander-in-Chief Campbell, and to the 2015-2016 Council of Administration.

**5.14 COA Subcommittee on Banner Editor, Edward J. Norris, PDC**

The subcommittee was tasked with finding a vetted candidate to replace Brother Stephen Michaels, PCinC as the editor of The Banner. Notices were placed in The Banner and on the web site. Four brothers indicated their desire to serve as the editor. The subcommittee reviewed their applications and prior published works. All four were worthy candidates and it came down to Brother James Crabtree being the subcommittee's recommendation for editor. The CoA approved the appointment of Brother Crabtree as The Banner Editor for a term of three years, effective upon the resignation of the current editor.

## **6.0 DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **6.1 Department of California and Pacific, Thomas T. Graham, DC**

The Department of California and Pacific oversaw the dissolution of the Almeron J. Patchin Camp No. 26 of Los Molinos, CA, and saw the startup of Henry Vetch Camp No. 30 of Gridley, CA.

Department Commander Graham attended the Civil War Reenactment at Roaring Camp in Felton, CA, and visited the display booths maned by Brothers of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 10, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, and General Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, and Sisters of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52. The Department Commander attended the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County's Memorial Day event at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, CA, followed by attendance at the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Memorial Day ceremony at the GAR plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park. In early June Department Commander Graham attended the Southern California Genealogical Society's Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank, CA, and visited with members of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, and Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2.

Current statistics for the Department of California and Pacific:

- Membership has increased by 7 new Brothers.
- Number of events the Department sponsored or participated in: 3

### **6.2 Department of the Chesapeake, Kevin L. Martin, DC**

It is my pleasure to serve as the 113<sup>th</sup> 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. I was installed as the Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake (including Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia) at the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on April 25, 2015, in Fairfax, Virginia. Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, National Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell, and my favorite Campbell, Miss Emelia, were in attendance. It was an especially rewarding day for me since the Commander-in-Chief performed the installation of Officers including myself, and National Auxiliary Personal Aide Rosemary Martin, my wife, pinned me.

While our membership is strong, unfortunately during the past year, four Camps ceased to meet the minimum requirement and were closed. The Charles Sumner GAR Post Camp #25 in Chestertown, Maryland surrendered their Charter at their own request. Three other Camps in West Virginia were suspended for several years and were fully dormant which include:

- Captain John White Spencer Camp #9 in Spencer, WV
- Buckhannon Camp #49 in Buckhannon, WV
- Abraham Lincoln GAR Post 1 Camp #1863 in Martinsburg, WV

Past Commander Robert Pollock requested that their Charters be revoked and Commander-in-Chief Campbell made it official in General Order No. 21, Series 2014-2015.

On a more positive note, the Department of the Chesapeake is excited to announce the formation of a new Auxiliary in Frederick Maryland. I wish to express my thanks to Sister Rosemary Martin for organizing this new Auxiliary and the Brothers of Antietam Camp #3 for being so supportive of our new Sisters. Congratulations to all involved and best of luck to all of your future endeavors.

The Sesquicentennial Events at Appomattox Courthouse were very impressive and well attended. The Commander-in-Chief received a spotlight on C-Span as part of the Bells Across the Land Ceremony. Many thanks go to the National Park Service for including us in their Events. Also, we recognize the members of the Taylor-Wilson Camp for their efforts to assist the Park.

When some of the wreaths were not delivered to the 2015 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, the Department of the Chesapeake sacrificed our own wreath to the Commander-in-Chief and National Auxiliary President for the good of the order. We very much appreciated that the Campbell's then placed the wreath with our Department sash still attached while inside the tomb.

On Memorial Day, the National DC Representative, our very own Lee Stone, did a superb job of not only escorting the Commander-in-Chief and National Auxiliary President, but their complete entourage as well. During the Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington, the Commander-in-Chief once again received National televised coverage on C-Span.

The Department of the Chesapeake also continues our 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. Also, a huge thank you to the Lincoln-Cushing Camp for organizing and executing the Traditional Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

We are honored that you allowed us to be your hosts for the 2015 National Encampment, and we trust that it will be a successful one for all involved. The 2015 National Encampment Host Committee co-chaired by Brothers Mike Paquette and Mike Beard are on track to provide an outstanding Encampment at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. In particular, I convey special thanks and acknowledgement to Mike Paquette. After a very successful 2011 Encampment in Reston, Virginia, Mike once again took on the arduous task of leading the effort again this year. Mike's talents have not gone unnoticed at the National level, and he is now part of the National Encampment Site Committee. We extend our highest kudos to Mike.

This Encampment also greatly benefitted from the dedication of many, most notably, the National Encampment Committee, as follows:

- James T. Crane, PCC (National Site Selection Committee Chairman)
- Michael Paquette, PDC (Host Committee Chair)
- Michael Beard, PDC (Host Committee co-Chair)
- Mark Day, PDC
- Steve Hammond, PDC
- Lee Stone, PDC
- Faron Taylor, DJVC
- Brin Lewis, CC (Lincoln-Cushing Camp)
- Michael Virts, PCC (Irish Brigade Camp)
- Barbara Day, PDP (ASUVCW)
- Anne Blackburn, DP (ASUVCW)
- Rosemary Martin, NPA (ASUVCW)
- Anne Lewis, NDCR (ASUVCW)

If you need any assistance during the Encampment, please look for our National Encampment Committee Members wearing our official National Encampment polo shirts in red. We stand ready to extend our help.

### **6.3 Department of Colorado & Wyoming, L.E. Cheney, DC**

Nothing to report.

## **6.4 Department of the Columbia, William “Rod” Fleck, DC**

It is a true honor and privilege to submit this, the first ever, report for the newly formed Department of the Columbia having jurisdiction over the States of Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho. We were fortunate to have Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell return to the Evergreen State to install the Department Officers this past June. I will admit it is a wonderful thing to see the strong resurgence in the Sons membership here in the Pacific Northwest that provided the fertile ground for this endeavor.

The Department of the Columbia consists of three camps, with one pending camp awaiting National approval, as of this writing. These are as follows:

- Governor Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1 covering Western Washington;
- Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 covering all of Oregon, but soon to be only Western and Central Oregon; and,
- Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3 covering Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho.

The formation of the General George Wright Camp has proceeded to the point of awaiting approval of the Forms 54 and 55 later this month. This Camp will be organized in divisions and cover Southern and Central Idaho, Eastern Oregon, and the State of Alaska.

As of this writing, I am able to report that there are 167 members within the Department.

I will note that the Baker Camp has members active in the SVR and in the local reenactment communities of the Pacific Northwest allowing for a very visible recruiting tool for the Department and its associated Camps.

I would be remiss to not acknowledge the remarkable, untiring dedication of one Brother in not only the development of the Department, but the systematic organization of the General George Wright Camp. Brother Loran Bures has been a whirlwind of positive activity on behalf of the Order in the Pacific Northwest. It has been his energy, his dedication, and his drive that is responsible for the successes enjoyed within this Department.

Please accept an invite from all of us in the Department to each of you to join us for our first Department Encampment on 9 April 2016.

### Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3 - Raymond E. Marshall, CC

It has been an exciting half year for our new camp. It all began with a conference call January 29, 2014. The call was to begin organizing a new camp to serve Eastern Washington State. The state is divided north to south by the Cascade Mountain Range. The majority of the state's citizens reside west of the mountains. However, the greater land area lies east of the range. This has always created a challenge for those of us who live in Eastern Washington to attend meetings. Whereas distances continue to be a problem the new camp has been divided in to three sectors.

February 14, 2015 our first and Organizational meeting took place in the small farming town of Ritzville, Washington thanks to the generosity of the American Legion letting us use their hall. Ritzville is in the heart of wheat country adjacent to I 90 and centrally located.

The turnout was good for the Ritzville meeting. We were able to accomplish a number of tasks. Three new members were approved along with the transfer of former Isaac Stevens camp members to Fort Walla Walla Camp. The Col. Justus Steinberger fund was established. Brother Loran Bures conducted a badge pinning ceremony. Our new Treasure to be Brother Struve presented banking options that were approved. Secretary to be Jameson presented his application for the SUVCW war metal. All were in favor. Brother McBurney was presented from Isaac Stevens camp the Eagle Scout Certificate. Election of



officers conducted by Brother Bures resulted in myself as Commander, brother Roddy as Jr Vice Commander, brother Jameson would become Secretary, and Mr. Struve as Treasurer. Two members of the Camp Council were selected and the third was later added. Brother Don Davis became Patriotic Instructor. Other officers selected were Color Bearer, Eagle Scout Coordinator, Historian, Guard, and ROTC Recognition. Patriotic Instructor Davis informed us he would try to obtain a US Flag through Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers to be flown over the Capital on 2/28/15. He has done so. Last a blue Alter cloth was presented to us by sisters of Isaac Stevens Auxiliary.

Our second meeting took place in the city of Walla Walla. Brother James Paine one of our members of our camp is curator of historic Fort Walla Walla museum. At the museum and name sake Brother Loran Bures representing Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell presented the charter with 41 names. The new flag was displayed. Four brothers along with three junior members were initiated. Many family members were present. A report was given about an Eagle Scout Certificate presented in Spokane March 28.. Brother Bernie Beldin of Richland was announced as the third Camp Council. This gave us one Council Position for each sector. We received generous donations from members and family. Other needs for the camp were discussed. Brother McBurney submitted an application for SUVCW war Metal. It was approved. We voted to order small flags for Memorial Day. Tricia Bures announced that DUVCW were planning a memorial event in the city of Yakama 12th of June 2015, and a room would be available for Camp Walla Walla No.3 to use for our next meeting.

The Yakama meeting was attended by five members. Loran Bures gave a treasurers report. Discussion was made of how to properly spend funds. Loran made us aware of a GAR monument that has fallen in disrepair near Spokane. I have since been to the cemetery and taken photos. Restoration will be on the topic at our meeting in Spokane August 13th.

Brothers Gordon Struve (Treasurer) and Gar Pilliar (Camp Council) joined me and Loran Bures .at my home town of Vancouver June 27th to attend the successful Department of Columbia encampment.

## **6.5 Department of Connecticut, Thomas D. Taylor, DC**

No report given. Department currently under suspension

## **6.6 Department of Florida, Chuck Reeves, DC**

The year had it's share of challenges for the Department of Florida, some of our Camps were experiencing challenges because of not completing reports to National on time. However, putting our nose to the grindstone we were able to get everything resolved.

Our Department lost 2 members by death, 11 members were dropped and 3 members were honorably discharged and we gained 14 members by initiation. Department Treasurer Custer was able to resolve the disposition of funds that had been raised for the Olustee Union Monument project. The Department voted at its Annual Department Encampment to yield that project over to the Olustee Union Monument Association Inc., a non-affiliated third party, separate from the Florida SUVCW.

DC Whitlam, surrendered the Department Gavel to Charles S. Reeves at the Department Encampment in June. Commander Reeves offered up some excellent direction in expanding each camp in the State to effectively accomplish the programs and ideals of our Order regarding Awards for the Eagle Scout and JROTC programs, Monument and graves registration in the several counties surrounding each camp.

We also voted to change our by-laws and dates of our Annual Department Encampment in order to include all of our dual members that winter in the south.

All of our camps are involved in their local communities and we are working on recruiting younger members into our order and have set our sights on that goal.

After his installation as Department Commander Charles (Chuck) Reeves offered several challenges to

the Florida members assembled at the Encampment. He reminded the Encampment that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of those who fought and worked to save the Union in the Civil War. Projects to accomplish this at the Camp level are identifying and preserving Civil War Monuments and Memorials, identifying and recording the grave sites of Union Civil War Veterans and the Last Soldier project. Not to be overlooked are our Junior ROTC and Eagle Scout programs.

Commander Reeves passed out to the Encampment members a Florida map showing all 67 Florida counties. On the map he had assigned to each Camp five (5) or six (6) counties surrounding the Camp's home county. In these assigned counties is where the Camps are directed to concentrate their efforts to fulfill the above mentioned National projects and programs. He advised the Encampment that the appointed Department Officers would be following up with the Camp appointed officers for these projects and programs.

The Commander's final challenge to the Encampment was „Are we going to move the Department of Florida forward and start the journey to complete the tasks we have been assigned or return home and forget about them until next year?“

Later in the year Commander Reeves contacted National Chief of Staff Martin to determine if any Department held an annual Encampment in the month of February 2015. The answer was no and Commander Reeves asked Brother Martin to list the Department of Florida for an annual encampment on February 20, 2016. Brother Martin agreed and stated he would pass along Florida's request to his successor.

Commander Reeves called a Special meeting of the Department's elected officers to confirm the date of the 2016 Annual Encampment. All elected officers voting, voted unanimously to hold the 2016 Department of Florida Annual Encampment on February 20, 2016 in St. Cloud Florida.

## **6.7 Department of Georgia and South Carolina, William H. Miller, DC**

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina had a successful year. Our membership continues to grow and we are continuing to get more visibility in our territory.

The Department participated prominently in Memorial Day ceremonies at Marietta, Andersonville, and Florence National Cemeteries.

On July 25, 2015, the Department participated in the Chartering Ceremony of two new Tents of the DUVCW and the chartering of the Department of Georgia, the first new DUVCW Department in 86 years.

Two new Camps of the SUVCW are in the process of organizing. Camp 21 will be in Beaufort, SC and Camp 4 in Roswell, GA, raising the total number of camps in this department to six.

Members of the Department and Camps will be participating in the Funeral for 13,000 at Andersonville Historic Site the weekend of Sep 18 - 20, 2015.

The following resolutions were adopted at the Department Encampment on 25 April 2015 and are offered as Recommendations/Proposals:

**Recommendation 1:** Flag Certificate Program. The Dept of GA & SC has instituted a program to award Certificates of Commendation to recognize exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America. The certificates are printed on high quality paper (e.g., parchment) and are suitable for framing and display. Any Brother can nominate persons, companies or agencies that proudly, conspicuously and properly fly or display the US Flag. This program has met with success in the Dept. Therefore, it is proposed that this program be adopted throughout the SUVCW as a formal program in order to ensure standardization and broad implementation. The program is recommended to be placed under the responsibility of the Patriotic Instructor.

**Recommendation 2:** Update transfer form (SUVCW Form 4) to include all information needed on Form 30.

## **6.8 Department of Illinois, James L. Lyon, DC**

Greetings from the Department of Illinois, its Command Staff, and Members who promote and keep alive the history of the SUVCW. At our Spring Encampment we had the Honor of an official visit from Commander in Chief Campbell who spent two days with us. Our Encampment was hosted by the John A. Logan Camp #26, in Rockford IL., at their great GAR Hall. We also had the opportunity to show CinC Campbell the \$10,000 monument restoration project being done by the General E. F. Dutton Camp #49 (rededication on Aug. 15, 2015) I'm very proud of my home Camp of eight active members that have completed this project.

I have also had the opportunity to be invited to take part in a number of grave and monument dedications with the Camps in Illinois. I had the special honor of taking part in the Service for real son Carson Yeager in Stockton, IL. Sheridan Camp #2 did an outstanding job on this moving service to one of our members that are becoming fewer by the day. The Camps of the Department of Illinois have worked hard to fulfill their obligation to guard and protect the markers and monuments that honor our dead. Many of our Camps have kept a relationship with Eagle Scouts working on their community service projects, which goes back to the 1913 reunion at Gettysburg.

With this being the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death and funeral of President Lincoln many of our members took active parts in the Lincoln Tomb Service, Lincoln Death Day Service, Arrival, Processional and Service of his body in Springfield, and then the Processional from the old Capital to Oak Hill Cemetery receiving vault. This was a once in a lifetime event.

Our Department Committee for the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, IL. has continued to meet and plan for what we know will be an Encampment that will be long remembered by all who attend. We will have hand outs on things to do and a one page order sheet for the event itself. We will be able to take orders for our two different medals that have both President Lincoln and Dr. Benjamin Stephenson on them. Springfield and the area around it are alive with both Lincoln and Stephenson's life stories. Please stop at our table at the Richmond Encampment for more information.

The Dr. Stephenson Memorial Plaza is still in need of all of the Departments, Camps, and Brothers of the SUVCW to make this memorial come to reality. So far only \$13,000 of the \$70,000 has been raised to make this project a reality to honor Dr. Stephenson. Buy a brick for a Department, Camp, or a brother in the SUVCW. This is not a Department of Illinois project but one that belongs to all of the SUVCW, it just happens to be in Illinois. Please stop by the Dr. Stephenson Memorial Plaza Committee table at the Richmond Encampment for more information. I would challenge each member to buy a brick in memory of his veteran/s that brought him to the SUVCW. Just think over 6200 of us buying just one brick would bring this Memorial Plaza to completion.

I would like to thank the Brothers from the Great State of Missouri for their help in marking the grave of my Great Grandfather Horace Brewster Locke Sr. whose grave was finally marked 90 years to the day of his burial. He enlisted at age 15 with the 33<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin, Company I, Infantry. This makes me so proud of this wonderful organization that I belong to and reminds me of how important our work is.

## **6.9 Department of Indiana, William R. Adams, DC**

It is a privilege to report the following activities on behalf of the Department of Indiana:

January 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the David D. Porter Camp #116 meeting in which plans were finalized for hosting the 2015 Midwinter Encampment at our local meeting place, the Memorial Opera House-GAR building in Valparaiso, Indiana.

I attended and conducted the Department of Indiana's Midwinter Encampment on January 31, 2015. This

meeting was held at the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso Indiana. Due to its history as being built by the GAR and it having been the former meeting location for the Chaplain Brown Post 106; it made the perfect location for this meeting. Additionally it provided an opportunity for the other Department of Indiana Camps to see this beautiful old historical building.

I have met monthly with the La Porte County Convention and Visitors Bureau trying to bring the "Lincoln Funeral Train" to Michigan City and La Porte County. The Original Lincoln Funeral Train did make a stop in M.C. before going on to Chicago. I also worked with Brother Steven Coffman from the John B. Anderson Camp 223, Columbus to gain SUVCW participation in the Lincoln Funeral Train's appearance in Indianapolis. In both cases however, it was decided to drop the project due to the cost (approximately \$30,000 plus) to bring the train to either location.

April 11<sup>th</sup> I attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield IL. I marched in the Military Parade and presented the Department of Indiana's Wreath at the tomb.

April 18<sup>th</sup> I attended the David D. Porter Camp meeting.

May 1<sup>st</sup> I attended the State of Tennessee 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration and Celebration of the end of the Civil War in Knoxville. It was titled the Blue and Grey Reunion / Freedom Jubilee. It was a series of programs and activities to highlight the Union, Confederate, and African American perspective with a focus on Reconstruction, Remembrance, and Reconciliation. I was invited by the Department of Tennessee Commander Mike Downs. We attended a dinner where I met members of the local Maj. Wm. McTeer Camp, 39 and heard Director Ron Maxwell speak. The next day I attended an information fair in the park downtown with the Wm. McTeer Camp.

I spoke to a class of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Saint Lawrence grade school in Indianapolis. We discussed the cause of the Civil War and I showed and demonstrated the different parts of the Civil War uniform and equipment. They all were able to sample hardtack and have their pictures taken wearing the sack coat and holding the musket.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> I participated with other members of Co. D 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry SVR in a Cemetery Walk or Living History Tour of the South Bend City Cemetery. I portrayed Colonel Nelson Eddy who commanded the 48<sup>th</sup> Indiana. The South Bend cemetery has many Civil War soldiers and politicians of that time buried there, including former Vice –President Schuler Colfax and John Auten the first Indiana Soldier to die in the Civil War.

I attended Porter Camps May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting where we finalized plans for our Memorial Day program in Valparaiso.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> I spoke to the South Bend Indiana Kiwanis Club on the GAR and the SUVCW.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> I joined members of Co. D 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry at Westville Indiana where the community was honoring Walter Johnston by adding his name to the Medal of Honor Memorial Stone they have. This monument carries the names of the (5) La Porte County individuals who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day I participated in the David D. Porter Camp, 116 Memorial Day ceremony on the lawn of the Porter County Museum. Later that day I attended the community wide Memorial Day Celebration held in the Memorial Opera House. I read General Logan's General Order No. 11.

I have continued to work throughout this period with David Lamb of Iowa, as well as others on the 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Monument in Vicksburg MS that remains off of the National Parks property. I will begin to communicate directly with the Vicksburg Park Superintendent to insure continued progress and communication on this project. At this time the plan is for the Monuments to be replaced back on Park Property sometime in September.

## **6.10 Department of Iowa, Danny E. Krock, DC**

To the best of my knowledge, the Department of Iowa is up to date on all reports and monies. One Camp, the Huntley Camp of Mason City has disbanded due to incorrect EIN being filed. The Bates Camp of Grinnell is under suspension for the same reason, but the members are working with the IRS in hopes of resolving the matter. We have seven active Camps throughout the state.

We now have one SVR unit, Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. Company A, 37<sup>th</sup> Iowa disbanded due to EIN and Company A, 49<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry resigned from the SVR as a whole, several members have since resigned the SUVCW.

The *Department Web site* <http://www.iowasuvcw.org/> has been updated. Many new items have been added and the Department Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor now have pages on the Department site and post a report monthly. We are receiving on average, 1000 hits per week.

Our *Department GAR Historian* has now added his own web site and is progressing on the Last Soldier Project.

<http://iowagrandarmy.org/>

Our *Department GAR Highway Officer* has added a page on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GARHighwayIowa?fref=nf>

He has located the original legislation from the State of Iowa, concerning the placement of GAR HIGHWAY signs in the state and is in the process of identifying where new ones need to be placed, The state will pay for the signs on the "current" HWY 6 through Iowa, those towns where HWY 6 has since been re-designated, some have already donated to have them placed, approximately \$26.00 each. He is also working with the State Department of Transportation to have the Gold GAR Star version of these signs posted instead of the basic black and white.

Our *Department Memorials Officer* is in the process of adding photos/postcards from the past of the various monuments/memorials in the state, as the members of the GAR would have seen these. Some of the postcard monuments/cannons no longer exist.

<http://www.iowacivilwarmonuments.com/>

Our *Department ROTC/JROTC Officer* has been making contacts to various entities and is awaiting next year's graduation season.

Our *Department Graves Registration Officer* continues to add names to the registry and has updated his page on the Department web site.

## **6.11 Department of Kansas, Kent M. Melcher, DC**

The Department's Vision Committee met by conference call on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The discussion was vigorous and the ideas were numerous with regard to potential initiatives that may be undertaken by our Camps. The Committee focused on two purposes to fulfill the mission of the SUVCW: 1) to explore ways that our camps may educate our citizens, especially younger ones, about the causes and effects of the War of Rebellion, as well as the dedication of US soldiers, sailors, marines, and revenue cutter service in fighting for the Union; and 2) to recruit new and younger members, who will carry on the purposes and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans. As fall approaches, camp commanders and other officers will receive a summary of the Vision Committee discussion, with ideas for events, programs, and services that camps may implement to extend our mission in their communities.

I believe we have several locations in Kansas where new camps may be formed. In the next 18 months, the Department needs to identify communities with the greatest potential. Often, events such as headstone dedications and civil war events generate interest among the citizens of a community for the

establishment of a SUVCW camp. Once a potential location is identified, we must strategize plans for bringing interested men to organizational meetings.

In 2016, the Department of Kansas will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its reestablishment as a department. The Encampment will be held in Salina, Kansas, where the organizing meeting was held in 1996.

### **6.12 Department of Kentucky, John Kalbfleisch, DC**

Nothing to report.

### **6.13 Department of Maine, Charles McGillicuddy, DC**

No report given.

### **6.14 Department of Massachusetts, Dexter A. Bishop, DC**

The following report is a brief summary and highlights of the Camps of the Department of Massachusetts during the above period.

The Department's focus in April was to prepare for and hold our Annual Department Encampment, and to conduct the necessary business and elections, to allow the Department to operate during the coming year.

In May, we hosted National Encampment Site Committee member Jim Crane, as he met with our local National Encampment Committee to review the Department's proposal to host the 2017 National Encampment. Brother Crane, along with members of the local Committee, visited various hotels and discussed the details of our proposal.

The Department also focused on preparation and conducting of our annual Memorial Day observances and ceremonies across the state. As a Department, we participated at Bourne National Cemetery on Cape Cod, and held memorial ceremonies for the seven unknown Civil War soldiers buried there.

The Camps participated in placing flags at our local cemeteries and, in some cases, held memorial ceremonies at the G.A.R. plots. Camp 5 conducted its annual Memorial Day observance in accordance with documented Post 5 G.A.R. ceremonies at Pine Grove Cemetery, in Lynn. Camp 25 participated in their annual Water Ceremony in Worcester.

In June, the Department, working with the Lynn mayor's office, Camp 5, and the General Lander CWRT, we sponsored a "history bee" between two of Lynn's high schools, providing a \$ 500 prize to the winning high school history department. This was followed up with a week of Civil War history presentations in the schools. Presentations were made to over 1500 school children during the week, leading up to a living history encampment on Lynn Common, and an old fashion Bean Supper at the G.A.R. Hall.

July's focus was participation at the New England Regional Association's annual meeting in Laconia, N.H., as well as the rededication of the John G. B. Adams Memorial Building at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. Participating were Camp 22, Camp 5, and Camp 104, along with officials and residents of the Chelsea Soldiers Home. The Soldiers Home was founded by the G.A.R., and Medal of Honor recipient John G. B. Adams was an original trustee and former Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R.

### **6.15 Department of Michigan, Dale L. Aurand, DC**

The Department of Michigan held our Annual Encampment, March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. At that time I was elected Commander of the Department and installed by Commander in Chief, Tad Campbell.

The Department looks forward to hosting the 2017 National Encampment. The Allied Orders of Michigan have set up our various committees and have a number of volunteers in place.

At present the Department still maintains 23 camps and 1 camp at large. Membership level this past year has remained steady. However recruiting younger members (under age of 40) still remains troublesome.

Relating to membership we have a new Department Signals Officer (webmaster) Brother Chris Skillman. The task for communications and technology is to upgrade our current system to enable better contact with a wider audience. We are also now seeking an assistant Signals Officer in the event of a need for emergency backup, thus remaining current at all times.

Our Graves Registration program continues to maintain progress. Brother Rick Danes, Department GRO and I have discussed coverage for camps that are inactive in the program and hope to increase area responsibility.

The Department archives at the Eaton Rapids GAR building continues to improve and public support remains strong.

The Department of Michigan maintains high visibility outside of the state, including Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

We look forward to the National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia and will gladly welcome all to Lansing, Michigan in 2017.

## **6.16 Department of Missouri, Martin Aubuchon, DC**

The Department of Missouri held their 20<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment at the Capital Building in Jefferson City, Missouri on June 6, 2015.

Representation from eight (8) camps attended the Department Encampment. Six (6) camps were not represented.

The Department of Missouri passed three resolutions that were sent for consideration to the appropriate National Committees for consideration.

1. Resolution for National SUVCW attendance at the National Genealogical Society Conference.
2. Resolution for a regulations change in the voting status of a Past Commander in Chief.
3. Resolution for the National Organization to support supplemental applications for more than one descendant of a Union Veteran.

### **Missouri Monument at Vicksburg**

In 2014, the Department of Missouri established a project to restore and re-dedicate the Missouri State monument at Vicksburg National Military Park. The Missouri monument, originally purchased by the state of Missouri, was dedicated in October 1917. The original monument committee and subsequent dedication was led by GAR PCinC Leo Rassieur, who served with the 30th Missouri Infantry US at Vicksburg. A survey of the monument conducted by the National Park Service indicated approximately \$375,000 would be needed for the stone and metal work to restore the monument to good condition. The Department of Missouri, inspired by the success of the Department of Iowa in restoring and rededicating the Iowa state monument at Vicksburg developed a plan to obtain state funding. Initially, there was opposition to the request due to higher funding priorities, including renovation of the State Capitol building in Jefferson City. With additional lobbying and assistance from the Columbia media and a supportive state senator, a line item was eventually placed in the 2016 Department of Natural Resources budget. The 2016 budget was approved by both the state House and Senate and later signed by Gov. Jay Nixon. The committee is working with the legislators to determine the next steps forward.

The Department currently has fourteen (14) chartered camps. Twelve (12) are active and two (2) camps are suspended. We began the year with fourteen (14) camps. The newly formed Abraham Lincoln Camp #2 was chartered early this year and is located in Branson, Missouri. The Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp # 5 requested the termination of their Charter. The General James B. McPherson Camp # 1 located in northern Arkansas was inactive and considered suspended, but is currently reactivated and is in the process of becoming an active camp. This would change the Department's Camp Status to thirteen (13) active camps. The other suspended camp is Siegel Camp #614 and is located in Rolla, Mo. Efforts are being made to reactivate this camp. However, the progress has been very slow and the future of the camp may be in jeopardy. Of the thirteen (13) active camps; 11 are located in Missouri and two (2) are located in Northern Arkansas.

The Department membership started the year with 249 members, but at the time of the Department Encampment we had 224 members (201 members, 19 associates, 3 Jr. Members). This includes five (5) life members. However, this will increase as McPherson is reactivated with at least seven new members. Some members of the closed Asboth Camp will have their membership reinstated in other camps. While the Department experienced membership reduction through honorable discharges, no renewals, and deaths, the Department received many new applications for new memberships.

The Department of Missouri lost a real son with the death of Hilbert J. Gramelspacher, the son of Union Civil War veteran Joseph Gramelspacher on February 1, 2015 at the age of 95 years.

Two ASUVCW groups are located in Missouri.

The Historical Records Coordinator which assumed the role of the Civil War Memorial Officer, GAR Records Officer continues to document monuments. 479 monuments have been recorded and the goal is to add this information to the Department's website. There are twenty (20) unrecorded monuments we are aware of. The Coordinator continues to research and get information on GAR Commanders, GAR Posts and SUV Camps and adds that information to the Department's Records.

Most of the camps, if not all, are active in living history events, school programs, education, and observance of Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veteran Day events. The majority of the camps organizes and participates in some activity which is local to their camp. The camp reports this information to Department Editor for publication in the Department newsletter and or by the Quarterly Reports. Some will report their activities and are probably the most active. The camps are Phelps Camp, US Grant Camp, Westport Camp, Spradling Camp, Fletcher Camp, McCormick Camp, Sherman Camp, and St James Camp. It would appear that Westport was the most active this past year.

The Westport Camp and Sherman Camp continue to recognize a local Medal of Honor recipient for National Medal of Honor Day.

The Sherman Camp organizes a yearly event at the gravesite of William Sherman in Mount Calvary cemetery to commemorate Sherman's death. The US Grant Camp organizes a yearly event at the Ulysses S Grant National Historical Site to commemorate Grant's death. Many Department members attended the Lincoln Remembrance ceremony in Springfield, IL. Many also attended the Lincoln Funeral Train ceremony held in Springfield.

Many of these activities are local and regional to their camp location. When possible the camps may participate jointly, but many camp activities tend to be local. This is one of the challenges of the Department and that is developing programs or activities that could become a Department activity supported by many camps.

Due to the efforts of many camps (Lincoln, Grant, McCormick, Sherman, Spradling, Tiger, and Westport) the Department presented many ROTC Awards to many JROTC and ROTC Cadets. Westport led the way with 18 awards.

The Eagle Scout award is active in the Department due to the efforts of several camps. The Department has produced a coin that is given to the recipient in addition to the certificate.



The Department Signals Officer continues to work on the development of the Department's website. As mentioned earlier, one of the goals is to add information for the monuments, GAR posts, and SUV camps along with any other historical information.

The Department is reviewing their bylaws and will be developing a Policies and Procedures Manual. The Department is also reviewing their Awards Program.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 scheduled their Annual meeting in St Charles, Missouri Aug 5 to August 8, 2015. The Commander extended greetings to the participants at the opening ceremony on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

## **6.17 Department of Nebraska, William Dean, DC**

Below are activities from April 1, 2015 to July 26, 2015:

### April 2015

Victor Vifquain 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal of Honor Ceremony in Lincoln, NE. on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

DUV State Convention in Columbus, NE. Sat. April 18<sup>th</sup>

SUVCW State encampment Sat. April 25<sup>th</sup> in Wisner, NE.

April 30<sup>th</sup> I did a school presentation in Nebraska City at The Civil War Veteran's Museum

### May 2015

May 1<sup>st</sup>, did another school presentation at the Civil War Veteran's Museum in Nebraska City, NE.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Forest Lawn Cemetery, we rededicated the Civil War Memorial that an Eagle Scout had cleaned up. Victor Vifquain Camp 1 of Omaha, NE. was in charge.

May 25<sup>th</sup> attend Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial Cemetery and Cavalry Cemetery Memorial Day ceremonies in Lincoln, NE. Also read Logan's address at Brentwood Estates in Lincoln, NE. and gave a volley to all the veterans.

### June 2015

June 1<sup>st</sup> Pierre, S.D. dedicated a Civil War monument at State Capital grounds. 6 Nebraska Rangers attended the ceremony in uniform. This is the first dedication of a Civil War monument in South Dakota.

June 14<sup>th</sup> Civil War Veteran's Museum hosted a Civil War sampler. There was music, cannon demonstration, Cavalry weapons display, teaching kids how to march, and a gentleman portrayed US Grant.

### July 2015

July 9<sup>th</sup>, rededication of Civil War monument at Columbus, NE. A storm had damaged the monument a couple years ago and the City of Columbus raised the funds to redo the monument. They had a band concert that night and we rededicated the monument.

July 25<sup>th</sup> Sheldon Peck stone dedication at Blair, NE. The Sheldon Peck family had a family reunion and Great-great granddaughter Cindy Spangler Allen, a member of a California DUV tent contacted us to do the dedication.

## **6.18 Department of New Hampshire, David A. Nelson, DC**

I am pleased to report the following for the Department of New Hampshire

- The 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of NH was held on April 18, 2015. National Commander Tad Campbell was present at our encampment as well as National President of the Auxiliary Rachelle Campbell.

- Governor Margaret Hassan issued a proclamation recognizing April 19, 2015 as SUVCW Day throughout the State.
- The six Camps of the Department of New Hampshire observed Memorial Day with activities unique and traditional within their camps.
- The SUVCW of New Hampshire was a sponsor of a Music and History Series by the Wildcat Regiment Band that performed music from the 3<sup>rd</sup> NH Regiment Band in three concerts over the Memorial Day weekend in Pennacook and Concord.
- Brothers of Camp 7 continue to work with the State of NH on preservation efforts of its Civil War Flags.

The Department of NH continues to work with the city of Franklin, NH to help with restoration efforts of its GAR post located in Soldiers Memorial Building that also houses city hall and other city offices. This GAR Hall is only one of three in the State of NH that is virtually intact and is named for George F. Sweat Co. F 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment NH Volunteers killed at Antietam. We have established good relations with the City of Franklin and have assisted with efforts to clean and restore the Hall. Camp 7 meets several times a year in this Hall.

### **6.19 Department of New Jersey, Ronald L. Brower, DC**

No report given.

### **6.20 Department of New York, Raymond W. LeMay III, DC**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of New York, I hereby send this Periodic Officer's Report for the 2015 National Encampment. On behalf of the Department of New York, I present best wishes and greetings to Commander-in-Chief Campbell, PDC, National Officers, and Delegates to this 2015 National Encampment, SUVCW in Richmond, Virginia on a successful encampment.

The Department of New York remains strong with 18 camps across the state. We have 537 members in good standing and are growing with 11 new members since our May encampment.

On May 11th, I executed the unfortunate duty of suspending the Gen. Alexander S. Diven Camp No.77 of Elmira, NY the camp eventually voluntarily surrendered their charter. A request was submitted to the C-in-C for the Diven Camp and Daniel E. Sickles Camp No.3, of White Plains, NY for the revocations of their respective charters and acknowledged.

Our 132nd Encampment was held on May 1-3rd, 2015 at Saratoga Springs, NY, wherein I was installed as Department Commander by COA Member Bro. Edward J. Norris, PDC of Lancaster, MA of the Dept. of MA representing the National CinC. Our Department was honored once again to have in attendance Bro. PC-inC Danny Wheeler and COA Member, Bro. PDC Ed Norris. We had 33 delegates in attendance and 2 guests. The following actions were taken at our Dept. Encampment:

- Mutual Agreement of Understanding between the Dept. and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum.
- Letter to be sent to the D.A. to spur movement for the case against Michael S. Bennett.
- Bylaw amendment amending Article 3, Section 5 regarding the Mid-Year meeting.

The New York Department continues to support the preservation and protection of Grant's Cottage located on Mt. McGregor in Wilton, NY where he wrote his memoirs and died. It is recorded with the National Register and is a NY State Historic Site. Thanks to the efforts of local camps and the "Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage", the cottage still stands today.

At the evening Allied Orders Banquet the Charter for the Judson Hicks Camp was presented, and the Dept.'s 1st Dr. Mary Walker award was presented to Sister Beatrice Greenwalt for her years of service to the Dept.

At the close of the Dept's Encampment, there was a Dept. Memorial Service on the morning of May 3rd at Greenridge Cemetery in historic downtown Saratoga Springs attended by over 40 members of the Allied Orders. Wreaths were laid at the GAR Monument at the GAR Soldiers lot in the cemetery.

The "Rally Around the Flag Committee" has been reappointed. Its purpose is to initiate a writing and lobbying campaign to reinstate funding for the New York State Battle Flag Preservation Project, that State funding be allocated on an annual basis until the flag collection has completely been conserved and archived. The goal of the committee is to see the preservation of the flag collection through to its fruition.

A dedication ceremony on May 23rd marked the culmination of a longstanding project of the Department in partnership with the Col. George L. Willard Camp No.154, Albany, NY of the installation of General George Thomas markers at Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, NY. These markers will direct visitors within the cemetery to the newly restored gravesite. On behalf of the Dept. I gave remarks on recognizing the Willard Camp's work as well as the Department of NY's history of involvement with the project at the Thomas gravesite at the Kellogg Family plot which began with co-adoption of the site in 2012. There is, however, much more work to be done as a beech tree must now be assessed as it threatens the Gen. Thomas Monument and Kellogg family markers as well as the iron fence surrounding the plot.

On May 29th, NOAA in cooperation with the Oliver Tilden Camp No.26 of NYC and Co. I of the 83rd NYVI SVR and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum dedicated a sign marker at the building and launch site of the USS Monitor at Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

On Traditional Memorial Day, May 30th, I co-presided over the Col. George L. Willard Camp Traditional Memorial Day Services beginning at the Albany GAR Monument and Soldiers and Sailors Lot at Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany-Menands, NY, then proceeding to Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, NY, at the Soldiers Lot and subsequent services at Gen. George Thomas' gravesite and the Willard Camp's namesake Col. George L. Willard's gravesite. Additionally, I was present and welcomed as a VIP Guest in attending the unveiling of the plans of the restoration of the G.A.R Monument at West End Park in Cohoes, NY which will become the centerpiece of a new city wide veterans park at the cost of a \$100,000 to the community.

Camps in our Department participated in several Memorial Day celebrations, many of which are listed in Bro. Chairman, Al Peterson, PDC of the Cmte. to Restore Memorial Day's report which inquired about camps conducting services on traditional memorial day on May 30th. Nine camps responded to our Dept. Patriotic Instructor, Richard Straight's internal survey of events participated on that day.

On July 11th, a reburial ceremony was held for Pvt. Elisha Woodcock of Co. B of the 97th NY Vol. Inf. Regt. and his wife Mary whom were reinterred from a cow pasture to the Talcottville Cemetery. I represented the Dept. as master of ceremonies, joining with Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders and the hosting camp, the Walter H. French Camp No.17 of Carthage, NY to pay our last respects to this soldier and his wife. The local effort, headed by Bro. Jeffrey French, PDC of the Walter H. French Camp No.17, did much work in planning this reburial with the local community. It was a grand ceremony to honor this couple at which each allied order joined with the community to present decorations and wreaths at the new gravesite. After the event an allied orders picnic-luncheon was celebrated at the nearby Talcottville Methodist Church.

Our Department stands committed to Honoring the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic & the Men from New York who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865.

## **6.21 Department of North Carolina, Dennis C. St. Andrew, DC**

The Department of North Carolina sends greetings to Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, PDC, the National Council of Administration, and the 2015 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in Richmond Virginia.

Department Officers: I am serving my third consecutive term as Commander of the Department of North Carolina having been reelected at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on May 2, 2015 at Bennett Place State Historic Site in Durham, North Carolina. We thank Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, PDC for attending our Encampment. The Department of North Carolina Elected Officers are as follows: SVC William Fred Fulcher, PCC, JVC Rolf Cole Maris, PCC, Sec/Treas. John R. France, Council Members Douglas P. Elwell, PDC, Dr. Gerard M. Devine, PDC, and Wendell G. Small, Jr., PCC. The Department of North Carolina Appointed Officers are as follows: Chaplain Rolf Maris, PCC, Color Bearer Max Speers, PCC, Patriotic Instructor Dr. Gerard M. Devine, PDC, Historian James Crabtree, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Travis Masters, Civil War Memorials Officer Skip Riddle, and Graves Registration Officer Dennis St. Andrew, PDC.

Membership: The Department of North Carolina membership continues to grow. Membership stands at **98** Brothers in good standing as of July 31, 2015 as compared to **88** in July 2014 and **80** in July 2013. The MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 is the largest Camp with **40** Members. The Department membership includes **10** Life Members, and **2** Junior Members. There are currently **5** Camps in good standing in our Department, including a Member at Large Camp. The Charter of the Daniel Ellis Camp #3 of Asheville, NC was revoked on July 23, 2015 by G.O. #28 after the Camp surrendered its Charter and disbanded.

Sesquicentennial: Sesquicentennial commemorations and activities were numerous in the Department of North Carolina in 2015. The Department of North Carolina was represented by the MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 at the 150<sup>th</sup> commemorations for the battles of Fort Fisher (January 17 & 18) and Bentonville (March 21 & 22) here in North Carolina. Attendance for these 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary events was approximately 30,000 at Fort Fisher and 50,000 at Bentonville Battlefield. The John A. Logan Camp #4 participated in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary surrender commemoration at Bennett Place state historic site in Durham, NC, April 25 & 26, 2015, attendance 1,000. As Department Commander, I participated in the above Sesquicentennial events. An SUVCW plan to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Monroe's Crossroads in March on Fort Bragg unfortunately was not approved by the US Army. On April 13, I participated in the Raleigh City Museum's Raleigh 150<sup>th</sup> Civil War anniversary walking tour in downtown Raleigh, NC. I took part in the ceremony to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Morrisville Station (April 18), at the Morrisville, NC Town Hall, and attended the Bennett Place surrender (April 25 & 26). On May 21, I represented the SUVCW at "The long Walk Home" event at the Morrisville, NC Town Hall which remembered CSA soldier Washington Duke's walk from New Bern to Durham at the end of the Civil War.

Eagle Scout Certificate Awards: The Department supports this award and encourages all Camps to participate in this program. Brother Travis Masters (Union Volunteers Camp #5) is the Department's Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.

JROTC Awards: The Department supports the JROTC award and encourages all Camps to participate in this program. The Camps and the Department awarded more than 20 JROTC medals & certificates in 2015.

Memorial University: The Department lists **6** Brothers who have graduated from the Memorial University Officer Training Course since its inception. The Department leadership will continue to support and encourage our members to participate and complete this valuable course.

Civil War Memorials: Brother Skip Riddle (Union Volunteers Camp #5) is our Department Civil War Memorials Officer. During the past year, he worked on locating and recording North Carolina memorials dedicated to Union soldiers & sailors, and he has forwarded this information on all known Union Civil War Union memorials to the National Civil War Memorials Committee. Additional memorials will be submitted if/when found.

Recruiting/Educational Efforts: Camps throughout the Department have and will continue to participate in recruiting and educational activities at historic commemorations and on patriotic holidays, especially Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Camp recruiting and SUVCW educational activities and patriotic events in North Carolina in 2015 have included efforts at Fort Fisher, Bennett Place, Bentonville Battlefield, New Bern Battlefield, Morrisville Station, and Civil War Trust Park Day. Multiple new Members to our Order were recruited during these events. Recruiting goals for the Department are for each Brother to recruit at least one or more new members to our Order during the year in order to grow and strengthen our Camps, Department, and National Organization.

Memorial Day Observance 2015: The Department of North Carolina participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies at the 4 North Carolina National Cemeteries where Union soldiers are interred as follows: MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 (Wilmington National Cemetery), Gibbon-Burke Camp #2 (Salisbury National Cemetery), NC Union Volunteers Camp #5 (New Bern National Cemetery) and Dept. Sec/Treas. John France and I presented a wreath at the Raleigh National Cemetery ceremony. John A. Logan Camp #4 participated in a Memorial Day remembrance at Bennett Place State Historic Site. As Department Commander, I also sent out a Memorial Day message to all Camps/Brothers of the Department of NC encouraging them to take part in honoring Union Veterans of the Civil War and fallen US veterans of all wars on Memorial Day.

In Memoriam: Real Son Luke P. Martin, Jr. (July 11, 1917 – January 25, 2015). Brother Luke was identified as a “Real Son” here in North Carolina in September, 2014. Mr. Martin, age 97, was the son PVT Luke Martin, Sr., an escaped slave who served with the 35th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry. Luke Martin, Jr. lived in New Bern, NC. Brother Martin joined our Order in November, 2014 and became a member of the North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp #5 in New Bern, NC. In December, 2014, Brother Martin became a Life Member of the SUVCW. Unfortunately, Brother Martin’s health declined rapidly in December, and he passed away on January 25, 2015. His passing was reported in Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell’s Special General Order No. 3 dated January 27, 2015. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, I attended Brother Luke P. Martin, Jr.’s visitation in New Bern, NC, along with members of the NC Union Volunteers Camp #5. I conveyed the condolences of C-in-C Campbell and the SUVCW to Brother Martin, Jr.’s family, and I presented them with Brother Luke’s Membership Badge with Real Son pin, his Life Member certificate and Life Member card, a Real Son certificate, and a Copy of Special General Order #3. Many thanks to Brothers Jerry Orton, PDC and National Executive Director David Demmy, PCC, for their invaluable help in recognizing Real Son Luke P. Martin, Jr.

## **6.22 Department of Ohio, Shawn A. Cox, DC**

The Department of Ohio held its annual encampment on Saturday, 13 June 2015 at the GAR Veterans Room of the Hardin County Courthouse in Kenton, Ohio. There were 44 delegates in attendance representing 14 of Ohio’s 20 Camps. We were honored to have as a special guest, CinC Tad Campbell, who also served as Installing Officer for the newly elected Department Officers. The elected officers of the Department are: Commander Shawn A. Cox; Senior Vice Commander Peter Hritsko; Junior Vice Commander James Crane; Secretary-Treasurer Jonathan Davis, PDC; Council members, Fredric C. Lynch, PDC, Shane L. Milburn and Tim Graham, PDC.

The Department of Ohio had per the 2015 Annual Report 504 Members plus 2 Jr. Members for a total of 506 Members. Following our annual report, we have reported 2 members lost to death, 14 new members and 4 re-instated members which gives us a current strength of 20 camps in good standing with 520 members plus 2 Jr. members for a total of 522 members, of this 522 members we have 30 life members within the department.

Our Department GAR Highway Officer, Brother Peter Hritsko, has been continually working with city officials where Rt. 6 runs through to place GAR Route 6 signs up. Several cities along Rt. 6 in Ohio have already placed GAR Highway markers at their city limits. On Saturday, 20 June 2015, a GAR Highway Dedication Ceremony took place at Century Park on US Rt. 6 in Lorain, Ohio, with Lorain Mayor Chase Ritenauer and GAR Highway Officer Peter Hritsko conducting the ceremony.

The Ohio Department is very active in the Graves Registration Project with special thanks going to our Department GRO, Brother Kent Dorr. We continue to lead the Order in the number of graves registered in the National database with 69,442.

The Battle of Buffington Island, Ohio Memorial Service was commemorated on Saturday 18 July 2015 at the site of the battle. The Battle of Buffington Island was the only Civil War battle fought in Ohio and was the result of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's raid into Indiana and Ohio during July 1863. The memorial ceremony included the laying of wreaths by the Department as well as camps and auxiliary posts and was concluded by the firing of a rifle musket salute in memory of the soldiers who fought and those who perished at the battle.

The Ohio Department, in order to better serve the needs of our members and the general public, has developed a public group and a page on Facebook. I have appointed Brother Kerry Langdon to serve as Social Media Officer. He, along with his wife, ASUVCW Sister Wanda Langdon, have created the facebook sites and have developed a strategic plan exploring the possibility of using other social media avenues for the department in the future. Social media today is a great informational and recruiting tool for the Order and we are now encouraging our camps to develop and maintain a facebook presence. Currently, 25% of the Ohio Camps have a facebook page and/or group with some having both. The Ohio Dept. facebook pages can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioSUVCW> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OhioSUVCW/>.

The law suit the Ohio Department filed over the two Civil War ordinance rifles (cannons) located in the Wilmington, Ohio Sugar Grove Cemetery has concluded. We filed suit on Dec. 27, 2013 against the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association which owned the cemetery and was attempting to sell the two Civil War cannons valued at about \$45,000 each. In July of 2014 the cemetery was turned over to the City of Wilmington and we added them to the suit and dropped the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association. The judgment is an injunction prohibiting the City of Wilmington from "selling, destroying, or otherwise removing the Soldier's Point Memorial and/or War Cannons which are a part of said monument without the express consent of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

The city was concerned that if they agreed to our claim that the SUVCW owned the cannons we might try to sell them, just as we had the same concern regarding the city's claim to ownership. We reached an agreement that the issue of ownership would not be settled in favor of either party since both the city and the SUVCW's main concern was the preservation of the war memorial and the cannons and keeping them at their present location. The agreed settlement achieved that goal.

## **6.23 Department of Oklahoma, William J. Andrews, DC**

The Oklahoma Department has the following recent and ongoing activities to report:

- 1) Brothers Gene Turner, PDC, and Ian Swart of the Indian Nations Camp #3 have been working with the Tulsa Historical Society in designing, placement, and funding of a cemetery monument in Tulsa's Perryman Cemetery. This monument will be a tribute to Native Americans in Indian Territory, both North and South, that participated in the Civil War in the Indian Territory as well as surrounding states and territories.  
The design honors Native regiments of both sides as well incorporating Indian and white alliances during the war. The monument will be approximately 4-5 ft. tall and manufactured of gray-blue granite. It will be engraved with interpretive inscriptions and decorations. It is fully funded by a very generous donor and it should be in place within 6 months. It will be the only Civil War Monument in tribute to Native American participation in the Civil War in Oklahoma, and possibly in the U.S..
- 2) Brothers of the Indian Nation Camp #3 have recently made donations to the Veterans Hospital Psych. Unit in Muskogee, OK. Brother Kevin White has headed this drive to supply patients with afternoon snacks for those in need, which had been unavailable. Brothers have donated a variety of healthy foods for this program. Brother White will be our state delegate at the National Encampment in Richmond.

- 3) Brothers of the Indian Nations Camp #3 have made a one-time annual donation to the "Coffee Bunker", a charitable organization that assist US war veterans in Tulsa by providing basics for veterans who out of work, without family, have no place to live, have little clothing, and generally are struggling after discharge.

The Oklahoma Department applauds the initiative and efforts of the Indian Nations #3 camp to promote knowledge of Civil War history and assist veterans of more recent wars. This camp's activities serve as an example and inspiration to the other camps in the Department and hopefully to other Departments across the Nation.

## **6.24 Department of Pennsylvania, Douglas P. McMillin, DC**

It has been a great honor to serve as Department Commander for the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania this past year and thanks to the brothers of the PA Department I have the privilege of a return for a second year as PA Department Commander. Many thanks go out to CinC Campbell for attending our Encampment in Williamsport, PA in June. It was a great honor to host him and his wonderful family.

It pleases me to report that the majority of the difficulties that have disrupted the Department over the past year have been resolved to the satisfaction of most parties. While there are still some hard feelings lingering here and there, the Department is once more unified and moving in the right direction. Relations with the ladies orders are much improved. We owe this to the tireless work of our PDCs and PDPs who refused to allow the fraternal relations between the orders to falter. They have my deepest gratitude.

As we are working to get things back on track and recover the lost momentum of dealing with distractions there are very promising signs of recovery. Our encampment plans have been outlined for the next three years. Our sites committee is making positive forward movement at this time to finalize these plans starting with the next encampment and then following out to begin the preliminary work on the following years. My hopes are to see us back to the two years advance plans required by our bylaws before this term is out.

Our planned educational program with the Boy Scouts of America has been forced into a very different program than originally envisioned due to several circumstances beyond our control. Never the less, we do plan to present Civil War history to a BSA camp with up to 1200 scouts in attendance this October. We have had many hurdles placed in our way regarding insurance, the BSA demanding major changes to fit the format of their event, and worst of all, the highly publicized confederate flag debate. Our committee has had to blaze some new trails to navigate this general backlash against the emblem of our southern cousins. As we have seen in the news across the Nation, the people lashing out against the flag seem to be as generally ignorant of history in regards to the north as they are towards the south. I do believe that they would deface the graves of Harriet Beecher Stowe and John Brown if given the chance. It is a turbulent and troubling phenomenon we are dealing with. One thing it does make very clear though is that we, as an organization are failing to teach the public the true history of the Civil War and of the United States. We must be more aggressive and do much better for the sake of the future of our Nation.

Attempts at getting a training program up and running have stalled out completely. Lack of motivated self-starts on committees is making it difficult to progress without the presence of the Department Commander there all the time pushing things forward. With all my other duties, being the ramrod on every project is simply impossible. Hopefully we can focus more resources of time on this in a month or two, but for now I am forced to leave things as they are.

Our plans to try and bring back the SVR muster have run into a conflict of time with the location we had hoped to hold it at. Again available time and volunteers are in precious little supply. At this time the muster plan is abandoned.

## **6.25 Department of Rhode Island, James P. McGuire, Secretary**

Nothing to report.

## 6.26 Department of Tennessee, Michael Downs, DC

I was selected as Department Commander on January 24, 2015 and sworn into office by the National Commander Tad Campbell and since that time the Camps and Brothers have been very active. With the Department spread out over three states it is rather difficult for me to travel to the various camp meetings. However the Sultana Camp #1 invited me to join their meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> using a “conference call” as our mode of communication. Although it was rather unusual I thoroughly enjoyed being able to converse with the membership that is primarily located in southwestern Tennessee and Mississippi. It was during this get together that we decided that the 2016 Department meeting would be held in Memphis.

During the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the William McTeer Camp I initiated several new members and did a presentation based on the life of my GGGreat Uncle Corporal William Downs, and his travels and exploits with the 73<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.

April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> the city of Knoxville celebrated what was called “The Blue & Gray 150<sup>th</sup> Reunion,” which commemorated a get together of Union and Confederate veterans that was held in the city. As the Department Commander and representative of the Sons I attended the opening program at the Bijou Theater on Thursday while joining me on Friday, at the kickoff banquet for the weekend events, was the Indiana Department Commander, Bill Adams. On Saturday the McTeer Camp members manned an information table, in downtown Knoxville, explaining the role of the SUVCW and recruiting new members. The highlight of our part in the event was the Sultana Monument Rededication program, held on Sunday, where we had over 150 individuals in attendance including several ancestors of soldiers that were on board that river boat on their fateful voyage. I was the opening speaker for the program and it was during this time that I initiated a new junior member that resides in Belfast, Northern Ireland using the Skype services. ***(This has to be a first for the SUVCW!!!!!!)*** Many of the weekend events came about through the hard work of the William McTeer Camp Commander David McReynolds

May 25<sup>th</sup>, the calendar Memorial Day, found myself along with the McTeer Camp Commander, David McReynolds and the local tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans, involved in a Memorial Day program at the National Cemetery located in Knoxville. During this event we were interviewed by a local television station which then presented a well done news clip of the program on the evening news.

May 30<sup>th</sup> I was part of the honor guard for the McTeer Camp’s Memorial Day program that honored their namesake at his gravesite in Maryville, TN. This program was organized by the McTeer Camp #30 Camp Commander, David McReynolds.

June 13<sup>th</sup> I took part in the dedication of a historical marker in Cleveland, TN that honored Brother Tim McCoy’s family role in the Civil War history of East Tennessee. Tim is a Past Department Commander of the Chesapeake, and we enjoyed working across the state borders on this project. Members of the William McTeer Camp were participants in the program and the Missionary Ridge Camp members served as a Color Guard.

July 4<sup>th</sup> I represented the SUVCW, in uniform, at the Sons of the American Revolution program honoring the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Knoxville.

July 28<sup>th</sup> I began the paperwork to establish a Tennessee “Civil War Trails” marker to honor Colonel James Brownlow of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Cavalry. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Franklin in 1864. James along with his father, “Parson” Brownlow, was active in the Reconstruction years in the state’s history.

Coming up on August 15<sup>th</sup> I will be part of the McTeer Camp’s activity during the History Day program at Krutch Park in downtown Knoxville. This includes talking with people about the role of the Sons of Union Veterans and recruiting new members.



Also during the month of August the organizational plans are being finalized for a new camp named the Army of the Tennessee #64 which will be located in the Murfreesboro, Tennessee area.

Additionally, since assuming command of the Department I have written nine articles that critically review current Civil War literature. These articles appear in the news letters of the William McTeer and the Sultana camps. Finally, I would like to commend David McReynolds, the William McTeer Camp Commander, for all of his efforts in organizing the camp newsletter and representing the Sons of Union Veterans in such an exemplary manner in numerous programs throughout East Tennessee.

## **6.27 Department of Texas, Lewis E. Willis, DC**

The Department of Texas continues to show strong financial strength. I wish I could report that the Department was able to show a strong gain in membership. The loss of the State of New Mexico has caused our membership to drop slightly below last year's total. These membership losses have only affected the General James J. Byrne Camp#1. The Department has not been informed officially of the transfer of New Mexico to another Department but it is a reality. I would like to thank the Department Council and Brother George Hansen in particular, for outlining possible responses the Department could take to the loss of membership impacting the Byrne Camp. The Department took no action and the Brothers of the Byrne Camp accepted the expected losses for the good of the order.

I was pleased to represent the Department in August, with the Byrne Camp, at the annual service for General James J. Byrne. The service was held at the Pioneers Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth. In November I represented the Department with the Byrne Camp and installed the officers for the new year.

In January at the invitation of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN Camp#2, I represented the Department at the service remembering the Battle of Galveston Bay and the death of LT. Cmdr Lea. The ceremony took place in Galveston at Trinity Episcopal Cemetery. At a called meeting after the ceremony I installed the officers for the new year.

In April at the invitation of the Col. E. E. Ellsworth Camp#18 and the Sons of Veterans Reserve, I represented the Department at the 150th Anniversary of the Assassination of President Lincoln. The service was held at the Greenwood Cemetery in Dallas.

I am looking forward to representing the Department on Memorial Day at the General James J. Byrne service at Oak Wood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

In closing I want to commend all Department Officers, all Camp Officers and all Brothers of the Department of Texas for your adherence to the tenets of our order.

## **6.28 Department of Vermont, Robert Grandchamp, DC**

Nothing to report.

## **6.29 Department of Wisconsin, Kim J. Heltemes, DC**

### Dept. Commander Activities

1. Attended the ceremonies at the Lincoln Tomb on April 11, 2015.
2. Attended the Open House on May 16 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, Wisconsin. There I gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Home.
3. Attended the Old Abe Camp #8 meeting on May 17.
4. In the week before Memorial Day, I attended several meetings at the Wisconsin Veterans Home to plan the events for Memorial Day at the Home.
5. On Memorial Day we re-dedicated the Wisconsin Veterans Home Cemetery.
6. Held the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dept. Encampment on June 6, 2015, and was re-elected as Dept. Commander.

7. Attended the dedication of a new monument on June 18 dedicated to Wisconsin in the Civil war at Camp Randall, Madison, WI.
8. Attended the Old Abe Camp #8 meeting on July 20.
9. On June 22, we presented a 40 year pin to Rich Beggs of Clintonville, WI. He is a dual member of Camp 1 and Camp 8.

There has been close contact with the start of a new camp (Camp 137). They should have the paperwork completed soon. They were applying for their EIN in the last conversation.

I am going to have a meeting soon on the topic of retention. We have seen a decline as members pass away and some have lost their interest. It is a topic that we need to discuss now.

#### Activities of the Camps in the Dept. of Wisconsin

##### Camp 1.

On June 27, Camp 1 attended Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee. They were with Auxiliary 4 to join a few other period groups in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. 16 Brothers (including two juniors) marched in the Fourth of July parade.

##### Camp 2

Members of Camp 2 have been primary workers on the new monument dedicated to Wisconsin's role in the Civil War installed at Camp Randall, Madison, WI. They helped fund raise and helped plan the ceremony held on June 18. They always honor Memorial Day at the capitol in Madison, WI.

##### Camp 4

They were active as Color Guard for the June 18 monument ceremony at Camp Randall. They also held a camp during that weekend for the public. They celebrated the Cushing Medal of Honor award with the town of Delafield, WI during the whole of Memorial weekend. They participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parades in Milwaukee.

##### Camp 5

They celebrated the Cushing Medal of Honor award with the town of Delafield, WI during the whole of Memorial weekend. They participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parades in Milwaukee. Camp 5 members were also in the Color Guard during the monument dedication at Camp Randall, Madison, WI.

##### Camp 8

On May 16 the camp attended the Open House at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. We held the camp meeting at the Home on May 17. The Camp re-dedicated the cemetery at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King on Memorial Day as the main ceremony at the Home for the day. On June 22 they dedicated the headstone of the ancestors of new members to the camp. On July 20, a dinner and meeting were held at a member's home and from there members went to a local cemetery to see about its condition. Plans are to adopt this cemetery.

##### Camp 15

They have been recruiting new members to fill the new camp. They had a large presence at the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Milwaukee, WI. They were also at the Camp Randall monument dedication as Color Guard and during the weekend for living history on July 18, 19.

##### Camp 49

Work continues on the G.A.R. Post building with the aid of the camp. This building is the home of the camp and also for the W.R.C.

##### Camp 56

No report

### **6.30 Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, National Camp-at-Large, John R. Conrad, CC**

### Activities Apr. 2015-Jul. 2015

The Camp has been quite active. We held our quarterly meeting in May with National CinC Tad Campbell and National President Rachelle Campbell and their daughter in attendance. The meeting was well attended by our brothers and the sisters of our Auxiliary. In addition, we have engaged in the following:

- Website update: We have added additional information on the GAR in Arizona and provided a page for our Auxiliary.
- Civil War Graves Registration continue through the efforts of Brother Jan Huber.
- Eagle Scout Recognition through the efforts of Brother Dennis Lamb.
- Memorial Day ceremonies in May, taking an active part in events in Phoenix, Flagstaff, and Tucson.
- Historical presentations related to the Civil War at our May meeting.
- Monuments preservation and establishment to ensure that the sacrifices of Union Soldiers in Arizona are not forgotten. Brother David Swanson PCC is chairing a committee to have a memorial to the California Column erected on the State Capitol grounds. We have secured the necessary support of a State Senator to introduce required legislation in the 2016 session.
- Newsletter produced quarterly to members and interested associates.
- Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War actively supports the Camp and its own patriotic activities.
- New Camp Formation: We received the charter for Gen. R.G. Minty Camp #2 in Tucson and held a regular meeting on July 4. We are also proceeding with the formation of the Gen. U.S. Grant Camp in Flagstaff, and are planning the organizational meeting in late August. Our goal is to have all three camps up and running by December and then to apply for Department status in 2016.

## **7.0 Addendums**

None

## **8.0 Appendix**

# 8.1 Consolidated Balance Sheet, National Treasurer Rich Orr, PCinC

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT JUNE 30, 2015											
	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 301,484.28	\$ 19,750.00	\$ 23,993.33	\$ 29,659.74	\$ 10,842.51	\$ 6,430.00	\$ 5,158.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 397,318.84
Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,847.31	\$ -	\$ 694.00	\$ 104.80	\$ 1,792.93	\$ -	\$ 5,607.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145.33	\$ 10,592.14
Other Current Assets											
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 5,231.78	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 14,540.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,971.78
Inventory	\$ 24,222.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,222.47
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 29,454.25	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 14,540.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,194.25
Total Current Assets	\$ 333,785.84	\$ 23,950.00	\$ 24,687.33	\$ 129,764.54	\$ 27,175.44	\$ 6,430.00	\$ 10,166.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145.33	\$ 556,105.23
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 23,053.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,097.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,150.78
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (16,936.76)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,234.47)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (28,171.23)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 6,116.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,862.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,979.55
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ 214,196.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,032.06	\$ 34,741.41	\$ -	\$ 128,764.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,716.27	\$ 429,449.97
Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,684.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,684.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,590.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,859.51	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143,248.18
Total Other Assets	\$ 321,696.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,716.06	\$ 34,741.41	\$ -	\$ 133,614.71	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 4,716.27	\$ 606,382.15
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 661,898.67</b>	<b>\$ 23,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,687.33</b>	<b>\$ 228,480.60</b>	<b>\$ 64,779.60</b>	<b>\$ 6,430.00</b>	<b>\$ 143,781.46</b>	<b>\$ 12,897.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,861.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,466.93</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,994.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,519.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,513.08
Other Current Liabilities	\$ 8,842.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,081.46
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Funds	\$ 29,025.10	\$ 11,974.20	\$ (10,654.00)	\$ (70.00)	\$ (24,727.95)	\$ 125.00	\$ (1,026.65)	\$ 746.75	\$ -	\$ (4,488.95)	\$ 1,503.50
Deferred Revenue	\$ 91,326.46	\$ 520.00	\$ 10,742.50	\$ -	\$ 26,891.25	\$ -	\$ 520.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,000.21
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 129,194.01	\$ 12,494.20	\$ 688.50	\$ (70.00)	\$ 2,402.31	\$ 125.00	\$ (506.65)	\$ 746.75	\$ -	\$ (4,488.95)	\$ 140,585.17
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 132,188.09	\$ 12,494.20	\$ 688.50	\$ 3,449.00	\$ 2,402.31	\$ 125.00	\$ (506.65)	\$ 746.75	\$ -	\$ (4,488.95)	\$ 147,068.25
Total Liabilities	\$ 132,188.09	\$ 12,494.20	\$ 688.50	\$ 3,449.00	\$ 2,402.31	\$ 125.00	\$ (506.65)	\$ 746.75	\$ -	\$ (4,488.95)	\$ 147,068.25
Equity											

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
AT JUNE 30, 2015

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 496,298.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,243.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 498,542.79
Member Designated	\$ 13,567.80	\$ 16,583.08	\$ -	\$ 8,369.00	\$ 5,303.24	\$ 4,360.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ 33,825.12
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,482.86	\$ 51,115.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141,399.77	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 9,562.42	\$ 295,112.20
Permanently Restricted	\$ 33,111.70	\$ (2,112.06)	\$ 7,415.75	\$ 134,534.00	\$ 2,893.15	\$ 1,001.76	\$ (1,471.66)	\$ (230.00)	\$ (1,415.00)	\$ (226.87)	\$ 37,220.05
Net Income	\$ 529,410.58	\$ 11,455.80	\$ 23,998.83	\$ 225,031.60	\$ 62,377.29	\$ 6,305.00	\$ 144,288.11	\$ 12,150.92	\$ -	\$ 9,350.55	\$ 1,024,368.68
Total Equity	\$ 661,598.67	\$ 23,950.09	\$ 24,687.33	\$ 228,480.60	\$ 64,779.60	\$ 6,430.00	\$ 143,781.46	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 4,861.60	\$ 1,171,466.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

## 8.2 Consolidated Income Statement, National Treasurer Rich Orr, PCinC

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015											
	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	Headquarters Fund	National Fund	Lincoln Tomb Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Monument Fund	Life Membership Fund	Consolidated Totals
<b>Income</b>											
Donations											
Individual, Business Contributions	646.05		100.00					100.00	(10.00)		836.05
MOLLS							1,100.00				1,100.00
NMAJ Donation	500.00							466.00			500.00
Fundraising - Challenge Coins	1,485.00										1,485.00
Fundraising - T-Shirts	1,457.37										1,457.37
SLV CW cont. from GAR Fund							1,750.00	5,000.00			6,750.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>4,088.42</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>5,566.00</b>	<b>(10.00)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,594.42</b>
Investments											
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	166.39							2,601.94	38.21		2,814.28
Dividend Income	13,180.59							3,353.74	3,874.95	152.86	20,409.28
Mutual Fund Earnings	(5,803.97)							(44.47)	(44.47)		(44.47)
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	7,543.01							7,032.06	4,769.20	(127.73)	3,677.34
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>7,543.01</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,987.74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,318.27</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,807.41</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23.13</b>	<b>26,856.43</b>
Sales											
QM Sales	43,290.81										43,290.81
QM Shipping & handling	7,873.25										7,873.25
Miscellaneous Revenue	185.30										185.30
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>51,349.36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,349.36</b>
Program Income											
Banner Subscriptions	113.00										113.00
National Encampment Reg. Fees	1,750.00										1,750.00
Per Capita Dues	97,657.00							30,205.50			139,944.25
Life Membership Fees	5,532.00							1,735.00		4,210.00	12,191.00
Life Member Cards											
Honor Roll											
New Member Fees		1,366.00									1,366.00
Charter Application Fees	330.00										330.00
Luncheon (Lincoln Tomb)							1,305.00				1,305.00
Miscellaneous	122.31										122.31
Reinstatement Fees	610.00										610.00
Remembrance Day											
Web Site Income	240.00										240.00
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<b>106,374.31</b>	<b>1,366.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,940.50</b>	<b>1,305.00</b>	<b>1,366.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,210.00</b>	<b>159,337.56</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>169,355.10</b>	<b>1,366.00</b>	<b>12,775.75</b>	<b>13,087.74</b>	<b>33,458.77</b>	<b>4,153.00</b>	<b>4,153.00</b>	<b>11,739.41</b>	<b>(10.00)</b>	<b>4,210.00</b>	<b>250,137.77</b>
Cost of Goods Sold											
Cost of Goods Sold											
Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	30,891.22										30,891.22
Cost of Sales - QM sales	5,504.46										5,504.46
QM Shipping & Handling	857.43										857.43
Paypal Fees	(506.18)										(506.18)
Cash Shortage and Overage											
<b>Total Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales</b>	<b>36,746.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,746.93</b>

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR											
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT											
JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015											
	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Memorials Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total COGS	36,746.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,746.93
Gross Profit	132,608.17	1,366.00	12,775.75	13,687.74	33,438.77	4,155.00	11,739.41	-	(10.00)	4,235.13	213,390.84
Expense											
Bad Debt Expense	11.00										11.00
Administrative Expenses											
CinC expenses	10,000.00										10,000.00
Nat. Sec. Expenses	2,540.23										2,540.23
Nat. Treasurer Exp.	2,983.65										2,983.65
Nat. QM Expenses	3,000.00										3,000.00
CinC Repr. Expenses	2,766.15										2,766.15
Executive Director				17,000.00							17,000.00
Executive Director Expenses				791.41							791.41
Jr. Vice Expenses	442.04										442.04
Banner Editor Expenses	1,532.70										1,532.70
Bank Charges	111.14										111.14
Credit Card Fees	53.98										53.98
Misc. Expenses	270.00										270.00
Total Administrative Expenses	23,699.89	-	-	-	17,791.41	-	-	-	-	-	41,491.30
Contract Services											
Accounting Fees	4,922.40										4,922.40
501C3 Conversion	16.00										16.00
Bureau of Charitable Organization Registrations											-
Legal Fees											-
Audit Fees	6,860.69										6,860.69
Total Contract Services	11,799.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,799.09
Facilities and Equipment											
Rent					9,270.00						9,270.00
Depr and Amort - Allowable	2,137.75				702.25						2,840.00
Total Facilities and Equipment	2,137.75	-	-	-	9,972.25	-	-	-	-	-	12,110.00
Insurance											
Liability Insurance	4,083.60										4,083.60
Directors & Officers											-
Total Insurance	4,083.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,083.60
Operations											
Advertising		3,478.00									3,478.00
Bank Fees			10.00								10.00
Office Expenses	994.90				18.30	10.00	10.00				1,033.20
Software											984.90
Proceedings Transcription	1,272.00										1,272.00
Proceedings Printing											-
Computer & Printers	119.99										119.99
Miscellaneous											-
Quartermaster Supplies											-

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR											
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT											
JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015											
	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Pst CitC Jewel	650.00										650.00
Postage	748.29				479.91						1,228.20
Printing & Photocopying	195.29				418.40						195.29
Supplies											418.40
Software											-
Telephone/Internet	404.62				1,885.35						1,885.35
Web Hosting											404.62
Total Operations	4,385.09	3,478.00	10.00	-	2,801.96	10.00	10.00				10,695.05
Program Expenses											
National Encamp. Host Comm.	1,000.00										1,000.00
Awards	586.02										586.02
Scholarships							10,000.00				10,000.00
Grants											5,350.00
Life Member Reimbursements							4,073.00				5,431.00
Life Membership Per Capita										1,358.00	5,431.00
Travel & Meetings										3,104.00	3,104.00
Lincoln Memorial											
Lincoln Tomb											
Remembrance Day											
Cathedral of the Pines											
Grants Tomb											
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier											
GAR Campfire											
Grave Registrations											
Lincoln Birthday Committee											
Natl Encamp. Photographer	550.00										550.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	139.56										139.56
National Encamp. Printing	1,448.78										1,448.78
Challenge Coins	278.76										278.76
Special Projects	5,000.00										5,000.00
Donation to GAR Fund	5,000.00										5,000.00
Donations											
Banner	39,251.93								1,405.00		39,251.93
Total Program Expenses	53,380.05	0.00	5,350.00	-4,073.00	0.00	3,143.24	13,201.07	0.00	1,405.00	-4,462.00	83,669.36
Total Expense	99,496.47	3,478.00	5,360.00	-4,073.00	30,565.62	3,153.24	13,211.07	0.00	1,405.00	-4,462.00	163,799.40
Net Income	33,111.70	(3,112.00)	7,415.75	-9,014.74	2,893.15	1,001.76	(1,471.60)	0.00	-1,415.00	(226.87)	49,591.44



### 8.3 Interfund Reconciliation July 2014 – June 2015, National Treasurer Rich Orr, PCinC

INTERCOMPANY RECONCILIATION JUNE 30, 2015											
Account	General	Sr. Vice	National Headquarters	GAR	Life Membership	Civil War Heritage	Canadian Civil War Monument	Lincoln Tomb	Permanent	Preservation	Total
Due to/from General Fund	1,026.65	11,974.20	(24,727.95)	(1,026.65)	(4,488.95)	746.75	-	125.00	(70.00)	(10,054.00)	(27,521.60)
Due to/from Gar Fund	24,727.95										1,026.65
Due to/from National Headquarters Fund	(11,974.20)										24,727.95
Due to/from Sr. Vice Fund	(746.75)										(11,974.20)
Due to/from Civil War Heritage Fund	70.00										(746.75)
Due to/from Permanent Fund											70.00
Due to/from Civil War Monument Fund	10,054.00										-
Due to/from Preservation Fund	(125.00)										10,054.00
Due to/from Lincoln Tomb	4,488.95										(125.00)
Due to/from Life Membership Fund											4,488.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,521.60</b>	<b>11,974.20</b>	<b>(24,727.95)</b>	<b>(1,026.65)</b>	<b>(4,488.95)</b>	<b>746.75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>(70.00)</b>	<b>(10,054.00)</b>	<b>-</b>

## 8.4 Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16, National Treasurer Rich Orr, PCinC

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### SONS OF UNION VETERNS OF THE CIVIL WAR

July 1, 2014 - June30, 2015 ACTUAL VS BUDGET & 2015-16 Budget

	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget 14-15	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 15-16
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
43400 · Donations					
43410 · NMAL Donation	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%	500.00
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	646.05	500.00	146.05	129.21%	500.00
43460 · Fundraising Donations - Coins	1,485.00	1,000.00	485.00	148.5%	1,250.00
43461 · Fundraising - T-Shirts	1,457.37	0.00	1,457.37	100.0%	1,000.00
43400 · Donations - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
<b>Total 43400 · Donations</b>	<b>4,088.42</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,088.42</b>	<b>204.42%</b>	<b>3,250.00</b>
45000 · Investments					
45020 · Dividend Income	13,180.59	8,000.00	5,180.59	164.76%	10,000.00
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	166.39	800.00	-633.61	20.8%	100.00
45040 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investm	-5,803.97	0.00	-5,803.97	100.0%	0.00
<b>Total 45000 · Investments</b>	<b>7,543.01</b>	<b>8,800.00</b>	<b>-1,256.99</b>	<b>85.72%</b>	<b>10,100.00</b>
46400 · Sales					
45405 · QM Sales	43,283.31	40,000.00	3,283.31	108.21%	40,000.00
46420 · QM Shipping & handling	7,873.25	6,000.00	1,873.25	131.22%	7,500.00
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	185.30	10.00	175.30	1,853.0%	100.00
<b>Total 46400 · Sales</b>	<b>51,341.86</b>	<b>46,010.00</b>	<b>5,331.86</b>	<b>111.59%</b>	<b>47,500.00</b>
47200 · Program Income					
47205 · Miscellaneous Revenue	122.31	50.00	72.31	244.62%	100.00
47210 · Banner Subscriptions	113.00	150.00	-37.00	75.33%	100.00
47220 · National Encampment Reg. Fees	1,750.00	3,000.00	-1,250.00	58.33%	2,000.00
47225 · New Camp & Dept Appl. Fees	330.00	250.00	80.00	132.0%	250.00
47230 · Per Capita Dues	97,657.00	98,000.00	-343.00	99.65%	100,000.00
47231 · Reinstatement Fee	610.00	600.00	10.00	101.67%	600.00
47240 · Life Membership Per Capita (376)	5,562.00	5,952.00	-400.00	93.28%	6,016.00
47250 · Web Site income	240.00	175.00	65.00	137.14%	175.00
<b>Total 47200 · Program Income</b>	<b>106,374.31</b>	<b>108,177.00</b>	<b>-1,802.69</b>	<b>98.33%</b>	<b>109,241.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>169,347.60</b>	<b>164,987.00</b>	<b>4,360.60</b>	<b>102.64%</b>	<b>170,191.00</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>					
50700 · Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales					
50701 · Cost Of Sales - QM sales	30,631.37	30,000.00	631.37	102.11%	32,500.00
50702 · QM Shipping & Handling	5,504.46	4,000.00	1,504.46	137.61%	6,000.00
50703 · Paypal Fees	857.43	800.00	57.43	107.18%	900.00
50704 · Cash Shortage and Overage	-505.18	500.00	-1,006.18	-101.24%	-500.00
<b>Total 50700 · Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales</b>	<b>36,487.08</b>	<b>35,300.00</b>	<b>1,187.08</b>	<b>103.36%</b>	<b>38,900.00</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>36,487.08</b>	<b>35,300.00</b>	<b>1,187.08</b>	<b>103.36%</b>	<b>38,900.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>132,860.52</b>	<b>129,687.00</b>	<b>3,173.52</b>	<b>102.45%</b>	<b>131,291.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
60900 · Business Expenses					
60910 · Bad Debts	11.00	200.00	-189.00	5.5%	100.00
<b>Total 60900 · Business Expenses</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>-189.00</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>100.00</b>
62000 · Administrative Expenses					
62001 · CinC expenses	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%	10,000.00

SONS OF UNION VETERNS OF THE CIVIL WAR

July 1, 2014 - June30, 2015 ACTUAL VS BUDGET & 2015-16 Budget

	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget 14-15	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 15-16
62002 · Nat. Sec. Expenses	2,540.23	3,000.00	-459.77	84.67%	3,000.00
62003 · Nat. Treasurer Exp.	2,983.65	3,000.00	-16.35	99.46%	3,000.00
62004 · Nat. QM Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%	3,000.00
62005 · CinC Repr. Expenses	2,671.23	5,000.00	-2,328.77	53.43%	5,000.00
62009 · Jr. Vice Expenses	442.04	600.00	-157.96	73.67%	600.00
62010 · Banner Editor Expenses	1,532.70	1,750.00	-217.30	87.58%	1,750.00
62011 · Bank Charges	111.14	150.00	-38.86	74.09%	150.00
62011A · Credit Card Fees	53.98	0.00	53.98	100.0%	100.00
62040 · Misc. Expenses	270.00	100.00	170.00	270.0%	250.00
<b>Total 62000 · Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>23,604.97</b>	<b>26,600.00</b>	<b>-2,995.03</b>	<b>88.74%</b>	<b>26,850.00</b>
<b>62100 · Contract Services</b>					
62110 · Accounting Fees	4,922.40	3,500.00	1,422.40	140.64%	5,000.00
62111 · Audit Fees	6,980.69	8,000.00	-1,139.31	85.76%	8,000.00
62115 · 501(c)3 Conversion	16.00	7,500.00	-7,484.00	0.21%	5,000.00
62115A · Bureau Charitable Organization	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%	7,500.00
<b>Total 62100 · Contract Services</b>	<b>11,799.09</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>	<b>-12,200.91</b>	<b>49.16%</b>	<b>25,500.00</b>
<b>62800 · Facilities and Equipment</b>					
62810 · Depr and Amort - Allowable	2,137.75	1,500.00	637.75	142.52%	2,200.00
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment</b>	<b>2,137.75</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>637.75</b>	<b>142.52%</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>64000 · Insurance</b>					
64001 · Insurance - Liability	4,063.60	4,000.00	63.60	102.09%	4,250.00
<b>Total 64000 · Insurance</b>	<b>4,063.60</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>63.60</b>	<b>102.09%</b>	<b>4,250.00</b>
<b>65000 · Operations</b>					
65010 · Past CinC Jewel	650.00	1,300.00	-650.00	50.0%	800.00
65020 · Office Expenses	912.84	1,000.00	-87.16	91.28%	1,000.00
65024 · Proceedings Transcription	1,272.00	1,500.00	-228.00	84.8%	1,500.00
65024A · Proceedings Printing	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%	300.00
65025 · Printing	195.29	1,000.00	-804.71	19.53%	500.00
65025 · Computer & Printers	119.99	0.00	119.99	100.0%	250.00
65040 · Postage	749.29	600.00	149.29	124.72%	800.00
65060 · Web Hosting	404.62	500.00	-95.38	80.92%	500.00
Web Site					6,000.00
65061 · Miscellaenous Expense	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	100.00
65062 · Contingency	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%	4,000.00
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<b>4,303.03</b>	<b>10,300.00</b>	<b>-5,996.97</b>	<b>41.78%</b>	<b>15,750.00</b>
<b>65100 · Program Expenses</b>					
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%	50.00
65101 · National Encamp. Host Comm.	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%	1,000.00
65102 · Awards	586.02	1,200.00	-613.98	48.84%	800.00
65104 · Natl. Encamp. Site Comm.	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	500.00
65105 · Natl Photographer	550.00	550.00	0.00	100.0%	600.00
65105A · Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	139.56	100.00	39.56	139.56%	150.00
65105B · National Encamp. Printing	1,448.78	2,500.00	-1,051.22	57.95%	1,500.00
65105E · Past Proceedings - digitize	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%	2,500.00
65106 · Sons Of Confederates Rep.	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%	300.00
65107 · Misc. Committee Expenses	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%	200.00
65108 · Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%	150.00
65110 · Grave Registrations	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%	4,500.00
65111 · Banner	39,251.93	37,500.00	1,751.93	104.67%	40,000.00
65112 · Fundraising - Challenge Coins	278.75	800.00	-521.24	34.85%	800.00

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	<u>Jul '14 - Jun 15</u>	<u>Budget 14-15</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Budget 15-16</u>
65114 · Remembrance Day Expenses	125.00	0.00	125.00	100.0%	0.00
65115 · Genealogical Conference	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	0.00
65160 · Special Projects	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00
<b>Total 65100 · Program Expenses</b>	<b>48,380.05</b>	<b>57,350.00</b>	<b>-8,969.95</b>	<b>84.36%</b>	<b>58,050.00</b>
68300 · Travel and Meetings					
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
<b>Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
70000 · Interfund Transfers					
70001 · Transfer From (to) GAR Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	2,000.00
70003 · Reserve Funds	0.00	-63.00	63.00	0.0%	-63.00
<b>Total 70000 · Interfund Transfers</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>4,937.00</b>	<b>63.00</b>	<b>101.28%</b>	<b>1,937.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>99,319.49</b>	<b>128,887.00</b>	<b>-29,567.51</b>	<b>77.06%</b>	<b>134,637.00</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>33,541.03</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>32,741.03</b>	<b>4,192.63%</b>	<b>-3,346.00</b>

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<b>NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
43400 · Direct Public Support					
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.0%	0.00
<b>Total 43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>-25.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
45000 · Investments					
45020 · Dividend Income	3,874.95	6.00	3,868.95	64,592.5%	3,500.00
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	7.74	6.00	1.74	129.0%	6.00
45040 · Mutual Funds earnings	-44.47	3,500.00	-3,544.47	-1.27%	0.00
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest	-2,319.95	0.00	-2,319.95	100.0%	0.00
<b>Total 45000 · Investments</b>	<b>1,518.27</b>	<b>3,512.00</b>	<b>-1,993.73</b>	<b>43.23%</b>	<b>3,505.00</b>
47200 · Program Income					
47230 · Per Capita Due	30,205.50	30,525.00	-419.50	98.63%	30,000.00
47240 · Life Membership Per Capita	1,735.00	1,860.00	-125.00	93.28%	1,880.00
<b>Total 47200 · Program Income</b>	<b>31,940.50</b>	<b>32,485.00</b>	<b>-544.50</b>	<b>98.32%</b>	<b>31,880.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,458.77</b>	<b>36,022.00</b>	<b>-2,563.23</b>	<b>92.88%</b>	<b>35,385.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
62800 · Facilities and Equipment					
62805 · Rent	9,270.00	9,270.00	0.00	100.0%	9,270.00
62810 · Depreciation	702.25	600.00	102.25	117.04%	750.00
62840 · Furniture & Equip	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	500.00
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment</b>	<b>9,972.25</b>	<b>10,370.00</b>	<b>-397.75</b>	<b>96.16%</b>	<b>10,520.00</b>
65000 · Operations					
65001 · Executive Director	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	100.0%	19,000.00
65002 · Executive Director Expenses	791.41	1,500.00	-708.59	52.76%	1,200.00
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	479.91	1,000.00	-520.09	47.99%	1,000.00
65040 · Supplies	390.86	0.00	390.86	100.0%	400.00
65042 · Bank Fees	18.30	0.00	18.30	100.0%	20.00
65050 · Telephone & Internet	1,885.35	2,000.00	-114.65	94.27%	2,000.00
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<b>20,565.83</b>	<b>21,500.00</b>	<b>-934.17</b>	<b>95.66%</b>	<b>23,620.00</b>
65100 · Other Types of Expenses					
65160 · Other Costs	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%	1,000.00
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>-4,000.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>30,538.08</b>	<b>35,870.00</b>	<b>-5,331.92</b>	<b>85.14%</b>	<b>35,140.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,920.69</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>2,768.69</b>	<b>1,921.51%</b>	<b>246.00</b>

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	<u>Jul '14 - Jun 15</u>	<u>Budget 14-15</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Budget 15-16</u>
<b>MONUMENT PRESERVATION FUND</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
43400 - Direct Public Support					
43450 - Individ, Business Contributions	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	0.00
<b>Total 43400 - Direct Public Support</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
47200 - Program Income					
47230 - Per Capita Dues	12,081.75	12,250.00	-168.25	98.63%	12,000.00
47240 - Life Membership	694.00	744.00	-50.00	93.28%	752.00
<b>Total 47200 - Program Income</b>	<u>12,775.75</u>	<u>12,994.00</u>	<u>-218.25</u>	<u>98.32%</u>	<u>12,752.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>12,775.75</u>	<u>13,094.00</u>	<u>-318.25</u>	<u>97.57%</u>	<u>12,752.00</u>
<b>Expense</b>					
65000 - Operations					
65060 - Bank Fees	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.0%	10.00
<b>Total 65000 - Operations</b>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>10.00</u>
65100 - Program Expenses					
65102 - Grants	5,350.00	13,000.00	-7,650.00	41.15%	15,000.00
<b>Total 65100 - Program Expenses</b>	<u>5,350.00</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>-7,650.00</u>	<u>41.15%</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>5,360.00</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>-7,640.00</u>	<u>41.23%</u>	<u>15,010.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>7,415.75</u>	<u>94.00</u>	<u>7,321.75</u>	<u>7,889.1%</u>	<u>-2,258.00</u>

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	<u>Jul '14 - Jun 15</u>	<u>Budget 14-15</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Budget 15-16</u>
SR. VICE COMMANDER -IN-CHIEF FUND					
Income					
43400 · Direct Public Support					
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	0.00
<b>Total 43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
45000 · Investments					
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	0.00	5.00	-5.00	0.0%	0.00
<b>Total 45000 · Investments</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>-5.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
47200 · Program Income					
47225 · Registration Fee New Members	1,366.00	1,500.00	-134.00	91.07%	1,250.00
47250 · Fund Reserve	0.00	4,045.00	-4,045.00	0.0%	4,400.00
<b>Total 47200 · Program Income</b>	<u>1,366.00</u>	<u>5,545.00</u>	<u>-4,179.00</u>	<u>24.64%</u>	<u>5,650.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,366.00</u>	<u>5,650.00</u>	<u>-4,284.00</u>	<u>24.18%</u>	<u>5,650.00</u>
Expense					
65000 · Operations					
65010 · Advertising	3,478.00	5,500.00	-2,022.00	63.24%	5,500.00
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<u>3,478.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>-2,022.00</u>	<u>63.24%</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
65200 · Program Expenses					
65202 · Memorial University	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%	150.00
<b>Total 65200 · Program Expenses</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>-150.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>3,478.00</u>	<u>5,650.00</u>	<u>-2,172.00</u>	<u>61.96%</u>	<u>5,650.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-2,112.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-2,112.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>

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	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget 14-15	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 15-16
<b>GAR FUND</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
<b>43400 - Direct Public Support</b>					
43450 - Individ, Business Contributions	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%	100.00
<b>Total 43400 - Direct Public Support</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>45000 - Investments</b>					
45030 - Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	38.21	100.00	-61.79	38.21%	25.00
45040 - Dividends	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	0.00
45050 - Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest	4,769.20	0.00	4,769.20	100.0%	2,500.00
<b>Total 45000 - Investments</b>	<b>4,807.41</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>4,607.41</b>	<b>2,403.71%</b>	<b>2,525.00</b>
<b>47200 - Program Income</b>					
47201 - Natl. Patriotic Ins. Appeal	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%	50.00
47203 - Challenge Coins	466.00	500.00	-34.00	93.2%	250.00
47230 - Registration Fees - New Members	1,366.00	1,500.00	-134.00	91.07%	1,250.00
47240 - Program Service Fees - Hyde Beq	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%	2,900.00
<b>Total 47200 - Program Income</b>	<b>1,832.00</b>	<b>4,550.00</b>	<b>-2,718.00</b>	<b>40.26%</b>	<b>4,050.00</b>
<b>47800 - Other Income &amp; Transfers</b>					
47805 - Transfer from General Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	2,000.00
<b>Total 47800 - Other Income &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,739.41</b>	<b>9,850.00</b>	<b>1,889.41</b>	<b>119.18%</b>	<b>8,675.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>62000 - Administrative Expenses</b>					
62011 - Bank Charges	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.0%	10.00
<b>Total 62000 - Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>65100 - Program Expenses</b>					
65101 - Lincoln Memorial	90.95	125.00	-34.05	72.76%	125.00
65102 - Lincoln Tomb	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00	100.0%	1,500.00
65103 - Scholarship	7,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	150.0%	2,500.00
65103A - Schlarship - Hyde Bequest	2,500.00	5,000.00	-2,500.00	50.0%	2,500.00
65104 - Remembrance Day	504.22	800.00	-295.78	63.03%	750.00
65105 - Cathedral of the Pines	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	100.00
65106 - Tomb of the Unknown	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%	200.00
65108 - Grants Tomb	170.00	175.00	-5.00	97.14%	175.00
Andersonville Wreath					125.00
65110 - GAR Campfire	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%	500.00
65111 - Challenge Coins	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%	0.00
65113 - Memorial Day Arlington	185.90	200.00	-14.10	92.95%	200.00
<b>Total 65100 - Program Expenses</b>	<b>13,201.07</b>	<b>14,850.00</b>	<b>-1,648.93</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	<b>8,675.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,211.07</b>	<b>14,850.00</b>	<b>-1,638.93</b>	<b>88.96%</b>	<b>8,685.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-1,471.66</b>	<b>-5,000.00</b>	<b>3,528.34</b>	<b>29.43%</b>	<b>-10.00</b>



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	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget 14-15	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 15-16
PERMANENT FUND					
<b>Income</b>					
43400 - Donations					
43450 - Individ, Business Contributions	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%	100.00
<b>Total 43400 - Donations</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.00</b>
45000 - Investments					
45020 - Dividends	3,353.74	3,750.00	-396.26	89.43%	4,000.00
45030 - Interest Savings, Short-term CD	2,801.94	3,400.00	-798.06	78.53%	200.00
45050 - Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest.	7,032.06	0.00	7,032.06	100.0%	0.00
<b>Total 45000 - Investments</b>	<b>12,987.74</b>	<b>7,150.00</b>	<b>5,837.74</b>	<b>181.65%</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>
46400 - Other Types of Income					
46430 - Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%	10.00
<b>Total 46400 - Other Types of Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>-10.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>10.00</b>
47200 - Program Income					
47205 - Honor Roll	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	100.00
47225 - NMAL New Member Fees	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%	10.00
<b>Total 47200 - Program Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>-110.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>110.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,087.74</b>	<b>7,370.00</b>	<b>5,717.74</b>	<b>177.58%</b>	<b>4,420.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
65100 - Program Expenses					
65101 - Life Member Reimbursements	4,073.00	660.00	3,413.00	617.12%	1,004.00
65101A - Life Member Reimburse. Prog 2	0.00	430.00	-430.00	0.0%	0.00
65102 - Life Member Per Capita	0.00	4,784.00	-4,784.00	0.0%	4,508.00
65120 - Miscellaneous	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%	75.00
<b>Total 65100 - Program Expenses</b>	<b>4,073.00</b>	<b>5,949.00</b>	<b>-1,876.00</b>	<b>68.47%</b>	<b>5,587.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>4,073.00</b>	<b>5,949.00</b>	<b>-1,876.00</b>	<b>68.47%</b>	<b>5,587.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9,014.74</b>	<b>1,421.00</b>	<b>7,593.74</b>	<b>634.39%</b>	<b>-1,167.00</b>

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	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget 14-15	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 15-16
LINCOLN TOMB OBSERVATION FUND					
<b>Income</b>					
43400 - Direct Public Support					
43420 - MOLLUS Contribution	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	100.0%	1,100.00
43430 - SUVCW Cont. from GAR Fund	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00	100.0%	1,500.00
<b>Total 43400 - Direct Public Support</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>
47200 - Program Income					
47212 - Luncheon	1,305.00	2,500.00	-1,195.00	52.2%	1,500.00
<b>Total 47200 - Program Income</b>	<b>1,305.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>-1,195.00</b>	<b>52.2%</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,155.00</b>	<b>5,350.00</b>	<b>-1,195.00</b>	<b>77.66%</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
65000 - Operations					
65005 - Bank Fees	10.00	10.00	0.00	100.0%	10.00
65020 - Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%	300.00
<b>Total 65000 - Operations</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>310.00</b>	<b>-300.00</b>	<b>3.23%</b>	<b>310.00</b>
65100 - Program Expenses					
65112 - Luncheon	1,350.25	1,500.00	-149.75	90.02%	1,500.00
65114 - Speaker/Entertainment - Luncheon	75.00	250.00	-175.00	30.0%	250.00
65115 - Equipment Rental	381.00	375.00	6.00	101.6%	400.00
65117 - Printing	416.00	0.00	416.00	100.0%	0.00
65118 - Misc. Expense	95.99	100.00	-4.01	95.99%	100.00
65121 - Musicians/ Lincoln Tomb	700.00	1,000.00	-300.00	70.0%	750.00
65122 - Bus Rental	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%	0.00
65123 - Programs	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	500.00
65124 - Photographs	125.00	100.00	25.00	125.0%	125.00
65127 - Umbrella Tent	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%	350.00
<b>Total 65100 - Program Expenses</b>	<b>3,143.24</b>	<b>4,525.00</b>	<b>-1,381.76</b>	<b>69.46%</b>	<b>3,975.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>3,153.24</b>	<b>4,835.00</b>	<b>-1,681.76</b>	<b>65.22%</b>	<b>4,285.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,001.76</b>	<b>515.00</b>	<b>486.76</b>	<b>194.52%</b>	<b>-185.00</b>

SONS OF UNION VETERNS OF THE CIVIL WAR

July 1, 2014 - June30, 2015 ACTUAL VS BUDGET & 2015-16 Budget

	<u>Jul '14 - Jun 15</u>	<u>Budget 14-15</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Budget 15-16</u>
CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND					
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>	0	0	100	0

SONS OF UNION VETERNS OF THE CIVIL WAR

July 1, 2014 - June30, 2015 ACTUAL VS BUDGET & 2015-16 Budget

	Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget 14-15	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 15-16
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND</b>					
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
45000 - Investments					
45020 - Dividend Income	152.86	330.00	-177.14	46.32%	500.00
45030 - Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	0.00
45050 - Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest	-127.73	0.00	-127.73	100.0%	0.00
<b>Total 45000 - Investments</b>	<b>25.13</b>	<b>430.00</b>	<b>-404.87</b>	<b>5.84%</b>	<b>500.00</b>
46400 - Other Types of Income					
46440 - Reserve Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
<b>Total 46400 - Other Types of Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
47200 - Program Income					
47230 - Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00
47240 - Life Member Fees	4,210.00	6,000.00	-1,790.00	70.17%	4,000.00
<b>Total 47200 - Program Income</b>	<b>4,210.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>-1,790.00</b>	<b>70.17%</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,235.13</b>	<b>6,430.00</b>	<b>-2,194.87</b>	<b>66.87%</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
65100 - Program Expenses					
65101 - Life Member Per Capita (180)	1,358.00	3,772.00	-2,414.00	36.0%	4,140.00
65101A - Life member Reimbursement New	3,104.00	0.00	3,104.00	100.0%	0.00
65103 - Life Member Cards	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%	10.00
<b>Total 65100 - Program Expenses</b>	<b>4,462.00</b>	<b>3,782.00</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>117.98%</b>	<b>4,150.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>4,462.00</b>	<b>3,782.00</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>117.98%</b>	<b>4,150.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-226.87</b>	<b>2,648.00</b>	<b>-2,874.87</b>	<b>-8.57%</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-226.87</b>	<b>2,648.00</b>	<b>-2,874.87</b>	<b>-8.57%</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>250,165.4</b>	<b>248,753.0</b>	<b>1,412.4</b>	<b>100.57%</b>	<b>245,674.0</b>
<b>Gross Expenses</b>	<b>163,594.88</b>	<b>212,823.00</b>	<b>-49,228.1</b>	<b>76.87%</b>	<b>213,144.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>86,570.52</b>	<b>35,930.00</b>	<b>50,640.5</b>	<b>240.94%</b>	<b>32,530.00</b>

Appendix 2

General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 1**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Change of Command**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: At Marietta, Georgia on August 16, 2014 the Delegates to the 133rd Annual National Encampment elected me to the highest post in our great organization. I thank each and every one of them for bestowing this great and humbling honor upon me. I shall make every effort to prove myself worthy of their confidence.

Section 2: The Encampment Host Committee and the Department of Georgia and South Carolina are commended for their dedication and hard work resulting in this outstanding Encampment. The efforts of Encampment Host Committee Chairman Brian C. Pierson, PDC and National Encampment Site Committee Chairman James T. Crane, PCC were particularly conspicuous for their zeal.

Section 3: Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the recently elected National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Cindy Zerkowski of the Woman's Relief Corps; Judy Rock of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Ellen Higgins of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and Rachelle Campbell of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am looking forward to working closely with each of these competent leaders throughout the coming year.

Section 4: The Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby transferred to 9110 Avezan Way, Gilroy, CA 95020-7545. All written correspondence for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to that address. Electronic communications may be sent to [cinc@suvcw.org](mailto:cinc@suvcw.org). The Commander-in-Chief may be reached by phone at (408) 842-7368.

Section 5: The National Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's schedule. Requests for the Commander-in-Chief's attendance at Department Encampments and other events should be directed to National Chief of Staff Kevin L. Martin, PCC, 8209 Skipworth Dr., Frederick, MD 21702-9499. Phone: (301) 682-7336. Email: [martinkrt@comcast.net](mailto:martinkrt@comcast.net). Please keep in mind that the Commander-in-Chief's schedule fills up quickly. If at all possible events should not be scheduled for the weekends of September 27, October 4, October 25, November 22, and April 11.

Section 6: Correspondence concerning new members, membership reporting, finances dealing with annual reports, etc. should be directed to Executive Director David W. Demmy, Sr. at SUVCW National Headquarters, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (National Civil War Museum), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411. Phone: (717) 232- 7000. Email: [execdir@suvcw.org](mailto:execdir@suvcw.org).

Section 7: Correspondence regarding the finances of the Order should be directed to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburg, PA 15214- 1251. Phone: (412) 931-1173. Email: [treasurer@suvcw.org](mailto:treasurer@suvcw.org).

Section 8: All other correspondence to the Order should be directed to National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, P.O. Box 673, St. Francis, KS 67756-0673. Phone: (785) 332-2118. Email: [secretary@suvcw.org](mailto:secretary@suvcw.org).

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Mission Statement**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Because of the extraordinary amount of work that was accomplished during the 133rd Annual National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia, the Saturday business session ran late and I was unable to deliver my acceptance speech as anticipated. This speech largely serves as a mission statement and sets the expected tone and goals for this administration. It is therefore presented here.

Section 2: It is a great honor, and indeed quite humbling, that I stand before you for the very first time as your duly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief. I thank each and every one of you for the unwavering confidence you have shown in my abilities, and I am keenly aware and appreciate the solemn responsibilities that are now placed upon my shoulders. I am ready to face the challenges ahead, always guided by our core principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. During this administration we shall endeavor to bring us closer to a concept that was once common throughout the Allied Orders; a concept that is sometimes lost today amid petty offenses and differing opinions. I am speaking about the notion of the "G.A.R. Family." One definition of family is "all the descendants of a common ancestor." Among the Allied Orders, we are ALL descendants of a common ancestor — the Grand Army of the Republic. We ARE the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and therefore we ARE the Grand Army Family. We shall rekindle our ties of kinship through improved communication, cooperation, and respect. Many of you are aware that something historic has happened today; something that will go a long way toward achieving the goal of a more allied Allied Orders. Today the Auxiliary elected my wife, Rachelle Campbell, as their National President — the first time in nearly thirty years that the Commander-in-Chief and the National President have simultaneously been from the same household. Rachelle is also a member of two of the other Allied Orders. Together, we shall strive to improve the relationships between the Allied Orders so that our organizations can better work together to achieve our common goals. As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, our main purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865. With this in mind, I would like to recognize my seven direct ancestors who fought for the Union:

John Henderson Appleton (3 x great-grandfather) 17th Indiana Infantry, Wilder's Lightning Brigade

George W. Duryee (4 x great-grandfather) 4th Michigan Infantry

Alexander Oakes (3 x great-grandfather) 1st Arkansas Cavalry (US)

William Oakes (4 x great-grandfather) 60th Enrolled Missouri Militia and 5th Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia

Bennett Tiner (3 x great-grandfather) Benton County Arkansas Home Guards (US)

Jonathan Edward Wolf (3 x great-grandfather) 18th Iowa Infantry and the soldier under whose service I originally joined the Sons, and who I believe has the best name:

Ira Erastus Angus (3 x great-grandfather) 10th Michigan Cavalry

At the first two National Encampments that I attended I had the honor to meet Real Son Edward Blakely of the Department of Michigan. Brother Blakely's father also served in the 10th Michigan Cavalry alongside my great-great-great-grandfather! It is because of these seven ancestors, among the more than two million who served under the Union banner, that I am here. I wear an image of Ira Angus to remind myself — and others — that we are not here to honor ourselves. It is not about us — it is about them. We must never lose that focus. In the words of G.A.R. Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan: "If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us."

As we enter the final year of the Civil War sesquicentennial, we can look forward to a challenging, yet productive year; one in which we can accomplish great things, and bring public attention to the service and sacrifices of the “Boys in Blue.” May God bless each and every one of you, each of the Allied Orders, and may God bless the United States of America. Thank You.

Section 3: All members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are hereby directed to keep these principals in mind and act accordingly during their interactions with the public and the other Allied Orders, always keeping the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Revenue Cutter Servicemen as their primary focus.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3  
SERIES 2014-2015**

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Replacement Charter for Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp-at-Large No. 1**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Bro. Lee Morgan PCC, Secretary-Treasurer of the Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp-at-Large No. 1 in Washington State has stated that the Camp Charter has unfortunately been lost and cannot be located after diligent search, and therefore formally requests a replacement Charter.

Section 2: In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 2, and Footnote 11 to the same section, and Chapter II, Article VI, Section 2, a request for a replacement Charter must be made to the Commander-in-Chief and a replacement fee of \$25.00 is to be paid. Further, if known, the names of the original Charter Members shall be listed on the replacement Charter.

Section 3: The request of the Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp-at-Large No. 1 for a replacement charter is hereby approved, with the understanding that the required replacement fee of \$25.00 shall be provided to the National Organization.

Section 4: The Camp is further directed to coordinate with the National Secretary regarding the payment of said fee, the names of the original Charter Members, and any other required information.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 1**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Passing of Real Son Carson W. Yeager**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of Real Son Carson Ward Yeager of Elmhurst, Illinois on July 15, 2014 at the age of 97 years.

Section 2: Brother Yeager was a member of Philip H. Sheridan Camp No. 2, Department of Illinois. His father, Peter Yeager, served as Private in Company E, 146th Illinois Infantry.

Section 3: Brother Yeager was a graduate of Bradley University, served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and worked for thirty years as an electrical engineer with Bell Telephone and AT&T. He was also a Freemason, a Shriner, and a member of the Boys Scouts of America and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Section 4: Interment was at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton, Illinois, with a private family service to be held at a later date. Donations in Brother Yeager's honor may be made to Union Church or Hinsdale Masonic Lodge in Hinsdale, Illinois, or to Plum Grove Masonic Lodge in Stockton, Illinois.

Section 5: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends its sincere condolences to Brother Yeager's family and friends, and to the members of his Camp and Department.

Section 6: All Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days. Section 7: All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 5th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 4  
SERIES 2014-2015**

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
Addition of North Dakota to the Department of Nebraska**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: At its Annual Encampment held in Omaha, Nebraska on April 19, 2014, the Department of Nebraska voted to request of the Commander-in-Chief the honor and responsibility of adding the State of North Dakota to their Department boundaries. The Commander-in-Chief believes their request will help further VISION 2020's Organization Expansion Initiative, and thereby Orders that the State of North Dakota be added to their Department boundaries effective immediately.

Section 2: The Department name shall remain Department of Nebraska.

Section 3: The National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, in cooperation with the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Nebraska, is hereby directed to transfer any National Members-at-Large currently residing in Nebraska, North Dakota or South Dakota to the John M. Thayer Camp-at-Large, or another Camp of the transferring Brother's choice, within 60 days of issuance of this General Order.

Section 4: The Commander-in-Chief views the Department of Nebraska's request as a desire to grow our Order within the State of North Dakota, and as such, this is not to be viewed as a permanent alignment. The Commander-in-Chief asks that the Department of Nebraska at its 2015 Encampment, adopt a written plan of action to grow our Order within their boundaries to enable the States of South Dakota and North Dakota to become the Department of the Dakotas.

Section 5: The Commander-in-Chief calls on all Brothers of the Order who have family members, friends, and/or acquaintances qualified to become members of the SUVCW within the expanded boundaries of the Department of Nebraska, to contact them in an effort to grow our Order.

Section 6: The Commander-in-Chief commends the Department of Nebraska for taking on these additional responsibilities for the betterment of our Order.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 8th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief  
ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 5**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Suspension of Camp and Departments**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6, Camp-at-Large, located in Oregon, has failed to submit a properly completed and signed Form 27 (Camp Annual Report) and has not sent the required payment for per capita dues, both of which were due on or before April 30, 2014.

Section 2: The Department of Iowa has failed to submit a properly completed and signed Form 35 (Department Annual Report), missing Form 27s (Camp Annual Reports), and required payment for per capita dues, all of which were due on or before May 31, 2014.

Section 3: The Department of Kentucky has failed to submit a properly completed and signed Form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers), which was due on or before July 14, 2014.

Section 4: Repeated efforts by the Executive Director and the National Treasurer to assist this Camp and these Departments in bringing themselves into compliance have unfortunately been unsuccessful.

Section 5: Therefore the Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6, the Department of Iowa, and the Department of Kentucky are hereby suspended for failure to pay per capita dues and/or failure to submit properly completed forms.

Section 6: The said Camp and Departments are reminded that while under suspension they are forbidden from conducting any business of the Order, other than that which will bring them back into good standing. Members of the said Camp and Departments will also not receive The Banner while these entities remain under suspension. Said Camp and Departments may be brought back into good standing after filing all delinquent forms, dues and any other required fees.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 6**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Stephenson Memorial Plaza Project**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Benjamin F. Stephenson, a medical doctor from Springfield, Illinois who had served as Surgeon in the 14th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War, had the idea that an association of Union veterans should exist in order to provide for the mutual benefit of its members and for their widows and orphans. Along with a small group of friends, he devised the concept of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in the spring of 1866.

Section 2: Although Dr. Stephenson served as the provisional Commander-in-Chief of the GAR when it was founded, he was never officially elected Commander-in-Chief. However, his devotion to the organization never ceased, often at the expense of his own personal life. He died in 1871 at the age of just 47 years.

Section 3: Without Dr. Stephenson's vision and efforts the GAR would not have come into being. Likewise, without the GAR, the Allied Orders of the GAR could not exist. The Allied Orders owe their very existence to Dr. Stephenson and it is therefore appropriate that his memory should be fittingly honored by these organizations.

Section 4: The SUVCW's Department of Illinois is spearheading an effort to improve and beautify Dr. Stevenson's final resting place in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois. The enhanced area will be known as the "Stephenson Memorial Plaza" and will provide an area where people can gather, pay respects, and contemplate Dr. Stephenson and his contributions. The goal is to have this project completed by 2016, in time to celebrate the sesquicentennial of GAR's formation.

Section 5: All members of the SUVCW and the other Allied Orders of the GAR are encouraged to contribute toward fundraising efforts to help ensure that this worthy project comes to fruition. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Memorial pavers and benches are being offered for sale for larger donations. The City of Petersburg is completely behind this project and donations are tax deductible.

Section 6: For order forms and other information, please visit the Department of Illinois' website at [www.suvcwil.com](http://www.suvcwil.com). Additional questions or comments may be directed to Bro. Terry R. Dyer, PDC at [dyeredge@aol.com](mailto:dyeredge@aol.com).

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 20th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief  
ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 7**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Government Headstone Application Committee**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with the direction of the 133rd Annual National Encampment, the National Special Government Headstone Application Committee (GHAC) is hereby constituted for the period ending August 22, 2015:

Section 2: The following Brothers are appointed to the GHAC: Bruce Frail (Chair), Steve Aarli, David Burkett, John Eger, Merle Rudebusch, William Stark, and Stephen Twining.

Section 3: The primary duties of the GHAC, in cooperation with the National Committee on Graves Registration (NCGR), are to assist people inside and outside of the Allied Orders in researching and obtaining Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) headstones, whether they are for unmarked graves or replacement headstones; and to design videos and workshops to show people the proper way to complete forms, raise headstones, level headstones and install all new types of headstones. The GHAC will also receive the data from the check boxes of the graves registration forms and transmit that data to local Departments and Camps for their action, with which the GHAC will assist when needed. All contact with the VA should be discussed with the office of the National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) prior to any contact by the GHAC's secretary or chairman.

Section 4: The GHAC shall report on its activities, along with any recommendations, to the 134th Annual National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia. The National Encampment will then determine whether the committee should be continued, and if so, in what form.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 20th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC,  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 8**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Suspension Lifted for Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with General Order No. 5, Series 2014-2015, the Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6, Camp-at-Large, located in Oregon, was placed under suspension for failure to submit properly completed and signed forms and required payment for per capita dues.

Section 2: As of October 20, 2014 all required forms and payment from the Camp have been received by National Headquarters. Therefore the suspension of the Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 is hereby lifted and the Camp is returned to full active status.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 22nd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 9  
SERIES 2014-2015**

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Addition of Pacific Territories and Possessions to the Department of California and Pacific**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Upon the agreement of the senior leadership of the Department of California and Pacific, it is hereby Ordered that their jurisdiction is expanded to include all Territories and Possessions of the United States within the Pacific, including the Territory of American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Palmyra Atoll, and Wake Island, effective immediately.

Section 2: The Department name shall remain Department of California and Pacific.

Section 3: The National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, in cooperation with the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, is hereby directed to transfer any National Members-at-Large currently residing in California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam or the Northern Mariana Islands to the Department of California and Pacific, within 60 days of issuance of this General Order.

Section 4: The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, effective immediately, is hereby directed that any application for membership that he receives that does not specify a Department or Camp, with an address in California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam or the Northern Mariana Islands is to be forwarded to the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of California and Pacific for processing.

Section 5: The Commander-in-Chief believes the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Department of California and Pacific will help further VISION 2020's Organization Expansion Initiative. As such, the Commander-in-Chief asks that the Department of California and Pacific at its 2015 Encampment, adopt a written plan of action to grow our Order within the expanded Department of California and Pacific.

Section 6: The Commander-in-Chief calls on all Brothers of the Order who have family members, friends, and/or acquaintances qualified to become members of the SUVCW within the expanded boundaries of the Department of California and Pacific, to contact them in an effort to grow our Order.

Section 7: The Commander-in-Chief commends the Department of California and Pacific for taking on these additional responsibilities for the betterment of our Order.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 1st day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 10  
SERIES 2014-2015**

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Addition of Caribbean Territories and Possessions to the Department of Florida**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Upon the agreement of the elected leadership of the Department of Florida, it is hereby Ordered that their jurisdiction is expanded to include all Territories and Possessions of the United States within the Caribbean, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Navassa Island, Serranilla Bank, Bajo Nuevo Bank, and the United States Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, effective immediately.

Section 2: The Department name shall remain Department of Florida. The Department may change its name by a majority vote at a regular Department Encampment.

Section 3: The National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, in cooperation with the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Florida, is hereby directed to transfer any National Members-at-Large currently residing in Florida, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or the United States Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the General William T. Sherman Camp-at-Large, or another Camp of the transferring Brother's choice, within 60 days of issuance of this General Order.

Section 4: The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, effective immediately, is hereby directed that any application for membership that he receives that does not specify a Department or Camp, with an address in Florida, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands or the United States Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is to be forwarded to the Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Florida for processing.

Section 5: The Commander-in-Chief believes the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Department of Florida will help further VISION 2020's Organization Expansion Initiative. As such, the Commander-in-Chief asks that the Department of Florida at its 2015 Encampment, adopt a written plan of action to grow our Order within the expanded Department of Florida.

Section 6: The Commander-in-Chief calls on all Brothers of the Order who have family members, friends, and/or acquaintances qualified to become members of the SUVCW within the expanded boundaries of the Department of Florida, to contact them in an effort to grow our Order.

Section 7: The Commander-in-Chief commends the Department of Florida for taking on these additional responsibilities for the betterment of our Order.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 1st day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC

Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC

National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 11**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Veterans Day**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Day is “a celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.”

Section 2: President Dwight D. Eisenhower called upon the nation to “solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.”

Section 3: All Brothers, Camps and Departments of the Order are encouraged to participate in appropriate observances of Veterans Day in their local communities on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Proudly display Old Glory and thank a veteran!

Section 4: All veterans, and especially those members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, who have in the past, or who are currently serving in the United States military, are hereby commended for their dedication and willingness to give of themselves for the greater good of our nation. Their service and sacrifices are not forgotten!

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 12**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Suspension Lifted for Department of Kentucky**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with General Order No. 5, Series 2014-2015, the Department of Kentucky, was placed under suspension for failure to submit a properly completed and signed Form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers).

Section 2: As of November 12, 2014 all required forms and payments from the Department have been received by National Headquarters. Therefore the suspension of the Department of Kentucky is hereby lifted and the Department is returned to full active status.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC, National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 13**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Suspension Lifted for Department of Iowa**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with General Order No. 5, Series 2014-2015, the Department of Iowa was placed under suspension for failure to submit a properly completed and signed Form 35 (Department Annual Report), missing Form 27s (Camp Annual Reports), and required payment for per capita dues.

Section 2: As of November 13, 2014 all required forms and payments from the Department have been received by National Headquarters. Therefore the suspension of the Department of Iowa is hereby lifted and the Department is returned to full active status.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 15th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC, National Secretary

**SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 2**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Passing of Real Son David Ordean Chase**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of Real Son David Ordean Chase of Duncan, British Columbia on January 2, 2015 at the age of 104 years.

Section 2: Brother Chase was a member of Gov. Isaacs Stevens Camp-at-Large No. 1 in the State of Washington. His father, Albert Stillman Chase, served as Private in Company H, 6th Minnesota Infantry.

Section 3: During his working career Brother Chase owned a welding and machine shop, a neon sign company, and spent time working for an oil-drilling firm. He was a native of Minnesota, and moved from Inglewood, California to British Columbia in 1962.

Section 4: Brother Chase was predeceased by his wife Louise, who died in 1997. They did not have any children. Funeral services have not yet been announced.

Section 5: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends its sincere condolences to Brother Chase's family and friends, and to the members of his Camp.

Section 6: All Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 7: All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 7th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 14**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Ruling on Prior Indebtedness for Former Member Rejoining the SUVCW**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Due to conflicts of interest, and with the concurrence of the National Counselor, the Commander-in-Chief recused himself from the following issue and tasked Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC with providing a ruling.

Section 2: The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's examination and ruling follows:

As requested, I have reviewed the considerable documentation concerning this situation. As I understand it, past Brother X was dropped by Camp A for non-payment of dues in 2000. The bulk of the documentation questions whether past Brother X should be required to pay unpaid dues, and fees, before he can be allowed to rejoin the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in another camp.

This issue came up because past Camp Brother X was applying for membership in Camp B. As part of the required investigation process, Camp B contacted Camp A to determine if there were any unresolved obligations. Camp A reported that they had paid past Brother X's 2000 dues anticipating Brother X would want to remain a member, and subsequently pay his dues.

In Camp A's communication with Camp B, they indicated that Brother X owed Camp A one year's dues. In addition to the unpaid dues, Camp A's bylaws stipulated a \$5 per month penalty for each month the dues had not yet been paid. The total for past dues, reinstatement fee and overdue penalties were determined to be \$107.50. Camp A agreed to forgo all but the unpaid annual dues (\$35).

If this amount were fair and justified, I would rule that past Brother X must pay that amount, thus granting him to be eligible for reinstatement in the SUVCW. However, Camp A's claim of indebtedness to them for unpaid past dues is in error, he is not indebted to them.

A member's relationship with the SUVCW can be likened to that of a contract. A member pays consideration to the organization (i.e. dues and fees), and has a justifiable expectation to enjoy that which the organization provides as outlined in our Regulations. In a contractual situation the relationship is bi-lateral, and requires such consideration by both parties. However, in this situation, the contract was executed in a unilateral way. Past Camp Member X did not indicate to Camp A that he intended to remain with the camp, nor did he ask them to pay his dues

Our Regulations state a Brother "whose dues are not paid by March 1 may be dropped for nonpayment of dues by a vote of the Camp. " In this case, the Camp did not so drop the member. Instead, the Camp paid the dues for the member without his permission. On the other hand, the Camp may pay the member's dues for him, BUT they do so understanding that if the member does not return to the Camp, they might not be reimbursed for their kind act.

It is my decision that Brother X is NOT indebted to Camp A for reimbursement of dues paid on his behalf or any fines related to that non-payment of dues. Past Brother X should be allowed to join Camp B.

Section 3: In accordance with the examination and ruling of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, it is hereby determined that dues paid by a Camp on behalf of a Brother, in anticipation of that Brother later paying such dues, along with any associated fines, and which Brother is subsequently dropped for failure to pay, cannot be considered as prior indebtedness for the purposes of rejoining the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 3**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Passing of Real Son Luke Perkins Martin, Jr.**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of Real Son Luke Perkins Martin, Jr. of New Bern, North Carolina on January 25, 2015 at the age of 97 years.

Section 2: Brother Martin was a member of North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp No. 5, Department of North Carolina. His father, Luke Perkins Martin, Sr., was born into slavery and served as Private in Company G, 35th United States Colored Infantry (formerly the 1st North Carolina Colored Infantry). Private Martin saw action at the battles of Olustee, Florida and Honey Hill, South Carolina.

Section 3: Brother Martin was a retired brick mason and contractor, and had been employed as a Funeral Attendant for Oscar's Mortuary in New Bern since 1960, with his last service in August of 2014. He was also the oldest life member and Trustee of St. John M. B. Church in New Bern.

Section 4: Brother Martin is survived by two sons, Robert E. Martin, Sr. and William P. Martin, Sr. both of New Bern; two daughters, Elsie M. Staten of New Bern and Fannie Martin-Williams of the home; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Section 5: His funeral will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at noon at St. John M.B. Church, 1130 Walt Bellamy Drive, New Bern, North Carolina, with burial to follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Section 6: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends its sincere condolences to Brother Martin's family and friends, and to the members of his Camp.

Section 7: All Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 8: All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 4**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Passing of Real Son Hilbert J. Gramelspacher**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of Real Son Hilbert Joseph Gramelspacher of Poplar Bluff, Missouri on February 1, 2015 at the age of 95 years.

Section 2: Brother Gramelspacher was a member of U.S. Grant Camp No. 68, Department of Missouri. His father, Joseph Gramelspacher, served as a Private in Company E, 143rd Indiana Infantry.

Section 3: Brother Gramelspacher worked in a Civilian Conservation Corps camp for two years and served seven years and four months in the U.S. Coast Guard during and after World War II. He was a radioman on the ice cutter USS Comanche on the Greenland Patrol and on the destroyer escort USS Falgout on trips to North Africa. During his working career he was a Westinghouse appliance repairman and service manager in California where he worked in the homes of several celebrities, including Lucille Ball, Joan Crawford, Jerry Lewis and Cybill Shepherd.

Section 4: Brother Gramelspacher's remains will be cremated and there are no funeral services planned. His ashes will eventually be interred next to his first wife Melba in Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Section 5: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends its sincere condolences to Brother Gramelspacher's family and friends, and to the members of his Camp.

Section 6: All Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 7: All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 15**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**IRS Requirement for By-Laws of Subordinate Entities**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In its continuing efforts to convert the Order's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax-exempt nonprofit status from a 501(c)4 organization to a 501(c)3 organization, the Order's tax attorney has advised the National Organization that the IRS is now prepared to process the Order's application, but will only do so if every subordinate entity provides a hard copy of its current by-laws.

Section 2: All Camps, Departments, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Headquarters, SVR Military Districts and SVR Units are hereby directed to submit a hard copy of their current by-laws to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC at 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251. The deadline for submission of by-laws is March 1, 2015.

Section 3: Hard copies of the by-laws of the above mentioned subordinate entities of the National Organization **MUST** be received by the March 1, 2015 deadline. Electronic copies are not acceptable. If the by-laws are not received by the deadline, the subordinate entity in question will not be included in the group exemption letter from the IRS, if the IRS approves the conversion, and the subordinate entity will no longer be tax exempt and will be required to file a corporate income tax return and pay Federal income taxes on all income, including dues. There will be no extensions and no exceptions.

Section 4: The National Organization recognizes the extremely short notice, but was just notified of the requirement. The prompt cooperation of all subordinate entities is both expected and appreciated. The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 13th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 16**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Suspension of Departments for Failure to File EIN Reports**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: National Regulations state that Departments are to file their EIN Report by March 15th of each year or face automatic suspension. As of this date the National Treasurer reports that he has not received EIN Reports from the following Departments: California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, Florida, Maine, Nebraska, and Rhode Island.

Section 2: Therefore, the Departments of California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, Florida, Maine, Nebraska, and Rhode Island are hereby suspended, effective immediately.

Section 3: The Form 11 (EIN Reporting Form) may be found on the National Website at <http://suvcw.org/ftp/form11fi.pdf> and may be submitted to the National Treasurer either electronically at [treasurer@sucwv.org](mailto:treasurer@sucwv.org) or via regular mail at: 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251.

Section 4: The said Departments are reminded that while under suspension they are forbidden from conducting any business of the Order, other than that which will bring them back into good standing. Said Departments may be brought back into good standing after filing all delinquent EIN Reports. This order does not place individual Brothers and Camps within said Departments under suspension and such entities retain their current status.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 18th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 17**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Suspension Lifted for Departments of Nebraska, Rhode Island, and California & Pacific**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with General Order No. 16, Series 2014-2015, the Departments of Nebraska, Rhode Island, and California & Pacific were placed under suspension for failure to submit their annual EIN Reports by the required deadline.

Section 2: EIN Reports from the Departments of Nebraska, Rhode Island, and California & Pacific have now been received by the National Treasurer. Therefore the suspensions of the said Departments are hereby lifted and they are returned to full active status.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 18**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Suspension Lifted for Department of Colorado & Wyoming and Department of Maine**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with General Order No. 16, Series 2014-2015, the Department of Colorado & Wyoming and the Department of Maine were placed under suspension for failure to submit their annual EIN Reports by the required deadline.

Section 2: EIN Reports from the Department of Colorado & Wyoming and the Department of Maine have now been received by the National Treasurer. Therefore the suspensions of the said Departments are hereby lifted and they are returned to full active status.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 19**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Replacement Charter for Department of New Hampshire**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Bro. David Nelson, Commander of the Department of New Hampshire, has stated that the Department Charter has unfortunately been lost and cannot be located after diligent search, and therefore formally requests a replacement Charter.

Section 2: In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 2, Footnote 11, and Chapter II, Article I, Section 1, a request for a replacement Charter must be made to the Commander-in-Chief and a replacement fee of \$25.00 is to be paid. Further, if known, the names of the original Charter Members shall be listed on the replacement Charter.

Section 3: The request of the Department of New Hampshire for a replacement charter is hereby approved, with the understanding that the required replacement fee of \$25.00 shall be provided to the National Organization.

Section 4: The Department is further directed to coordinate with the National Secretary regarding the payment of said fee, the names of the original Charter Members, and any other required information.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 20**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Suspension Lifted for Department of Florida**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with General Order No. 16, Series 2014-2015, the Department of Florida was placed under suspension for failure to submit their annual EIN Reports by the required deadline.

Section 2: The EIN Report from the Department of Florida has now been received by the National Treasurer. Therefore the suspension of said Department is hereby lifted and it is returned to full active status.

Section 3: The Department of Florida is hereby advised that the submission of its EIN Report was sufficiently tardy to prevent the National Treasurer from including the Department and its subordinate Camps in his required report to the IRS. The National Treasurer therefore noted in his report to the IRS that the information concerning the Department and Camps in Florida (with the exception of Camp No. 9 in Jacksonville, Florida) could not be verified since the Department failed to provide the information.

Section 4: The Department of Florida and its officers are hereby admonished to be more diligent in the future in submitting all required reports in a timely manner to avoid suspension and potential formal charges.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 21**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Revocation of Camp Charters in West Virginia**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Commander Robert D. Pollock PCC of the Department of the Chesapeake has requested the revocation of the following Charters:

Capt. John White Spencer Camp No. 9 of Spencer, West Virginia  
Buckhannon Camp No. 49 of Buckhannon, West Virginia  
Abraham Lincoln GAR Post 1 Camp No. 1863 of Martinsburg, West Virginia

Section 2: These Camps have been under formal suspension since August 15, 2014 for non-payment of dues, not filing EIN forms, not providing annual reports, and not having sufficient membership to remain viable. The Camps were given until November 15, 2014 to correct these deficiencies. The deficiencies have remained and the Department has been unable to contact the Camps since that time. Three previous Department administrations have also attempted to assist these Camps to bring them into compliance.

Section 3: In accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, Commander Pollock's request is therefore approved and the Charters of the three above-mentioned Camps are hereby revoked.

Section 4: Members of these Camps who wish to remain in the Order may join the Department's Harpers Ferry Camp-at-Large No. 6, or another Camp of their choosing.

Section 5: In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5, the officers and members of the three above-mentioned Camps are reminded that all Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 14th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 6**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Establishment of the Department of the Columbia**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: The following Camps-at-Large have formally petitioned the Commander-in-Chief for the formation of the Department of the Columbia, to include the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington:

Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 of Oregon  
Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1 of Olympia, Washington  
Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3 of Kennewick, Washington

Section 2: In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 7, the petition of said Camps is approved and the Department of the Columbia is hereby established and shall be composed of the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Section 3: The Commander-in-Chief acknowledges that since June 15, 2011 the state of Idaho has been part of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming (General Order No. 22, Series 2010-2011). With the approval of a super-majority of the elected officers of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, and for various reasons including historic and geographic, the Commander-in-Chief believes that Idaho would be best served by belonging the Department of the Columbia and hereby transfers Idaho to the new Department. The Department of Colorado and Wyoming is commended for its stewardship of Idaho over the past four years.

Section 4: The Department of the Columbia is hereby authorized to hold a Special Department Encampment to complete the organization of the Department, including the election of Officers, Delegates to the National Encampment, and the adoption of Department By-Laws.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 14th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 22**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Memorial Day**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Major General John A. Logan, the third Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), proclaimed May 30th, 1868 as Decoration Day. He ordered that this date should be set aside for the “strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country” and that there should be arranged “such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.” These observances became annual events, subsequently known as Memorial Day.

Section 2: Gen. Logan further charged “if other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.”

Section 3: As the legal heirs and representatives of the GAR, it is the duty of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to carry on this heritage and assist the public in remembering those that made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country.

Section 4: Although Gen. Logan directed that May 30th be set aside, to not participate in observances on the designated Federal holiday would be a disservice and a missed opportunity to recognize the sacrifices of the Boys in Blue and those Americans who paid the ultimate price in any conflict.

Section 5: Departments, Camps and individual Brothers are therefore encouraged to participate in appropriate services on both the traditional Memorial Day (Saturday, May 30th, 2015) and the designated Federal holiday (Monday, May 25th, 2015).

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 23**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Revocation of Camp Charters in New York, Missouri and California**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Commander Raymond W. LeMay III PCC of the Department of New York has requested the revocation of the following Charters:

Gen. Alexander S. Diven Camp No. 77 of Elmira, New York

Daniel E. Sickles Camp No. 3 of White Plains, New York

Both Camps are currently under suspension for failing to file reports and submit per capita dues. Camp No. 77 has decided to voluntarily surrender its Charter. Camp No. 3 has been unresponsive.

Section 2: Commander Glennon G. Alsop PCC of the Department of Missouri has requested the revocation of the following Charter:

Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp No. 5 of Wentzville, Missouri. The Camp is currently under suspension for failing to file reports and has decided to voluntarily surrender its Charter.

Section 3: Commander Thomas T. Graham PCC of the Department of California and Pacific has requested the revocation of the following Charter:

Almeron J. Patchin Camp No. 26 of Los Molinos, California. The Camp has decided to voluntarily surrender its Charter.

Section 4: In accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, these requests are therefore approved and the Charters of the four above-mentioned Camps are hereby revoked.

Section 5: Members of these Camps who wish to remain in the Order may join another Camp of their choosing.

Section 6: In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5, the officers and members of the four above-mentioned Camps are reminded that all Camp property and money shall be turned over to their respective Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 2nd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 24**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Suspension of the Departments of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: The Departments of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island have failed to file their Form 35 (Department Annual Report) and the required payment for per capita dues, both of which were due on or before May 31, 2015.

Section 2: In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 11, the Departments of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island are hereby automatically suspended.

Section 3: The said Departments are reminded that while under suspension they are forbidden from conducting any business of the Order, other than that which will bring them back into good standing. Said Departments may be brought back into good standing after filing all delinquent forms, dues and any other required fees.

Section 4: Additionally, the Department of Connecticut has failed to file their reports on time for more than five (5) consecutive years. In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 10, the Department of Connecticut has therefore automatically forfeited all voting rights at the succeeding National Encampment, including the Department Commander and all Department Past Department Commanders, and the Department of Connecticut may not be reinstated until the succeeding National Encampment has occurred.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 25**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Suspension Lifted for Departments of New Hampshire and Rhode Island**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with General Order No. 24, Series 2014-2015, the Department of New Hampshire and the Department of Rhode Island were placed under suspension for failure to submit their Form 35 (Department Annual Report) and the required payment for per capita dues by the required deadline.

Section 2: Form 35 (Department Annual Report) and the required payment for per capita dues from the Department of New Hampshire and the Department of Rhode Island have now been received at National Headquarters. Therefore the suspensions of the said Departments are hereby lifted and they are returned to full active status.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 26**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

Display of the Confederate Battle Flag

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Recently many individual Brothers, Camps, Departments and the National Organization have been contacted regarding the position of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) on the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

Section 2: The SUVCW already has an official position on file regarding this issue, as adopted by the 119th National Encampment. As the National Encampment is the supreme governing body of the SUVCW, and as no subsequent National Encampment has revisited this issue, the SUVCW's official position remains the same. Neither the Commander-in-Chief nor the Council of Administration has the authority to amend the position.

Section 3: For clarity, the official position of the SUVCW regarding the display of the Confederate Battle Flag is included in this order, as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**  
**DISPLAY OF BATTLE FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERACY**  
**119TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**LANSING, MICHIGAN AUGUST 19, 2000**

A resolution in support of the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemn the use of the confederate battle flag, as well as the flag of the United States, by any and all hate groups; and

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of the Confederate battle flag as a historical piece of this nation's history; and

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being "politically correct;" and

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers and sailors who as members of the Grand Army of the Republic met in joint reunions with the Confederate veterans under both flags in those bonds of Fraternal Friendship, pledge our support and admiration for those gallant soldiers and of their respective flags;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 119th Annual National Encampment, hereby adopt this resolution.

Dated in Lansing, Michigan, on this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two thousand.

Section 3: Individual Brothers, Camps and Departments shall be mindful of the official position of the SUVCW when addressing issues involving the Confederate battle flag. It is recommended that inquiries about the SUVCW's official position be directed, without further comment or elaboration, to the Order's website (<http://suvcw.org/flagres.htm>) where it can be read in its entirety.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 25th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 27**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Replacement Charter for Baker-Fisher Camp No. 101, Department of Pennsylvania**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: The Charter of Baker-Fisher Camp No. 101, Department of Pennsylvania has unfortunately been lost and cannot be located after diligent search. The Camp has therefore formally requested a replacement Charter.

Section 2: In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 2, and Footnote 11 to the same section, and Chapter II, Article VI, Section 2, a request for a replacement Charter must be made to the Commander-in-Chief and a replacement fee of \$25.00 is to be paid. Further, if known, the names of the original Charter Members shall be listed on the replacement Charter.

Section 3: The request of the Baker-Fisher Camp No. 101, Department of Pennsylvania for a replacement charter is hereby approved, with the original date of rank of October 8, 2003. The Camp has already provided the National Secretary with the names of the Charter Members and the required fee.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 7th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 28**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**Revocation of Charter for Daniel Ellis Camp No. 3**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Commander Dennis C. St. Andrew of the Department of North Carolina has requested the revocation of the following Charter:

Daniel Ellis Camp No. 3 of Asheville, North Carolina

Section 2: This Camp has been under formal suspension since May 20, 2015. The Camp's tax-exempt status was revoked by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) several years ago. As a result, the Camp has not been able to file IRS Form 990N, nor has the Camp attempted to restore its IRS tax-exempt status.

Section 3: Since then, the Brothers of the Camp have voted to voluntarily surrender the Camp's Charter. Commander St. Andrew has acknowledged receipt of the Camp's Charter and all other Camp property and money has been turned over to the Department Commander or the Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 4: In accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, Commander St. Andrew's request is therefore approved and the Charter of the Daniel Ellis Camp No. 3, Department of North Carolina is hereby revoked.

Section 5: Members of this Camp who wish to remain in the Order may join another Camp of their choosing.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 23rd day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 29**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**Charters, Scholarships & Awards Issued**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: This will serve as the final General Order of the 2014-2015 Term.

Section 2: The following new Camps were chartered during this term:

- **Old Glory Camp No. 7, Dept. of Kansas**, Date of Rank: October 9, 2014
- **Col. Hans C. Heg Camp No. 15, Dept. of Wisconsin**, Date of Rank: January 21, 2015
- **Sedgwick Camp No. 4, Dept. of Connecticut**, Date of Rank: January 27, 2015
- **Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 2, Dept. of Missouri**, Date of Rank: March 8, 2015
- **Sergeant Judson Hicks Camp No. 111, Dept. of New York**, Date of Rank: March 25, 2015
- **Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3, Camp-at-Large (now Dept. of the Columbia)**, Date of Rank: March 30, 2015
- **Humboldt Camp No. 9, Dept. of Kansas**, Date of Rank: April 11, 2015
- **Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30, Dept. of California & Pacific**, Date of Rank: April 21, 2015
- **General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2, Camp-at-Large (Arizona)**, Date of Rank: July 15, 2015

Section 3: The following new Department was chartered during this term:

- **Department of the Columbia (includes Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington)**, Date of Rank: April 14, 2015

Section 4: The following replacement Charters were issued during this term:

- **Department of New Hampshire**, Date of Rank: August 23, 1883
- **Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1, Camp-at-Large (now Dept. of the Columbia)**, Date of Rank: June 10, 1995
- **Baker-Fisher Camp No. 101, Department of Pennsylvania**, Date of Rank: October 8, 2003

Section 5: The following individuals received scholarships during this term:

- **Britta A. Musser** of Mt. Union Church Auxiliary No. 502, Dept. of Pennsylvania
- **Mark E. Schlegel** of General J. P. S. Gobin Camp No. 503, Dept. of Pennsylvania

Section 6: The following national awards relating to recruitment were issued during this term:

- **Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award** (Dept. with greatest number of new members)  
Department of Ohio — 76 New Members
- **U. S. Grant Cup** (Dept. with greatest percentage increase in membership)  
Department of Tennessee — 23% Increase in Membership
- **Under Forty Award** (Dept. with greatest number of new members under 40)  
Department of California and Pacific — 13 New Members under 40
- **National Aide** (Brothers recruiting five or more members)  
Jeffrey M. Graf of Col. Hans C. Heg Camp No. 15, Dept. of Wisconsin  
Loran T. Bures of Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1, Dept. of the Columbia — 6 New Members  
John R. France of Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Ruger Camp No. 1, Dept. of North Carolina — 6 New Members  
Richard R. Roddy of Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3, Dept. of the Columbia — 7 New Members



David A. Rish of Jacob Parrott Camp No. 33, Dept. of Ohio — 19 New Members

- **B. F. Stephenson Award** (Brother recruiting the greatest number of new members)  
David A. Rish, Jacob Parrott Camp No. 33, Department of Ohio — 19 New Members

Section 7: The following national awards relating to Camp and Department performance were issued during this term:

- **Marshall Hope Award** (Most Outstanding Newsletter)  
Department Level: The Railsplitter, Department of Illinois, Paul Zeien,  
Camp Level: The Sharpshooter, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Dept. of Michigan, David Smith,  
Editor
- **Horace Greeley Award** (Most Outstanding Website)  
Department Level — Department of Michigan  
Camp Level — Maj. William A. McTeer Camp No. 39, Dept. of Tennessee
- **Joseph S. Rippey Award** (Most Outstanding New Camp)  
Col. Hans C. Heg Camp No. 15, Dept. of Wisconsin
- **Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award** (Most Outstanding Camp)  
Maj. William A. McTeer Camp No. 39, Dept. of Tennessee.

Section 8: The following national awards relating to individual performance were issued during this term:

- **Corby-Moody National Chaplain's Award** (Awarded by Natl. Chaplain for Most Outstanding Chaplain)  
Allen R. Davis, Chaplain for the Dept. of California and Pacific
- **Meritorious Service Award** (exceptional service to the Order or society)  
Loran T. Bures, Dept. of the Columbia  
David A. Davis, Dept. of California & Pacific  
Michael T. Daugherty, Sr., Dept. of Ohio  
Terry R. Dyer, Dept. of Illinois  
Dean A. Enderlin, Dept. of California & Pacific  
Samuel C. Gant, Dept. of Tennessee  
Michael Hammerson, Dept. of Tennessee  
Chip Huffman, Dept. of Tennessee  
Samuel V. Huffman, Jr., Dept. of Tennessee  
Robert J. Kadlec, Dept. of California & Pacific  
Roy D. Linn, Dept. of Iowa  
Virgil O. Matz, Dept. of Wisconsin  
Jerry W. Reiman, Dept. of Kansas  
Eddie Roberts, Dept. of the Chesapeake  
William E. Tisch, Dept. of California & Pacific
- **John L. Clem Award** (Most Outstanding Junior Member of the Order)  
Max M. Frederick (age 12), Col. Hans C. Heg Camp No. 15, Dept. of Wisconsin
- **Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** (Most Outstanding Member of the Order)  
Kevin L. Martin of Antietam Camp No. 3, Dept. of the Chesapeake.

Section 9: The following national awards were issued to non-SUVCW members:

• **Founder's Award** for a non-Allied Orders group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War Soldiers:

Mr. Len Thomas of Swartz Creek, Michigan

• **Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award** for female members of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding and conspicuous service to the National Organization of the SUVCW in furtherance of the mission and goals of the SUVCW:

Auxiliary Sister Rosemary Martin of Maryland

Auxiliary Sister Betty Wheeler of New York

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 22nd day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

**APPENDIX 3**  
**Attendees of the 134<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
134<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment  
Attendees by Department**

**Department of California and Pacific**

Frank C. Avila	Tad D. Campbell	Michael P. Drouin	Daniel R. Earl
Michael E. Emett	Michael S. Emitt	Dean A Enderlin	Thomas T. Graham
Linn Malaznik	James T. Monteton	D. Brad Schall	David C. Schleeter

**Department of Columbia**

Loren T. Bures	Gordon W. Struve
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**Department of Chesapeake**

D. Michael Beard	Jeffrey C. Burden	A. Kendall Chew III	Mark R. Day
Charles E. Driscoll	Barry Famous	Richard N. Griffin	John G. Griffiths
Steve S. Hammond	Robert E. Heath	Kenneth Hershberger	Brian Horgan
Andrew M. Johnson	Ronald B. Johnson	Brin Lewis	Kevin L. Martin
Timothy S. McCoy	Wayne Miesen	Eugene G. Mortorff	Jason Mullen
John M. Newsome	Michael A. Paquette	Charles B. Poland	Clifton W. Potter
Jay A. Rarick	Robert A. Sarofeen	Lawrence E Slagle	Lee D. Stone
W. Faron Taylor	Richard M. Uplinger	Stuart D. Younkin	Elias Johnston
Nathaniel Johnston	Peter Johnston	Scott W. Long, Jr.	Wesley B. Mumper
Charles Odell	David Payne	Brian M. Quillin II	Eddie Roberts
Carl C. Shepherd	Philip O. Sharidan	Jame M. Standard	Calvin Zon

**Department of Connecticut**

Stephen J. Tining

**Department of Florida**

David R. Acheson	Charles S. Reeves	James G. Ward
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**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Mark A. Hale	William H. Miller	Lawrence M. Moss	Brian C. Pierson
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**Department of Illinois**

Gregory M. Carter	Robert Hauff	Thomas Hauff	Leonard C. Cassaro, Sr.
Jerome W. Kowalski	James L. Lyon	Gary Gunderson	Harry W. Reineke IV
William E. Johnson	Steven J. Westlake	Robert E. Rogers	Wesley L. Wilson
Charles E. Wrigh	Paul T. Zeien		

**Department of Indiana**

Michael W. Beck	John K. Eger	Bruce R. Kolb	J. Alan Teller
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**Department of Kansas**

Roy A. Lafferty	William E. Fischer, Jr.
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**Department of Kentucky**

Bruce E. Fortin	James C. Kiger
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**Department of Massachusetts**

Dexter A. Bishop	Conley W. Ford	James T. Ford	Stuart H. Chambers
Charles W. Lewis	Kenneth E. London	Perley E. Mellor	Edward J. Norris
Albert M. Smith	Kevin P. Tucker		

**Department of Maine**

Wayne Bennett	James W. Bonney	Larry Bonney	David W. Sosnowski
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**Department of Michigan**

Dale L. Aurand	Harold W. Bryant	Paul Davis	Gary A. Granger
James B. Pahl	David S. Smith	Lloyd D. Lamphere, Jr.	Donald W. Shaw

**Department of Missouri**

Martin R. Aubuchon	Walter E. Busch	Dale E. Crandell	Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
Robert M. Petrovic	John Palmer	Edward J. Krieser	

**Department of New Hampshire**

Gary A. Ward

**Department of New Jersey**

Robert Wilhelm

**Department of New York**

Jeffery Albanese	George A. Shadman	Raymond W. Lemay III	George J. Weinmann
Danny L. Wheeler			

**Department of North Carolina**

Douglas P. Elwell	William F. Fulcher	James R. Johnson	Rolf C. Maris
Dennis C. St Andrew			

**Department of Ohio**

Dennis M. Brown	Larry W. Collins	Shawn A. Cox	James T. Crane
Donald E. Darby	Johnathan C. Davis	Kenneth L. Freshley	Thomas W. Graham
Tim Graham	Robert E. Grim	Frank R. Hillard	James G. Hilton
James H. Houston	Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.	Fred C. Lynch	Kerry L. Langdon
Donald L. Martin	Shane L. Milburn	Henry E. Shaw, Jr.	Randy K. Snyder
Robert J. Wolz	Michael A. Spaulding		

**Department of Oklahoma**

Kevin D. White

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Lowell Alcorn	John R. Gipson	David W. Demmy, Sr.	Charles E. Kuhn
Richard McGeary	Douglas McMillin	Paul McMillin	Joshua McMillin
John M. McNulty	Richard D. Orr	George L. Powell	David W. Sosnowski

**Department of Rhode Island**

John A. Connor	Henry C Duquette	Bruce D. Frail	Stephen E. Hackett
Joseph S. Hall, Jr.	Alan W. Head	Leo F. Kennedy	James P. McGuire
Kenneth L. Pike	Michael J. Stewart		

**Department of Tennessee**

Carl E. Addison	Darwin F. Concon	Michael P. Downs	Charles H. Engle, Jr.
Douglas K. Fidler	Samuel C. Gant	Geoffrey C. Hintze	David H. McReynolds
Stephen C. Wallace			

**Department of Texas**

Donald L. Gates	Stevenson T. Holmes		
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**Department of Vermont**

John H. Cogan

**Department of Wisconsin**

Skylar Brown          Thomas J. Brown          Patrick L. Fallon          Kim J. Heltemes  
Stephen A. Michaels    Alan O. Petit

**Camps-at-Large**

John R. Conrad          Robert D. McCord

**National Membership-at-Large**

Adam W. Gaines

Total Attendees          193

- 1 CinC
- 15 PCinC's
- 11 DC's
- 52 PDC's
- 90 Delegates
- 23 Alternates
- 1 Junior

**APPENDIX 4**  
**Past Commanders-in-Chief of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York



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1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana

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1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan
2004	Stephen A. Michaels	Wisconsin
2005	Donald E. Darby	Ohio
2006	James B. Pahl	Michigan
2007	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Pennsylvania
2008	David V. Medert	Ohio
2009	Leo F. Kennedy	Rhode Island
2010	D. Brad Schall	California
2011	Donald E. Palmer	Missouri
2012	Perley E. Melor	Massachusetts
2013	Kenneth L. Freshley	Brookfield, Wisconsin
2014	Tad D. Campbell	Richmond, Virginia

### **HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

1883	A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	R.J.M. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	Albert Woolson	Minnesota

### **SONS OF VETERANS**

1881	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

### **THE POST SYSTEM**

1889-90	George W. Marks	New York
1890	George T. Brown	New York

### **PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS**

Isaac S. Bangs	Maine
A.V. Bohn	Colorado
Frank Challis	New Hampshire
Charles S. Crysler	Missouri
A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
H.P. Kent	Massachusetts
William Maskell	Illinois
Walter S. Payne	Ohio
R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
William Ross	Maryland
Raphael Tobias	New York
Leland J. Webb	Kansas

**APPENDIX 5**  
**National Encampments of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6-7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27-30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17-18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1-2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17-19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15-17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10-13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26-29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24-29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8-12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15-18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20-23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16-18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8-10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9-11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10-14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7-9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11-13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17-18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7-9	Washington, D.C.
22th	1903	September 15-17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17-19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18-20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20-23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20-21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25-27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24-25	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20-22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20-25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27-29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16-18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1-3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28-30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30-31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22-23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20-21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9-11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22-23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26-28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4-6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
43rd	1924	August 12-14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1-3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21-23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18-20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10-12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26-28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14-17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19-22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19-23	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14-16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9-12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22-24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6-9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5-8	Des Moines, Iowa

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58th	1939	August 29-30	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10-12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15-18	Columbus, Ohio
61th	1942	September 15-17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20-23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12-14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1-4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10-14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26-30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28-31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20-24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19-23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24-28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23-27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8-13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21-25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 9-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18-22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17-21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16-20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21-25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20-24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19-23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18-23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16-20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15-19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6-10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18-22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17-21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23-27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15-19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13-17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5-9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18-22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10-14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15-19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14-18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13-17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12-15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10-14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9-13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14-18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 13-19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12-16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10-15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10-13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9-12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14-17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13-16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12-15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11-14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13-16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13-15	Portland Maine
113th	1994	August 11-14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10-13	Columbus, Ohio

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115th	1996	August 8-11	Columbus, Ohio
116th	1997	August 7-10	Utica, New York
117th	1998	August 6-9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19-22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17-20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10-12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9-11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8-10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12-15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4-7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
126th	2007	August 9-12	St. Louis, Missouri
127th	2008	August 7-10	Boston, Massachusetts
128th	2009	August 13-15	Louisville, Kentucky
129th	2010	August 12-15	Overland Park, Kansas
130th	2011	August 12-15	Reston, Virginia
131st	2012	August 10-12	St. Louis, Missouri
132nd	2013	August 9-12	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
133 <sup>rd</sup>	2014	August 14-17	Marietta, Georgia
134 <sup>th</sup>	2015	August 19-23	Richmond, Virginia