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138<sup>th</sup> National Encampment August 9, 2019**

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Guide, determine if all are entitled to remain. Color Bearer, you'll assist on the right. They're looking for membership cards, gentlemen. Brother Guide, would you report your results please.

**Brian D. McManus, National Guide**

Commander-in-Chief, all are entitled to remain, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Brother Secretary, will you call the role of Officers of the Encampment?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

When your name is called, please stand. Commander-in-Chief, Donald W. Shaw.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I am standing.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Norris          | Present |
| Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brian C. Pierson          | Present |
| National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis                     | Present |
| National Treasurer, David Reynolds, may he rest in peace. |         |

**Unknown**

Amen.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Acting National Treasurer, James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief | Present |
| National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler                          | Present |
| Council of Administration member, Michael A. Paquette             | Present |
| Council of Administration member, Paul Davis                      | Present |
| Council of Administration member, Peter Hritsko, Jr               | Present |
| Council of Administration member, Kevin Tucker                    | Present |
| Council of Administration member, Bruce Frail                     | Present |
| Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day                    | Present |
| Banner Editor, James B. Pahl                                      | Present |
| National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire                        | Present |
| Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Sr.                           | Present |
| National Counselor, James P. Pahl                                 | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, II, 1986-1987             | Absent  |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Richard O. Partington, 1987-1988          | Excused |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Lowell V. Hammer, 1991-1992               | Absent  |

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|--|---------|
| Past Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore, 1993-1994        | Absent  |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, 1994-1995     | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr, 1997-1998        | Absent  |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson, 1998-1999     | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler, 1999-2000      | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser, 2000-2001     | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell, 2001-2002      | Absent  |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grimm, 2002-2003       | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong, 2003-2004     | Absent  |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels, 2004-2005   | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby, 2005-2006       | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl, 2006-2007         | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert, 2008-2009       | Excused |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy, 2009-2010        | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief D. Brad Schall, 2010-2011        | Excused |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Donald D. Palmer, Jr., 2011-2012 | Excused |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor, 2012-2013      | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley, 2013-2014       | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell, 2014-2015       | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff, 2015-2016    | Excused |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin, 2016-2017      | Present |
| Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day, 2017-2018           | Present |

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's the roll call of elected and appointed officers or Past Commanders-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Thank you. I note that we have a vacancy in the seat of the Patriotic Instructor. He was detained in Vermont so he's going to be excused. However, we're lucky to have Brother Reineke filling in. Thank you for assuming that post. One other note, all of our other appointed officers are in place. I am going to make one additional appointment. Adam Gaines is the Guard, but he's got more than one door to look after so could Charles Lewis help him out please. Yeah, Charles, that's you.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Get with Adam back there next to that middle door and he'll tell you what station you are to assume.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, I would like to rise to a point of order.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Once again, fraud has been perpetrated on this meeting.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

You will notice on your voting card that a Daniel W. Shaw is Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

As I tower over the person who has perpetrated this act, I also have conferred with the National Counselor. We'll get together and cause some trouble later. But I'd just like to point out that it's Donald. He is now joined the House of Dons.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And thank you. It is a privilege to be a full member now. All right. Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

**Encampment (in unison)**

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, 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 the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our county, to our Order, and to ourselves. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Our heavenly Father, the 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. That it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objectives. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them, as in all things, with Your special mercy. Give us your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled and so bless us that charity and justice, peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. If you agree with me, say amen.

**Encampment**

Amen.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, present the colors. Brother Patriotic Instructor, would you lead us in the Pledge, please.

**Harry Reineke, Acting Patriotic Instructor**

I...

**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.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

According to my notes, it says that we could sing the National Anthem. However, with my singing voice, that would be considered treason.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Therefore, we'll move right along. By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 138th 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 qualified to enter.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, note that our charter is draped right now and that is in memory of our Brother, David McReynolds. We had a eulogy for him and we remembered him at the memorial service. I would like to just take a moment of silence at this point and remember Brother David. Thank you, Brothers.

**Keith G. Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Harrison.

**Keith G. Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Isn't it a little dangerous having Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl and Past Commander-in-Chief Darby sitting right beside each other sharing a microphone?

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I was made aware of that and therefore I was told to sit over at this table because I'll be out of swinging distance.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

And we have our own microphone.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. At this point, I am going to move on to the appointment of Encampment Credentials Committee. Brother Joe Hall, will you act as chairman? The committee would also consist of Brother Walt Busch. And do we have Brother Thomas Brown here?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable) excused.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

He's excused? All right. Then in place of Brother Thomas Brown, Brother Faron Taylor.

**W. Faron Taylor, Department of the Chesapeake**

Okay.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Recognition and introduction of guests. We have been very fortunate to have a Host Committee that has put together a great Encampment for us. And I understand that we have some honored guests from this area and I will now call on Brother Freshley to introduce our guests.

**Ken L. Freshley, Host Committee Chairman**

Commander, I have the honor and privilege to introduce Mr. Trakas from the City of Independence Mayor's Office.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Jim Trakas, City of Independence Councilman**

Good morning.

**Encampment**

Good morning.

**Jim Trakas, City of Independence Councilman**

On behalf of Mayor Anthony Togliatti and the City of Independence, I'm City Councilman Jim Trakas. And I'm very honored to present a proclamation to you this morning and letting you know little bit more about the city that your Organization is visiting this weekend. We couldn't be more thrilled to have the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with us. The City of Independence has a rich history founded in 1814 by veterans of the Revolution as well as German immigrants. We were a stone masonry for many years, as well as farms. We provided stones for many of the, unfortunately, for the monuments that you see across the battlefields across America. We provided some of the stones for the headstones of the brave men who were lost on those battlefields. City of Independence had several sons who they sent to preserve the Republic, one of whom was killed at the Battle of Williamsburg in 1862. He is buried at the cemetery at the corner of Rockside Road and Brecksville Road, if you have an opportunity to honor his grave. I am pleased that you are here. Major General James A. Garfield represented this community as Independence Township in the Ohio State Senate when he was a state senator a few years back. We were so thrilled to have him and his family farm just right next door in Garfield Heights, which was part of Independence Township. You're part of a rich history and culture and tradition and so is the city of Independence and we can't be more thankful that you're here. Mayor Togliatti had an

economic development engagement, so he wasn't able to be with you this morning. But he did asked me to present greetings from our community. I am a captain with the Ohio Military Reserve, our successor organization to the 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. So I wear your same uniform at times. Just got back from our annual training exercise. And we can't be more thrilled to have you here. The City of Independence welcomes the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Your 130<sup>th</sup> Encampment, we pray, will be meaningful. With our history under assault these days, it is so critical that you tell the truth about the American Civil War; about our culture; the bravery of those who fought to defend this Republic. They're not around to tell their own tales, so we must tell their stories. As a young boy I used to march around my home to *Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, The Boys Are Marching*. My father served in the United States Army's 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during the great Second World War. He drilled at Camp Lee. It was at Camp Myles Standish and a few of the other ones where Civil War soldiers had been prior. In Petersburg, at the Great Crater, my dad had infantry assaults that they did. That's how they respected history. The Army tried to tramp all over the Crater. I think they've changed that now. But yours is a rich culture and tradition, and it needs to be told. You're in a city with a rich culture and tradition. We bid you so well in what you are doing. We hope that you continue to instill pride in the great achievements of the great Grand Army of the Republic, all the great traditions that you represent. You represent America, and America is proud of you and all that you do. We hope and pray that your Encampment this weekend will be productive and fruitful. We hope that you go forth from this place and tell the truth about the American Civil War and the brave acts of those who fought in that war to defend this Union and to make the nation the nation that we are today. This is a republic. It is not a democracy. I think people forget about that sometimes. But we do have a democratic republican tradition, and yours is a great part of it. This Organization's work after the Civil War to promote the values of the soldiers will continue on as you continue on. And we certainly hope that you are successful in everything you do today. Mayor Togliatti and the City of Independence is proud to declare today as Encampment Day all across the state of Ohio and in the City of Independence.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Jim Trakas, City of Independence Councilman**

As we sound retreat tonight, we'll always remember the sacrifice of those who went before us. But it is that sacrifice that truly instills in us the fervor, the patriotism, and the knowledge of truth that they fought for. Their truth does go marching on. It goes marching on with you as you encamp here this weekend. We hope you enjoy yourself in beautiful Independence. Enjoy Encampment Day here on this day. And please do everything you can to enrich the culture and the history and tell the truth about the great people who fought to preserve the Union. Thank you so much. Welcome to Independence, Ohio.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Make sure he has an application before he leaves the room.

**Encampment**

(laughter)



**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Somebody who was up here was kind of tall. I am now pleased to introduce the chair of the host committee who has some proclamations that he would like to present to us.

**Ken L. Freshley, Host Committee Chairman**

Good morning, Brothers.

**Encampment**

Good morning.

**Ken L. Freshley, Host Committee Chairman**

Thank you for the great attendance at this great Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War here in Independence Ohio, or Cleveland as we have been claiming it. I have quite a few proclamations. I'm not gonna read the proclamations. I'm just gonna read who they're from. We got a Certificate of Recognition and Achievement from the Ohio House of Representatives. From the State of Ohio, we have received a certificate from Governor Mike DeWine. We have a Proclamation from the Mayor of Cleveland, Frank Jackson, in recognition of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. From the City of Cleveland, we have a Resolution of Congratulations signed by the President of Council. And from the Council of Cuyahoga County, we have a Recognition for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment. I present these to you, Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And we thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Ken L. Freshley, Host Committee Chairman**

All of my department heads that helped me put this together, they're wearing these unique colored shirts. There's a couple out there you see now. Any questions, concerns, please find one of us. We'll be glad to help you. Again, thank you, and you guys please enjoy your Encampment. And let me know if there's anything else I can do for you. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And as long as I got them up here, thank you, and to the Host Committee, for everything that you have done in putting this together. We do appreciate it. And Brothers, if you see somebody in one of those red shirts, say thank you to them.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Brothers, do we have anyone out there from MOLLUS that wishes to extend greetings?

**James G. Ward, MOLLUS**

James Ward, Commander of the Florida Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. I just wish to extend greetings on behalf of our Commander-in-Chief, Eric Rojo, and wish Commander-in-Chief Shaw and the National Encampment best wishes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now, before getting onto the procedural rules for the Encampment, First, as to announcements, any individual wishing to make an announcement should write it out. Bring the announcement to the National Secretary, who will examine it and will preceding each announced break, will announce them to the Encampment. So for example if you're trying to get people together to do a picture in front of the flags, let us know and we'll announce it from the podium so everybody in your delegation knows. But any announcements, bring them up to Jonathan and we'll make sure that those announcements are heard before the break. And one other announcement. Last year, Brother Mark Day initiated a program that supports the Benjamin Franklin Stephenson Plaza in Illinois. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, as you all know, is the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. Any Camp or Department that donated \$100.00 to that project was given a certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief and a streamer for their flag. I have streamers here today. I have certificates here today. And any Department that comes up and wants to make a donation, make it. We've got Terry Dyer. He's going to be happy to take anything that comes in. You go ahead and make that and we will see that you walk out of here today with both your certificate and your streamer. Just see me on a break. Okay, procedural rules for the Encampment. The Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure. The current Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW and the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority for parliamentary procedure in the conduct of all business of the Encampment. These rules may be suspended by a 2/3's vote of the Encampment body present and voting. Brother PCinC Don Darby will serve as Parliamentarian. The agenda shall follow the form specified in the Rituals and Ceremonies...the book that you should all have. In the interest of efficiency, the Chair may adjust new business agenda items as necessary. Those who wish to address the Encampment to present a motion, amend a motion, or debate a motion shall move in an orderly manner to a microphone and wait to be called on by the Chair. Officer and Committee Chairs shall not read submitted written reports. Rather, they should present any supplementary items to their written report submitted along with reading the recommendations that require action of the Encampment. Officer reports are not to exceed five minutes in length of time. When speaking on an issue at this Encampment, or when wishing to address the Encampment to present a motion, amend a motion, or debate a motion, delegates shall move in an orderly manner to a microphone and wait to be called upon by the Chair. When called upon, they shall identify themselves by name and office. For example, Commander, Department of...or Vice Commander, Camp number...and then give the location and state. This practice can be relaxed at the Chair's discretion when...such as when a particular individual addresses the Encampment by virtue of a National Office or role. No person shall speak more than twice on any issue, each time not to exceed three minutes. Exceptions may be granted. Exceptions may be granted by a 2/3's vote of the Encampment. Except the person making the motion may answer questions and use up to two minutes to close a debate which privilege is not canceled by action ordering the previous question. Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate on an issue, including but not limited to, designating the maximum number of

speakers allowed to speak as to each side of the question on the floor. Cell phones are to be turned off or set to vibrate so as to alert you to incoming call. Any cell phone conversations must be conducted in the hall, not in the meeting room. At the sound of the gavel prior to the election of Officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to enter until that session is done. All discussions will be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. All general voting shall be by use of your voting card, flawed though it may be. The Commander reserves the right to use other forms of voting including but not limited to: private ballot, rising, or roll 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 or typographical errors, shall be in writing and submitted to the National Secretary for final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. Encampment Committees shall consist...or shall consider only matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving them on the floor of the 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. Any request for funds from the Special Projects Fund or other such funds of the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer or Acting National Treasurer prior to noon tomorrow with complete information as to what the project is; who is chairing the project; and the address to which any award may be mailed. All such requests will then be presented to the National Encampment for consideration. The Chair will now entertain a motion to adopt these rules.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

So moved.

**Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, moved by Brother Tucker. Seconded by Brother Pierson. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion we'll proceed to vote. This has to be by a 2/3's vote, gentlemen. All those in favor, signify by raising your voting card. Thank you. All opposed, raise your voting card. For the record, we're going to note that it carried by more than the 2/3's required majority. The next item I would like to do by way of an opening is to recognize those Brothers in here who have served their country in the Armed Forces. If you have served in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or the Revenue Cutter Service please rise and accept a round of applause from your fellows.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers. Report on the Committee of Credentials. Brother Hall, do we have any report yet?

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

Commander-in-Chief, Joseph Hall, PDC, Department of Rhode Island, Chairman of the National Credentials Committee. We had 212 preregistered. We have 188 present. I can break down potential, if you'd like, for what they potentially could have. But at the end of the day, it's not going to matter until the voting.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, if it's not gonna matter, we're not going to do it right now.

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

Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. I have some Encampment Committees that I would like to appoint. Constitution and Regulations. Brother Grimm, would you Chair that Committee for us? Okay. Thank you. Also on that Committee, I am going to ask Brothers James Paul and Don Darby to serve.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

That way when the explosion happens, it can happen in your Committee.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Resolutions Committee. Brother Ed Norris, would you Chair the Resolutions Committee?

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I will.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tucker and Brother Hritsko, would you serve on that Committee? Thank you. Officer's Reports Committee. Brother Kennedy, would you Chair that Committee?

**Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy**

I would, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Brothers Don Martin and Mark Day, would you serve on that Committee? Thank you, sirs. And Rituals and Ceremonies. Brother Brian Pierson, would you Chair that?

**Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I shall.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Perley Mellor and Brother Bruce Frail, would you serve on that Committee? Thank you. And I think we're going to let Fraternal Relations with the Auxiliary be in the capable hands of Brother Steve Michaels. Would you do that for us, Steve?

**Stephen A. Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Okay, we are now going to proceed to the Officer Reports. I will at this time entertain a motion that all Officer Reports with a recommendation be referred to the appropriate Encampment Committee.

**Multiple Unknowns**

So moved.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Moved and seconded. You got the names?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

It's recorded.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Any discussion on that? Hearing none we'll proceed to vote. All those in favor of that motion, please signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. Any opposed, raise your voting cards. All right. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And with that, Brother Senior Vice Commander, I am gonna temporarily vacate the Chair and turn it over to you while I give my report. Brother Guide, you can just come on down and give that to the Senior Vice Commander, please. Brothers, I first must express my thanks to this Order at having been given the high privilege of being your Commander-in-Chief during the past year. It is an honor I will always be appreciative of and an experience I will always remember. And though I love doing the job, I would not repeat it.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Once is enough to last a lifetime. But again, thank you. I'm not going to dwell on motions that were conducted in the Council or General Orders that were issued in this report. That information is readily available elsewhere. Instead, I'm focusing this report on issues I see as being things that we need to address. At my conclusion, I will make recommendations for your consideration. I've traveled widely within our Order on the Organization's business. At one point or another, I have attended events or Encampments in far over half of our Departments and have even participated with activities of our International Branch. In service to the Order over this past year, I have traveled in excess of 40,600 miles. In all that time when I attended an event or an Encampment, my message to my Brothers was largely the same. That I didn't come to make a speech, but rather I came to listen. In doing so, I discovered many of the things that were on their minds and I report them back now and just a few of their main concerns. One of the topics of primary interest to our several Brothers around the Order has to do with monument protection. Now I'm not saying monument preservation, not so much the repairing the effects of time and the elements on our monuments, but concern over an increasing tendency to dismantle or destroy monuments and memorials. This was evident in statue removals across the country. One instance even went so far as to destroy the names of Confederate soldiers who had died in captivity

in Madison, Wisconsin. Our members want to know what the Sons' position on this will be. They also want to know what the leadership of the National Organization can show in addressing the problem. While a good deal of guidance can be taken from our flag policy, our members seem to want, and I agree that we need, that the National Organization develop a position on this topic, together with a means of promoting a vocal and active response to those who would destroy our history in this fashion. It seems that one of the best ways to help keep green the memory of the Boys in Blue is to do all we can to not allow their markers or public memory to be lost. Another observation from the members around our Order has to do with problems we discussed at last year's Encampment, namely our ongoing concern about membership and the impression that we are one of the best kept secrets in America. Concerns are out there that we are too easily dismissed as a group of reenactors and not a heritage organization of long-standing and noble purpose. Whether fair or unfair, that is a perception that many people have of us. Such a perception hinders us in the work we do and our ability to attract new members. Don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with reenacting. Before I discovered the Sons, I was a reenactor. But to many who don't look closely, they make an assumption that we are something that we are not. And they just walk away from us. We need to do more to get our message out about who we are and to get people to sit up and take notice that we are in fact a charitable and fraternal organization that does things to benefit our communities all the time. We need to develop that type of perception among the members of the public. Developing that type of image would go a long way in solving our concerns over membership. Another observation that I made would be that...I bring to the attention of this group has to do with the idea that we should be more of service to our existing veterans than we currently are. Part of our charter calls on us to remember not only the veterans of the Civil War, but to honor the service of American veterans of all wars. This includes the veterans who are still present among us today. Many of our Camps and Departments already proudly do this work. They aid veterans in various ways. They visit veterans' homes to provide company and in some cases small gifts for the persons they visit. They visit veterans' hospitals where they bring greetings and presents. More needs to be done on the national level to follow up what our Camps and Departments are already doing. Further, those efforts should be directed in such a way as to provide assistance to veterans who need the help the most. During the course of the year exploratory efforts to see what all would be involved in providing such service and how we could be effective in doing so were provided by Chaplain Kowalski. My thanks to Brother Jerry. He undertook a big job and was able to give us an analysis of the depth of some of the problems that our veterans have and that we could respond to. While there are many more concerns that were voiced by our Brothers, these three points that I brought up to you reflect the main concerns that I heard when I listened out there at the Departments. You have to start somewhere to fix your problems. And we have an interest in not trying to do everything at once. So, I'm going to stop here with those three thoughts for you and I'm going to offer my suggestions about how we might best address the concerns that I have voiced in this report to you. My recommendations are as follows. First, the creation of a special committee on monument protection. The purpose of such a committee would be to develop a standalone policy about monument removal and to explore ways to strengthen existing monument protection laws and to advocate for the enactment of such laws. It should also explore the possibility of publicizing the inappropriate removal of monuments and memorials and should publicize the vandalization of those memorials to make the public aware of unfair and destructive situations when they arise. Part of the mission of such a committee should be to assist with suggestions about the best way to help repair the effects of monument vandalization when it occurs. Repairing such destruction cannot be done by the National Organization. That's something that's done in our communities, by our Camps. However, there is no reason that those Camps should not look to the National Organization for some kind of guidance in how to handle these matters. The Order can and should stand ready to give the Departments good advice if they're confronted with these problems. Second, enhanced use of the Promotion and Marketing Committee to get the word out about the nature of our Order and the good

work that we do. And that we're not reenactors. That Committee should be encouraged to do more to share our mission with the public and it should develop a list of recommendations about how we can best go about this. In recent months, the Committee has become more active along these lines. It should continue that activity and report back to the next Encampment on the best ways to put a good face on our activities to the general public. Third, I urge the creation of a special committee to aid veterans. Such a committee would explore the possibilities of this Order helping veterans who truly need the help during their living years. We already do a great job with monument preservation efforts in honoring the fallen of the Civil War. But as I said, part of our charter calls on us to honor all veterans of all wars. And what better way to...than to explore the needs and possible assistance that we could provide to living veterans who really need it. This committee would be expected to report back to the next Encampment about the desirability of pursuing this activity and how it may best be done. In this instance, it is my belief that we need to be following the example of those of our Departments that already perform this work. These recommendations, if adopted, will provide enough work to keep us busy going through the coming year. I urge your positive action on those recommendations. I began this report with my thanks to you all for having allowed me to serve. It has been a privilege. It has been a pleasure. And it will be an experience that I will never forget, to be able to have worked with as fine a group as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Thank you, Brothers.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Ed Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I move that we accept his report and move his recommendations to the appropriate committee.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

[one rap, \*]

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Guide, please return the gavel to the Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brothers, we're going to try to go through a couple more reports but I'm going to break here pretty quick. Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Ed Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. My report is on page six and there's no changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brian Pearson.

**Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Brian Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. One addition to the report. Change the number of applications received from sixty-two to sixty-five. I received three of them last week.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Excellent. Thank you.

**Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother National Secretary.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. Before I get to my report, I wanted to recommend that you place your name and Department on back of your voting card. That way if it is lost, we know where to return it. A number of resolutions in support of candidates for National Office was received. I will not read those actual resolutions unless as requested by the Commander-in-Chief. Any resolutions received regarding changes to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, the submitter should have been informed, or had knowledge that they were required to be submitted 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. No other resolutions were received by myself. Other than that, my report stands as submitted.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother National Treasurer, Acting National Treasurer, James Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

James Paul, Acting National Treasurer. My report's found on page eight and the top of page nine. As you flip through the package you will see that there are no financial reports at all in the package. The unfortunate demise of David and trying to step in and keep the Order running consumed a lot of our time with the primary bank in Tennessee. I'm in Michigan. Without the able assistance of Michael Downs, Assistant National Treasurer, running back and forth and back and forth to David's home and the bank, this wouldn't have happened at all. I just took possession of the Treasurer's computer, last night. I was not able to gain access to it so we don't have detailed financial reports. I did ask Assistant National Treasurer, Michael Beard, to prepare a proposed budget for 2019-2020. That just came out this week. I'd like to report that we had a total income last year of \$154,000.00. A hundred and forty-two of that was member dues. So, we're very lacking on other sources of income. I'd like to remind the Brothers that we are a National Organization 501(c)(3). Your donations to the National Organization are tax-deductible. Please keep that in mind. We have funds that you can invest in that would carry forward for the future greatly. David McReynolds had proposed an initial budget for this year that had a deficit of \$23,000. When the year was done, it appears, preliminarily, that we will have excess income of \$28,000.00. That's due to a lot of people not claiming all their expenses and a lot of just good stewardship. The current budget is going to propose a deficit of \$11,400.00. So I'd like to remind Brothers any recommendation that Brothers have that they want this Encampment to spend money must be to me by noon today for presentation tomorrow. But bear in mind we're proposing an \$11,000.00 deficit budget as it is. So if you want to spend money, where is it going to come from? It's a good question to keep in mind. Keep those cards and letters coming.

**Encampment**

(laughter)



**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Once we get a new National Treasurer elected and he's able to take possession of the computer with all the financial records, we'll be able to close out formally the 2018-2019 year and produce the reports we'll provide those to the Council of Administration. And the Council will vote on the budget Sunday. They've had a chance to review this for a couple days. And again, without the assistance of Mike Downs and Mike Beard, this would have been an insurmountable job. So, thank you, Brothers.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Report of the National Quartermaster.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Yes, my report is on page nine and there is no changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Council of Administration, Brother Paul Davis.  
Your report?

**Paul Davis, Council of Administration**

My report is on page ten and eleven. It is as stands. There are no changes or corrections.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, Michael Paquette, Council of Administration.

**Michael A. Paquette, Council of Administration**

Michael Paquette, Council of Administration. Commander-in-Chief, my report begins on page eleven. There are no changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Council of Administration, Brother Kevin Tucker.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, Council of Administration. My report is on page twelve. No additions.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Council of Administration, Brother Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration**

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island, Council of Administration. My report is on page thirteen. There are no other additions.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Hritsko, Council of Administration.

**Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., Council of Administration**

Peter Hritsko, Department of Ohio, Council of Administration. Report's on page fourteen. I have nothing else to be added.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Day, Council of Administration.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake. My report is found on the bottom of page fourteen and continues on to page fifteen. One addition. I attended David McReynolds's funeral along with the Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. *Banner* Editor, Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, National Banner Editor**

James Pahl, Editor of *The Banner*. My report's on page fifteen. I have nothing to add other than remind everyone that the deadline for the Fall *Banner* is 31 August.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. And Executive Director, Brother David Demmy, Sr.

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

David Demmy, Department of Pennsylvania. I have nothing to add, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Parliamentarian. I would add that there were recommendations on Brother Demmy's report so the Officer Reports will need to take notice of that, if there's any required action.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Okay, I'm going to ask a couple of questions at this point because I'm getting ready to get you guys to the first break. I suspect we have a lot of morning coffee. Brother Chaplain, I'm getting ready to do that first break. Did you want to make a presentation?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Department of Illinois. Every year we have an opportunity to award the National Chaplain's Award. The award is given to a Chaplain who has done above and beyond the minimum requirements. The one way you can excuse yourself from ever getting it is if you're a Chaplain and apply for it yourself.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Expect to never get it.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

If you are a Department Commander, a Camp Commander, or an SVR Unit Commander, SVR Department Commander, and you recommend a Chaplain, put down his name, the Department, the information necessary. Give me that information. I will make that presentation tomorrow. You've got the break to write things down. So, that's good.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jerry, don't go anywhere just yet. I had spoken with Jerry a couple of weeks ago because I think that fifteen years on the job deserves some recognition. Some of the other PCinC's thought so too. And at their suggestion, we started fishing around for something to give Jerry. But Jerry, it turns out, has every award that we've ever given.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

He says, "I've got a file folder full of certificates that thick." Well, Brother Jerry, can you come around here? Because you're not going to fit this one in the file folder.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

There are others in this Order that are doing so much more than I have.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I wish to thank whoever provided high chair.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we have the Ohio Department Commander out there? Brother, could you come up here for moment, please? Just coordinating a few things. There's to be a presentation in here from the Department of Ohio. We have a couple of Departments who are very proud of the people who are working for them, who have worked for them for a long term. Just a second here. Brother, are you ready? All right. Come on up. As I said, we have people who have done long service for us. We have two Departments who want to make a big deal over that today, as they should, because it's always right to say thank you to the people who help you. And with that, I'll give you the Department Commander for the Department of Ohio.

**Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio**

Good morning, Brothers.

## **Encampment**

Good morning.

### **Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio**

If I could have all Past Commanders-in-Chief and all Past Department Commanders of Ohio meet up by the flags please. At the direction of myself, a Court of Honor has been ordered to convene. All Past Commanders-in-Chief and all Past Department Commanders of Ohio have formed a Court.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

### **Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio**

Brothers, Sisters, and friends, by the authority invested in me, I hereby declare this Court of Honor duly convened for the purpose of bestowing honors as follows. Guide, please escort Judy Morgan of John Townsend Auxiliary to the flags, please.

[one rap, \*]

### **Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio**

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker was a well-known physician, women's rights activist, and Civil War veteran. Soon after the Civil War began in 1861, she began volunteering as a nurse working early on at a patent office and hospital in Washington D.C. Soon she found herself on the battlefield in ten hospitals in Warrenton and Fredericksburg, Virginia. In the fall of 1863, she relocated to Tennessee and was appointed assistant surgeon in the Army of the Cumberland by General George H. Thomas. Mary Walker was captured and imprisoned by Confederate Army in April 1864. She left government service in June 1865. In recognition of her courageous war efforts, she was awarded the Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service. She became the first woman to receive the award and to date, remains the only female Medal of Honor recipient. The Dr. Mary Edward Walker Award was established at the 2011 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is presented to members of the Allied Orders in recognition of outstanding, sustained, and conspicuous service to the National Organization, well in our case it will be the Department Order, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in furtherance of its mission and goal. Brother Guide.

## **Encampment**

(chatter and applause)

### **Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio**

On behalf of the grateful Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Ohio, Judy Morgan is hereby awarded the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award. Now I'd like to tell you a few reasons why us, the Department of Ohio, think Sister Judy is a great recipient of this award. She has been in the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for over fifty years. And of course, she is a member of the Townsend Auxiliary #108. In the 1980's, '90's and early 2000's, when the Department of Ohio held its annual three-day Encampment at Mt. Union College in conjunction with the other Allied Orders, Sister Judy Morgan worked with the Department Site Committee coordinating meeting agendas, getting programs printed, helped acquire entertainment for the campfire program, and plan for refreshments every three years when it was her turn to do so. Sister Judy has supported the Ohio Department by attending and presenting a wreath at Buffington Island Memorial commemorating Confederate General John Morgan's raid through southern Ohio ever since the Ohio Department became involved in this ceremony. Sister Judy has been an active Auxiliary supporter of the programs and

events conducted by Townsend Camp. She helps the Camp plan Memorial Day activities including planning programs, coordinating refreshments. She helped William Dennison Camp #1 place flags on the graves of military veterans for Memorial Day in Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus. For six years, she placed flags on the graves of military veterans in Rome Township in Gallia County for Veteran's Day until the township trustees took over. She has marched in period dress with the Townsend Camp and William Dennison Camp at Labor Day parades in Canal Winchester and Remembrance Days in Gettysburg. She has participated in Sons of Union Veterans ceremonies, dedicating grave markers for previous unmarked GAR veteran's graves in Athens County, and participated in a monument dedication in Gallia County with the Cadot-Blessing Camp. She has attended SUVCW ceremonies marking the graves of the last Civil War veterans to die in the county as well as ceremonies marking the graves of Civil War Medal of Honor recipients. When the John Townsend Camp started restoring the GAR Hall where they hold their meetings, Sister Judy started helping care for the hall. She helped obtain replacement glass to replace broken windows. She initiated a musical reunion event to raise funds for a new roof for the GAR Hall and provided refreshments for the same. In addition to helping several of the SUV camps in Ohio as well as providing vital assistance at Department Encampments, Sister Judy has been very active with the Auxiliary. At the local level, she has held every office and is currently the Treasurer of her local Auxiliary, a post she has had for several years. At the Ohio Department level, Sister Judy has served as Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Treasurer for fifteen years, Secretary for twelve years, served on the Department Council, and was Vice President, and served three terms as Department President. At the National level, she has served on the Council, was National Secretary for five years, and is currently Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, and the National Personal Aide to the President. In addition, she served fifteen years as a National Stenographer where she transcribed, formatted, edited, and mailed the National proceedings for all those years. For twelve years, she also edited the National newsletter for printing and prepared it for bulk mailing to all members. Last year the Commander-in-Chief awarded Sister Judy Morgan the National Dr. Mary Walker award. Her distinguished record in Ohio certainly qualifies her as a candidate for the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Dr. Mary Edward Walker Award. Brothers and Sisters, I present to you the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, Miss Judy Morgan.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio**

This concludes the honors to be presented. The Court of Honor is adjourned.

[one rap, \*]

### **Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio**

Thank you, Commander.

### **Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you Her escort is on the way.

### **Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers. As I said, when somebody does something nice for you, you say thank you. And Ohio said thank you in a very good way. However, if the only time that somebody does something nice for you is circumstances they read, some people stay on the job for a long, long time. And as Sons, we have a way of saying thank you to those people who have served ten years in certain position. We will give them a Past Department Commander honors. That's called getting your PDC the hard way. Somebody's about to get their PDC the hard way. I turn it over to the Commander... Okay. We're going to do that when we come back from your break because I'm sure that that's gonna take more precedence on people's mind.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very well. Then we are going to adjourn for fifteen minutes. Brother Chaplin, we need to close Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

(recess)

**Encampment**

(chatter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, you want to quiet down, please?. We're about to start. Brother Chaplain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Jerry.

[one rap, \*]

**(BREAK)**

[Three raps\*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Secretary, I believe you have some announcements.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I have two announcements. The vendor room is located across the hall at the rear of this room in the Le Petit rooms A and B or sections A and B. Right across from the doors behind us. Or behind you. And the Tennessee delegation, please assemble at the Department flags for a group photo before going to lunch. And from the Department of Massachusetts, please assemble at the colors for a photograph

immediately at the break following the Department of Tennessee. And the Department of North Carolina, please see your Junior Vice Commander...Oh, okay. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. That's all. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Secretary. Before we broke, I was about to recognize representatives of one of our other Departments who want to say thank you for a job well done. Department Commander from Michigan.

**Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan**

Good morning, Brothers.

**Encampment**

Good morning.

**Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan**

This is Department Commander Payne, Department of Michigan. I'd like to call Brother Bruce Gosling to the front. All the way up...all the way up here, For support of the Department of Michigan during the past ten consecutive years as Department Treasurer, Department Commander takes great pleasure in bestowing upon Bruce Gosling the distinguished rank of Past Department Commander. Your execution and commitment to the Department has been critical to the success of the Department of Michigan. Your contributions serve as an example to all and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Your actions reflect great credit upon yourself, your Camp, and the Department of Michigan.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Okay, like I said, it's a good thing to say thank you. We are now going to get on with our reports. And we left off with Brother Demmy, which means our next report would be from National Aide-de-Camp, L. Dean Lamphere, Junior. Dean, are you in the room? No, he's not. Well, more about that later. Report from National Aide-de-Camp, Faron Taylor.

**Faron Taylor, National Aide-de-Camp**

Nothing in addition to my report, Commander.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Taylor. Well, if no report was submitted I'm not gonna call that one. From National Chaplain, Brother Kowalski.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Nothing more to report, Commander.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother McKinch, National Chief of Staff.

**Terry McKinch, National Chief of Staff**

Commander, my report didn't get put in because of some telecommunication issues, so I will read what I have. "July 31, 2019. Dear Brothers of the Order and the National Encampment, I would like to thank all those Brothers who have provided me support over the past year. My tenure as Chief of Staff has been lackey at best. C&C Shaw and Brother Lamphere have been awesome this year and have taken most of my duties. I trust the new administration will perform admirably in the 2019-2020 year. God bless the Order. Yours in FC&L, Terry McKinch, Camp Commander, Gov. Crapo Camp #145, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother McKinch. Report from the National Civil War Memorials Officer, Brother Walt Busch.

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

Walt Busch, Missouri Past PDC. I do have an update since my report was filed. California gave me access to some of theirs and we've increased their numbers by twenty-six monuments. Ben Frail from Rhode Island has sent in six more monuments. Bob Jones from Kentucky sent in one monument. Liam, I hope I pronounce it right, Opie from Maine submitted one monument, one Form 62, but not a Form 61. And during my travels this past summer to Florida and all over the place, I am submitting six from Fort Pulaski, Georgia; nine from Ohio and two updates from Ohio. Our new total number of monuments is 1,544. And I have a copy for the Secretary.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. The National Color Bearer, Brother Dowd.

**Edgar Dowd, National Color Bearer**

Edgar Dowd, Department of Michigan, National Color Bearer for the Sons of Union Veterans. I have one addition, sir. And that is to say thank you for the honor.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. National Counselor, Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, National Counselor. My report's on page twenty-three. I had rendered two formal opinions. You'll have found those in the Summer *Banner*. And I have nothing further to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Pahl. Assistant National Counselor, Brother Kennedy.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Assistant National Counselor**

The only thing I would have to report is that my name is incorrect. It's Leo F. Kennedy and Past Commander-in-chief. But thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Assistant National Counselor for Blue Book, Brother James Pahl.



**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book**

James Pahl, Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book. Report's on page twenty-three. I'm proud to report that I was able to complete the proceedings for the 118<sup>th</sup> National Encampment under Andrew Johnson, 121<sup>st</sup> National Encampment under George Powell. I found those records on my computer and so I did it. And those should be posted to the National website now. I have not had time to work on the recently published proceedings for '15, '16, and '17. I've been a little distracted the past couple weeks. But once that settles down and fall comes up and my time is a little free-er, by the, I hope, Gettysburg Council meeting, you will have an updated copy of the Regulations with all the annotations up through the 2017 National Encampment.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Pahl. Just a note. The lady that prepares the certificates for us, tells us that Brother Pahl gets more certificates than anybody else because he wears more hats than anybody else.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And we have a report from the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Brother Lyon.

**James L. Lyon, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator**

Nothing to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Lyon. National GAR Highway Officer report. Brother Hritsko?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

He had to leave by noon.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. I guess we can come back to that one. National GAR Records Officer, Brother Enderlin.

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

Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. My report begins on page twenty-nine. We have no recommendations and there are no additions.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah. I'm gonna get some more of these out of the way. National Graves Registration Officer, Brother Frail.

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

Brother Frail, Department of Rhode Island, National Graves Registration Officer. My report is on page thirty. And there is nothing more to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. National Guard, Brother Gaines.

**Adam Gaines, National Guard**

Nothing to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. National Guide, Brother McManus.

**Brian D. McManus, National Guide**

My report stands as submitted. And on a side note, if any of the Brothers here have significant others that know how to sew, I just blew the back seat out of my brand-new Officer pants, and a little help would be greatly appreciated.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Brian. The report of the National Historian, Brother Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, my report is on page thirty-two. And nothing new to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you Brother. The report from the National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Brother Mellor.

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

My report's on page thirty-two. Nothing more to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. We have Brother Coleman here? Okay, I didn't think so. Do we have Brother Russ here? I didn't think so. Okay. The National Patriotic Instructor is not here so his report will stand as is. Okay. The report of the National Assistant Secretary, Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Secretary**

James Pahl. Whatever I'm doing this time. Okay. We have one Camp-at-Large Ensign John Davis Camp #10 in London, England. I provide them some guidance and counsel from time to time. And nothing further to report.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Brother Krieser.

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

My report's on page thirty-five. And there's nothing to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Assistant National Treasurer #1, James Paul.

**Unknown**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Did I mention you got more certificates than anybody else?

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

Yeah, you did. Report's on page thirty-six and I think you've heard enough from me.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Assistant National Treasurer #2, Brother Beard.

**D. Michael Beard, Assistant National Treasurer #2**

Commander, my report's on page thirty-six and I have nothing to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, thank you. Assistant National Treasurer #3, Brother Downs.

**Michael Downs, Assistant National Treasurer #3**

Nothing new to add to my report, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Assistant National Treasurer #4, Brother Newman, I do not believe is here. His report will stand as is. National Washington DC Representative, Brother Stone.

**Lee D. Stone, Washington DC Representative**

Lee Stone, Department of the Chesapeake. Right now, National Washington DC Representative. Nothing to add to my report.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you sir. National Webmaster, Brother Reineke.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Webmaster**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois, National Webmaster. My report is on thirty-seven. I would like to buy a vowel so my last name is spelled correctly. That would be an *E* after the *N*. Otherwise I have nothing to add or change.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother McGuire, National Signals Officer.

**James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer**

Jamie McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, National Signals Officer. Nothing to change in the report. Nothing to change in my name. I would like to just remind everybody that as you can see in the

report that the Signal Corp, which is our team that are running our very social media platforms, is very active. And we get a lot of interactions out there. And it's growing. Send your pictures, candid photos from this Encampment or your delegation photos, to [signalcorps@sucwv.org](mailto:signalcorps@sucwv.org) if you want them shared out on the various platforms. And, of course, throughout the year, send your photos and your stories to the Signal Corps and *The Banner*. All right. But please keep that going because we can only share what is sent to us. And that's all I have to say.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. We've had a couple of people make mention of it. For those of you who are feeling bad that one letter in your name has been misspelled...

**Encampment**

...(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

National Assistant Webmaster, Brother Freshly.

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

For the next two reports, nothing to add, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. That would take care of the National Webmaster report as well. National Parliamentarian, Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, National Parliamentarian, Past Commander-in-Chief. My name's spelled right. My rank's spelled right. And I got nothing else to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

National Battle Flag Preservation Officer, Brother Norris.

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

Report is on page forty. No changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. National Legislation Officer, Brother Earl.

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

My report begins on page forty. I have nothing further to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. All right, moving right along. Report from the National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Brother Paul Davis

**Paul Davis, National Committee on Promotions and Marketing**

Commander, the Committee on Promotions and Marketing has been somewhat dormant for a while. And as of your administration, we presented to you a marketing plan. And we're in the process of executing that. And it's one of those things that's a growing entity. And the report that I've submitted for

our Committee is on page forty-two. I have nothing new to add at this point. Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. The National Committee on Vision and Planning, Brother Pierson.

**Brian C. Pierson, National Committee on Vision and Planning**

Brian Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Committee. I'm not going to plead technical issues but a mental lapse on that. I will report, though, that many of the functions that were originally started by the Committee and the recommendations have now been institutionalized within the Sons of Union Veterans through the other various committees that are there, as well as using survey monkey as a real-time tool to poll members on what's important to them and the way we should go. So if the committee is to continue, I'll leave that to the Commander-in-Chief, how he wants to utilize the committee for the future. That concludes my report.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. We had skipped over the National GAR Highway Officer report, Brother Hritsko.

**Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., National GAR Highway Officer**

Pete Hritsko, National GAR Highway Officer. I have nothing else to be added to my report. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. The National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Funds, Brother Paquette.

**Michael A. Paquette, National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Funds**

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette, Chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. Our report is on page forty-six. We have nothing to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Brother Busch.

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

Walt Busch. Report's on page forty-six; refers back to page twenty. Nothing more to report.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. The National Committee on Communications and Technology, Brother McGuire.

**James P. McGuire, Nat'l Committee on Communications & Technology**

Jamie McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, National Signals Officer. Nothing to add. Report's on page forty-six.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Start right now. We've got twenty-five minutes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, we have almost 1/2 an hour before we would normally break for lunch, so we may as well get started. The National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Brother Grim.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

Commander, can we give our report from the podium? You'll find the C&R report on page forty-seven of your packet, the bottom of page forty-seven. The changes made to the Regulations at the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C&R. The C&R has been updated, the table of contents, and is posted on the website. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this Encampment. The proposed changes to the Regulations by this Encampment are noticed in bold type for new language and a strikethrough of language being eliminated. Proposal number one is found on page forty-seven at the bottom and top of page forty-eight. This is a proposal from the C&R Committee as directed by Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw; General Order #10, Series 2018-2019, dated 26 June 2019. And proposal number three deals with this topic at the Department level and proposal number seven deals with this topic at the National level. This is Chapter 1, Article 5, Sections 6 and 7. If you have your C&R, it's on page thirty-four. This change adds two new Sections to this Article and re-numbers existing Sections 6 to number 8. This change to the Regulations will permit the Camp Council to make a temporary appointment to replace an elected Camp Officer who is unable to perform his duties. The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal and so moves. I will not read all that for you. You can take a look at it. Commander, do you want to vote on that?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Do want to do them as a recommendation from the Committee, it doesn't need a motion.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

We can't do this ad seriatim.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Right. So we are simply voting on the proposed change that Brother Grim has detailed for us.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Two-thirds.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any other discussion on this? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All of those who are in favor of adopting the change that has been presented by the C&R Committee, raise your cards. Thank you. All of those opposed, raise your cards.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The ayes have it. The motion carried or the proposal carries.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

Proposal number two is on page forty-eight. This proposal is from the National Counselor, James B. Paul, Past Commander-in-Chief. It affects Chapter 1, Article 9, Section 2. And if you have the C&R, it's on page forty-four. The Boy Scouts now accept both boys and girls. In the event a girl applies for an Eagle Scout Certificate, this change to the Resolutions, or to the Regulations, will permit the issuance of an Eagle Scout Certificate to both boys and girls. This proposal number two makes the necessary change in a Regulations at the Camp level. Proposal number five will make the change at the Department level and proposal number nine will make the change at the National level. The C&R recommends adoption of this proposal. Notice it's just a matter of striking out the word *men* and inserting the word *scouts*.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And again, as a recommendation from the Committee, we do not need a motion. Therefore, is there any discussion as to this proposal? Sir, please go to a microphone.

**Wesley B. Mumper, Department of the Chesapeake**

Wes Mumper, Department of the Chesapeake. I'd like to also make note of the fact that it's no longer the name *Boy Scouts of America*. It's *Scouts BSA*. That may lend some weight to that, as well.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

You've got somebody else in the back there, it looks like.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Go ahead, Brother.

**Paul Davis, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief, Paul Davis, Department of Michigan. Question. Does this in any way impede upon our charter? Brother Pahl? Brother Darby?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

May I? Okay. Response...James Pahl, National Counselor. I believe the answer is no. We already do this in the ROTC Program. Both men and women receive the ROTC Award. We're recognizing scouts who've achieved the rank of Eagle. And I don't think that violates our charter. We're only restricted to men as far as membership, but who we honor is not a problem. I don't see anyway.

**Paul Davis, Department of Michigan**

Okay, thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Go ahead, Brother.

**Alan W. Head, Department of Rhode Island**

Alan Head, Department of Rhode Island. I had the same thought originally as the gentleman that spoke before. But I looked up the press release from Boy Scouts of America. And while the program has been renamed *Scouts BSA*, the organization remains *Boy Scouts of America*. And as this refers to scouts belonging to the organization, I believe the words, as stated, are correct.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Any other discussion? There appearing to be no other discussion, we'll

proceed to vote on this matter. All of those in favor of adopting the Committee's wording, please signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. All of those opposed, raise your voting card. All right. That's one.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Three.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

It carries.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

All right, proposal number three is on page forty-eight. This is a proposal from the C&R Committee as directed by the Commander-in-Chief. And this is change that adds two new Sections to this Article. The change to the Regulations will permit the Department Council to make a temporary appointment to replace an elected officer, at the Department level, unable to perform his duties. And the C&R Committee recommends approval.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion as to this matter? Seeing no discussion, we'll proceed to vote. All of those in favor of adopting the Committee's proposal, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. All against, please give the same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

It carries.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

Proposal number four. This is a proposal from the National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski. Affects Chapter 2, Article 8, Section 2(m). If you have the C&R, it's on page sixty-one. This change to the Regulations will update the Regulations to reflect more accurately the role of the Department Chaplain. The information obtained from the reports mentioned in this Regulation is now available from the SUVCW Form 30. Section 2(m) is no longer needed and so therefore it's being removed. And the Committee recommends approval of this action.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion on this proposal? Seeing none, we'll proceed to vote. All in favor of adopting proposal as presented by the Committee, raise your voting cards. Thank you. All opposed, please do the same. Carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

Proposal number five. This is a proposal from the National Counselor, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. Affects Article 2 or Chapter 2, Article 9, Section 2. And this deals with the Boy Scout situation at the Department level. And the Committee recommends approval. We're changing the



word *men*, striking that out and taking the word *scouts* in place of it.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on this proposal? Seeing no discussion, we'll proceed to vote. All in favor of adopting the proposal, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Carries.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

Okay, on page forty-nine of your packet, you have proposal number six. This is a proposal from the National Counselor, James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. It affects Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 1 found on page seventy-six of your C&R. This proposal, along with proposal number ten, will change the National Quartermaster from an elected to an appointed position. The National Quartermaster is now a voting member of the Council of Administration. These proposals will change the National Quartermaster to a nonvoting member of the Council of Administration. The Committee recommends adoption.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion on this point? Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Chesapeake. I rise in opposition to this. I believe that the Quartermaster being a function that is involved in monetary, the very significant aspect of our monetary assets and the fact that we have traditionally and always, even going back to the GAR, had held the Quartermaster as an elected officer. I just find that this particular motion to remove that at this particular time without a lot of opportunity to discuss this amongst the Brothers is a step too far too soon. And while I don't have any specific thing that I can state, I just feel that because of the weight of the office, that it is beyond an appointed position and should remain a voting member.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Wheeler, go ahead.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief and your Quartermaster at this time. I've been on the Council of Administration for fifteen years as Quartermaster. There's been many times that during the meeting, questions were brought up to me about what about this and what about that. And I was able to answer those questions, as a voting member. I can remember this subject coming up over twenty some years ago with Bud Atkinson. And Bud fought it at that time to keep it as a voting member. And I for one believe Bud was right because I've been there. I've done that. And I've tried to do it with honor. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Keith Harrison.

**Keith G. Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I was around back then too and that was really put into effect primarily to be a courtesy to Bud Atkinson at the time, to make that a voting position of the Council of Administration. It hasn't been historically, throughout the history of the Order, a voting position, the Council of Administration.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, can I speak?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sure, you can speak. Go ahead.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I'm the one who made this recommendation. I did it for a couple reasons. Number one, traditionally, the office of Quartermaster is not a voting member of the Council. We only did it, and we shouldn't of, but we did it anyway, for Bud Atkinson. When Danny Wheeler took office of Past Commander-in-Chief, nobody had the heart to move at the time to take that away. But I think it's time. We also have an even number member of the Council and Robert Rules prefer an odd number so that the Commander-in-Chief maintains that tie-breaking vote. This seemed to me to be the office because it shouldn't of been done in the first place. We did it anyway. It's time to reverse that. Put it back to where it belongs. And that's why I proposed this.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Hunnewell.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Thank you. Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, Past Camp Commander. I rise in opposition to this as well due to the fact that I believe that this is a job that has, as Past Commander-in-Chief Day has said, some weight. And also that we have an opportunity to choose somebody that we feel is valuable and can handle the job versus an appointment that would come from say the Council or Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

I still rise in opposition. However, I take the counsel of Past Commander-in-Chief Harrison. I did not understand that that had been done. I was not aware that this had been a thirty-year practice. But I am still opposed simply because of the financial aspects of this job and the accountability to this body.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Martin.

**Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Martin, Department of Ohio, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'd just like to point out to the body that there are other positions that are members of Council that are nonvoting that do also have a lot of

weight, responsibility. The Executive Director is on Council, is a nonvoting member as well as the Communications, so the job that Jamie McGuire does, is also a member of Council that's nonvoting. So the idea of having, you now, nonvoting members on Council, it does occur.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Tucker, you're recognized but get to a microphone because recording everything and can't hear you from there.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, Past Department Commander. I rise in support of the change. Quartermaster's a different position in this organization. It's at least for the couple, have been lifetime positions until they couldn't do it anymore or didn't want to do it anymore. So you have somebody in a position to vote at the Council year after year after year after year. I know we could elect somebody else to do that but what are the odds that that's going to happen because of the, you know, onerousness of the job. So, the other chairs on the Council do change, you know, over a period of a few years. This is one that lasts. I'm not sure how long Bud was there, but I know Danny was there for fifteen. So, I agree. I think that any questions that the Council have can be answered in the Council, but he doesn't have to be a voting member and to make the odd number a better fit for voting. So, that's all.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir. Go ahead.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past National Commander-in-Chief. Just to give you a little history lesson. My father-in-law, David R. Medert, was the Commander-in-Chief that gave Bud the vote. So this is how far it's gone back. I agree with Jim Pahl, it shouldn't have happened. I think it's time to change. There were discussions earlier, at least a couple of years ago, on this subject and also a point of whether we were going to hire someone to do this, much like we would do the National Treasurer. If there was not a Brother so qualified, we were going to end up hiring someone to do our books. That could be someplace in the future. I don't know. But anyway, just for the history lesson, 1995 is when it happened. So it wasn't before that, so that's where we are. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Payne.

**Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan**

Robert Payne, Commander, Department of Michigan. I rise in support of this. Just because you're not a voting member does not in any way diminish your power or ability to influence the Council in their decision-making. Because as apposition, they will have a lot of influence. But like as has been stated before, somebody who's in that position for many, many years maintains the same voting while everybody else is moved along through term limits and through the normal voting process that we have in the Organization. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Wheeler.

**Danny R. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

My second time. Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. I have one question that I'd like to have answered. And that is if you're going to appoint someone, does that mean that this Quartermaster store has to be moved every year? That's what you're talking about, ...is appointing a person and then the next Commander-in-Chief appoints somebody else. And then you gotta move that whole store. And trust me, it's a lot of work.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

I think it's a three-year appointment.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Yes, Three years.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we have any other discussion on this topic?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, it is a three-year appointment. So, I mean, yeah, you could say every three years it was going to move. Of course you could whether he has a voting position or not, it's still a three-year appointment. And if we find somebody that would want to take it that long, you know, we could change it. So whether it's a three-year appointment, whether he votes or not, it's still going to be changed.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Any other discussion on this topic? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. All of those in favor of adopting the proposal from C&R Committee, signify by raising your voting card. Thank you. All of those opposed, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. Chair rules that the ayes have it.

**Unknown**

We want a count.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You want a count. All right.

**Encampment**

(chatter)

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

The appropriate motion is division of the house.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I tell you what...just because we're running out of time before sending you guys to lunch... I don't think I care to break it down by Department and ask for numbers from the Department. Would a vote where you hold up your cards and my counters will come around and count...Will that suffice?

**Multiple Unknowns**

Yes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Brother Guide, Brother Color Bearer, you are the counters. One of you take one side of the room. One of you take the other. I don't care which one. All of those in favor of adopting the proposal from the C&R Committee, raise your voting cards. You want to read the proposal back for them? Read the proposal back for them. We're going to read the proposal back for you just so there's no question.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Are we putting our cards down?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah, you can put your cards down. Put your cards down for a moment. We're gonna stop the vote. We're gonna make sure that you know what you're voting on.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

All right. On page forty-nine of your packet, you'll find proposal number six. And this proposal, along with proposal number ten, will change the National Quartermaster from an elected to an appointed position. The National Quartermaster is now a voting member of the Council of Administration. These proposals will change the National Quartermaster to a nonvoting member of the Council. And the only thing we would be doing here, if you look at Section 1, which is in your packet, we're striking out the word *National Quartermaster*. And if you look back on number ten, you'll find that he's still on the Council as a nonvoting member. One thing, as Chairman of the Committee, I might mention is that when we studied this with the other members of the Committee, we took a look at the fact that we are currently going to change Quartermasters. So this would be the appropriate time to make this change, if we wanted to do it. The other thing that the Committee considered very seriously was that we have all of these other very vital support units or positions that are nonvoting. And there's no reason why the Quartermaster, even though he's a vital part of the Organization, should not be considered in the same light as the Webmaster, of the Director at the headquarters, *The Banner* Editor. You know, the list goes on and on. At what point do you cut these guys off? Plus the other thing was that this would make an odd number on the Council to prevent the tie vote situations. So those are the thoughts that the Committee considered when they made this recommendation.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Is everybody clear on what the proposal is?

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

I have a question.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

What's your question, Mark? Go to the mic.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chesapeake. Brother Darby made a comment that this would be a three-year appointment. I see no language in the motion that we are approving which says that it is a three-year appointment. Therefore, one would have to assume it's a one-year appointment. And so I question it on that. The question was raised was what would happen if a Commander-in-Chief were to change the appointments or felt that he needed to do that? I just want to point out, it does not say that it is a three-year appointment.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

If I may answer that. James Pahl, National Counselor. Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 3, the term of office for the National Secretary, National Treasurer, and National Quartermaster shall be for three years.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Since 1995.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

It's been that way since 1995.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

All right.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Anything else before we move to a vote then? Go ahead, Brother. What is it?

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

Commander, Bill Fischer, Griffin Camp #8, Department of Pennsylvania, Department Graves Registration Officer. Is the intent and the expectation that the National Quartermaster will continue to attend all of the Council of Administration meetings?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Yes...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

He's a member of the Council. Yeah, he would quite probably want to attend.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

He just would not have a vote.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...And still be reimbursed his expenses.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

He's still a member of the Council. He just wouldn't have a vote. That's the only difference. Go ahead, Brother McGuire.

**James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer**

Jamie McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, National Signals Officer. Just looking for some

clarification. For example, my position is appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. *The Banner* Editor is appointed by the Council of Administration. I just don't see the language here that defines who is making this three-year appointment, whether it be the Commander-in-Chief or the Council. Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

If I may, James Pahl, National Counselor. All appointments are made by the Commander-in-Chief unless otherwise specified in National Regulations. So in this case, it would be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief for a three-year term.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brothers, is there anything else before move to a vote? All right. Then, all of those Brothers who are in favor of adopting the proposal from the C&R Committee that we have spelled out here, please signify by raising your voting cards and leaving them up because my tellers are going to come around and they're going to take your votes.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

It's gonna be close. I knew this would be a hard topic when I brought it up.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Guard, excuse me. Brother Guide, your report is that it is ninety-eight in favor.

**Brian D. McManus, National Guide**

Yes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Reset your counters. All of those opposed to this matter or this motion, raise your voting cards.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brian. We're going to break for lunch after this.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

They've got sixty-five votes against. Any amendment to Regulations is two-thirds. I just looked it up.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...My understanding is that it needed a two-thirds vote to pass. Of the 163 votes cast in order to get to two-thirds, my understanding is that it would have to be 104 votes. It had ninety-eight. Therefore, I rule that the motion has failed. I'm gonna call 'em for lunch now. Brothers, thank you for your patience in getting through that one. I'm informed it's the toughest one we're gonna have. And now that you've done all that work, enjoy your lunch. Hold on. We've got to close the Bible first.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

## LUNCH

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

### **Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. We're going to revisit the vote that we had on the last measure that came out of the Constitution and Regulations Committee. A slight irregularity was pointed out. Candidly, I don't think it's going to make a difference in the vote. It's one of those issues that people feel strongly about so you're not likely to change your vote. I don't think it's going to make any real difference. But just to make sure everything is above board and there are no questions, we're going to do the vote over again.

### **James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Let's explain why.

### **Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Candidly, the only time our doors get locked is on the Commander-in-Chief's order and that only happens while we are electing our officers. Right now, we've had the doors locked and apparently people are having trouble getting in and out. If there was so much as one person in the hallway, then that affects the vote. Therefore, we're gonna make sure that everything is on the up and up. We're gonna do this again. So does anybody...and we're not gonna debate this again. We're just gonna the vote again. Do my counters have their counters ready? Thank you. They're both at zero? All of those in favor of agreeing to the Committee's proposal signify by raising your voting card. If my tellers will go ahead and count the votes.

### **Encampment**

(chatter).

### **Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, the yea votes are eighty-seven. All of those against, raise your cards.

### **Roger A. Tenney, Department of Tennessee**

Commander, Roger Tenney, Department Commander of Tennessee. I would ask that we get the majority of our people back. We don't have everybody back in this room that was here when the first vote was taken. ...And I think that is highly irregular for taking a vote when you don't have everybody back from lunch.

### **Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir, there is no irregularity. I told everybody to be back here at 1:45 and we are after 1:45.

### **Roger A. Tenney, Department of Tennessee**

All right.

### **James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Agreed.



**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, the nay vote is fifty-five. So it is 87-55. It needs a two-thirds majority to pass.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Needed ninety-four to pass.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Failed by seven? Okay, the motion again has failed, this time by seven votes. But it has failed and we are now ready to move on to the next matter from Constitution and Regulations Committee.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

All right. On page fifty of the packet that you have, you'll find proposal number seven. And this proposal is from the C&R Committee as directed by the Commander-in-Chief. This change to the Regulations will present the Council of Administration to make a temporary appointment to replace an elected official who's unable to perform his duties. This is for the National. And the Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, we'll proceed to vote. All of those who are in favor of adopting this proposal, signify by raising your voting card. Thank you, Brothers. All against. Very good. The proposal is adopted.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

On page fifty, proposal number eight. This is a proposal from the National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski. Affects Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 11(b). And this change to the Regulations will update the Regulations to reflect more accurately the duties of the National Chaplain. And the Committee recommends adoption.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion on this proposal? Seeing none, we'll proceed to vote. All of those in favor of adopting this proposal raise your voting card. Thank you, Brothers. All against same sign. Adopted.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

Proposal number nine on page fifty. This proposal is from the National Counselor, James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. Affects Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 22. If you have your C&R, it's page eighty-eight. And this one deals with the Boy Scout change again. And this was necessary at the National level. We're striking out the word *men* and replacing it with the word *scouts*. Committee recommends adoption.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion on this proposal? Proceed to vote. All of those in favor raise your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All of those against raise your voting cards. Proposal is adopted.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

On page fifty-one, we have proposal number ten. This is a proposal from the National Counselor, James Pahl. Affects Chapter 3, Article 8, Section 1. Page 91 on the...in the C&R. And this deals with the Quartermaster again. This makes him a nonvoting member of the Council. And this proposal will change the Quartermaster to a nonvoting member, that's coordinated with the one that was just defeated. But the Committee recommends approval of this.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. Given the vote on proposal number six if the body approves, I would like to withdraw proposal number ten.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any objection to the Committee being allowed to withdraw proposal number ten? Is that in fact the wish of committee? Very well. Proposal ten is withdrawn.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

Proposal number eleven on page fifty-one. This is a proposal from the Department of Missouri. Affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 5(b). And this is on page ninety-eight of the C&R. This is a proposal from the Department of Missouri which would require the National Site Committee to select a National Encampment site by March 1<sup>st</sup> three years in advance of the Encampment. The Site Committee will also be required to provide a written explanation as to why a Department submitting a bid for the Encampment was selected or not selected. Committee recommends approval.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion. Brother Tucker.

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

Brother Commander, Kevin Tucker, Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee. I have several issues with this proposal. First, the way that the Encampment Site Committee works is that Departments put in a request to host the National Encampment Site Committee. Those are evaluated and then one is chosen. By putting a March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline on them, if I don't have them and I have not had them for the past two years, what do we do? Does the Site Committee then have to go find a place to hold the Encampment? And what do we do for manpower at that Encampment? And how do we coordinate that? And is there travel involved with that? so that's not the way that the process works. Right now, the process works that Departments send us a proposal. We evaluate that. We go to visit and we try to pick the best one. Now, the second part of this is, we haven't gotten two proposals to choose from in a long time. For the most part, we're getting one at a time. The last time there were two at the same time, it was Massachusetts and Michigan. And what we settled on was Michigan could have the first year and Massachusetts would have the second year. It worked out perfectly. It wasn't an issue. We don't have much contention with this. We're trying to get people to give us 2022. We don't have

anything right now. So we're already in violation of this were it to pass. We're pushing on that. And of course, you know, that the Site Committee has to produce a form. For us, we're not good at that. It would have to go to another Committee. But that form would have to be fairly comprehensive. It would be the most comprehensive form in the Organization because of the things that are taken into account. Everything that's taken into account was mailed out. I'm sure every Department should have a copy of it. But I sent out the guidebook for every Department. all of the requirements are in that guidebook that people need to do. Trying to put that on a form's going to be rather difficult. The last thing was that they want to have a written notice of why a Department was turned down. I'm intending that's fine with me. I don't have a problem with. I mean, that's fine with me. I don't have a problem with it. But I am in constant contact with whoever submits a proposal and they know what the issues are. And I try to work with them to get past those issues. Sometimes you can't, you know. Sometimes \$159.00 a night is the lowest they're going to get. I already know that's not going to fly. So, we try to find something else. But I don't have a problem with giving anybody written justification, but the rest of it is a mess. I stand in opposition to this.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Thank you, Brother. Brother Walt.

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

Walt Busch, Department of Missouri. As one of the driving forces behind this, and Sumner's here to speak to the technical issues of what's written, but since 2014, Missouri has been putting in its application for being a site again. And since 2014, we have been told different things every year, including one year telling us that we need to submit a multipage form and finding out that the group that did win submitted a half page recommendation that yes they'd run the Encampment. And basically, we've been getting a lot of run around. Yes, we are having it in 2021 in St. Louis. But that's seven years that we were putting in for it and never really got a good reason why we were refused, who else was in the running, or anything. I know names have changed, numbers have changed, and different things. One year we allowed it to lapse because somebody else wanted it for a celebration, I think it was 2016. But we've tried every year. We've never ever gotten a good response until they finally said yes in 2021 you can hold the event. We feel that there needs to be some procedure. Whether this is the procedure that's decided on or not, is one thing. But it needs to be in writing and the Committee needs to be held accountable.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. I'm gonna go to Brother Sumner. He's been standing up here the longest.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Thank you. Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, Past Camp Commander. The reason that we've submitted this also is for greater visibility. Also, for putting structure around this. Having a common form for everybody coming in on the same time. So the object really is to drive everybody to a certain uniformity and also provide some structure when it comes to the results. Why weren't you accepted? Why were you accepted? It needn't be forty pages long. But we need some feedback to say this is why this Department won and this one didn't. So we're really just trying to provide some uniformity in structure and visibility in the process, which really isn't there now. There seems to be a lot of conversation, but not documentation.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Joe and then Brother Kevin. Okay?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Department of Rhode Island**

Joe Hall, PDC, Department of Rhode Island. The Department of Rhode Island submitted a request and was turned down. What the Site Committee needs to realize is probably why they're not getting so many requests is when you're dealing with such a small Department, there aren't abundance of hotels to choose from. We had three. One laughed at us because of the parameters. There were two other ones. One was slightly higher than what the parameters were. The one that was selected by the Department would've fit very well. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Joe. Brother Kevin.

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

Kevin Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee Chairman. So to answer the first objection that happened. One of the criteria is when the last time you had an Encampment was In 2014, Missouri had put in for, I don't think I was on the Committee then. But in 2014, if Missouri had put in for an Encampment, it's for the 2017 Encampment. It's 2019, so the seven years wasn't a real number. But, yeah, all together, by the time they get to the Encampment, it'll be seven years. And so, again I'm not sure if I was on the Committee then or not, but there were some other Departments that hadn't had an Encampment in a few years and that's how that got moved up. They did not apply every year. They may have mentioned it in passing but unless we get a written request, we don't count that as anything. People all the time say, "Boy, we'd like to have it in our Department." And then that's the end of it. For Brother Hall, I understand he made a proposal. It was at \$159. And it was too much. And I said, "I will work with you. Let's work together." He didn't want to do it. He withdrew. I can't at that point twist his arm to make him work with me and see if we can work something out. But that's what happened there. I think he was hurt about it and he walked away. So, a National Encampment is a very complicated thing to pull off. There's a lot as, you know, as Brother Ken will tell you. There's a lot to deal with. It's not just getting a hotel. It has to do with, you know, how close is an international airport where people can get decent flights? Is there enough room for the Ladies to do their floor exercises?

**Unknown**

(laughter)

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

What do we do about lunch? You laugh, but it's true. I mean, these are the things that ruin Encampments. Right? What happened in Marietta. The Ladies, you know, were up in arms. All these things are consideration. Again as far as the form goes, I'd like to see what that form looks like in the end because it's going to be quite complicated. And everybody, including Brother Joe, knows why it was turned down. So as far as me writing it, putting it in writing, I don't have a problem with that. But, you know, again he didn't want to work with that. He just said, "Forget it." You know, "It's not going to happen." Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm gonna call on Brother Don and then we'll go to Brother Joe.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Parliamentarian. Has nothing to do with Parliamentarian. I agree with Brother Tucker on this. And in one reason is this March 1<sup>st</sup> thing, basically makes National in charge of running the Encampment. And I can tell you right now if they were paying him, it wouldn't be enough money to do it. And they're not. And he doesn't have enough people. This Organization does not have enough people to run an Encampment on their own. Now, I agree with you should be told why you don't get it. Okay? I agree with that. But to put a handcuff and say a date, you have just decided that they will be doing an Encampment and it's going to be a .... All right? I'm done.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jim.

**James H. Houston, Department of Ohio**

Jim Houston, Past Department Commander of Ohio, for ten years, Chairman of the National Site Committee. As you can see from Kevin's comments, there are so many factors involved in selecting a Department to host a National Encampment that I definitely would not put these restrictions on the National Site Committee.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Jim. Brother Mark.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chesapeake. I am tasked to negotiate with the Auxiliary as the head of a Committee for three years out on Encampments. Brother Tucker and I have had several conversations. I stand in unity with Brother Tucker on the fact that we don't get enough Departments to submit and then it becomes very difficult. I would love to see us have some sort of a deadline so that I would be able to write and tell the Ladies what the contract parameters would be. And I'm not against having a date but it can't be March. I do believe that we probably do need to have some modifications to the form or at least perhaps, maybe we do need to have a specific form that could be used by Departments for applying. There would be clarifying. But I stand with Brother Tucker and the others that have spoken. I don't see how we can do anything else. And I've spoken with the Missouri gentlemen. They know that I commiserate with them and that I did everything I could to help them and to get them to work towards getting the Encampment, which they will be having in 2021. This is just a problem that I don't know that we can solve simply because of the complexities of the thing. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Mark. Brother Hunnewell.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Thank you. Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, Past Camp Commander. The March 1<sup>st</sup> date is for Departments to submit the documentation, not for the Site Selection Committee to make that decision. So the idea really behind this is that by this date, Departments who are interested should be putting in the information because it's supposed to be three years in advance, giving the Site Selection Committee, subsequent months, to declare this say at the National Encampment in August. So that giving a deadline to the Departments to come in, say, "We're interested at this date further on out," giving the Site Selection Committee time to turn around and say, "Okay, we checked things out. We're going with this Department."

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Hunnewell. Brother Darby.

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

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. We have all seen in this group. how many times Departments can't turn in a yearly application on time. Have we not? We also not suspended Camps automatically because they didn't turn it in? If you put a 3 March or you put any deadline on this, what happens if no one signs up by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March? It falls back on the National Site Committee. I'll give you a prime example of what they're looking at. How many restaurants are within walking distance of this place? Gettysburg has not gotten a National Encampment there for one reason. They're too damn far from an international airport and there's no way to get the people back and forth. That's one of the criteria for the Site Committee to pick a facility. Now, you know you've all been...most of you have been to Gettysburg. You understand they've got restaurants coming out their ears. You can trip over eight of them in a block. But they don't have an airport to get the Brothers back and forth. So that's Gettysburg, our big to do, is not going to get one until they get an airport there. The Brothers here, if these Camps do not follow this 1 March deadline, the Site Committee is now responsible for that next Encampment. That's what you're doing. And once again, I'm with Brother Tucker. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Frank.

**Frank C. Avila, National Encampment Site Committee**

Frank Avila, National Site Committee member. Kevin and I do a lot. There's so many complexities with this. Putting a time date on this just puts a crimp on how we can get some of these hotels and get the Departments to come out. And a lot of the times, yes, I've been on it for the last three years, and we don't get that many. We haven't gotten that many Departments to come in to compete against. So I just wanted to put my two cents in and that you can't put a timestamp on this because there are so many complexities to it.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Frank. Brother Walt.

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

Walt Busch, Past PDC or Past DC, Department of Missouri. Right now, if no body puts in for 2022, who does it fall to?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Are you asking a question?

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

Yeah, I'm kind of asking a question because who does it fall to? I mean, basically I can tell the group right now, somebody's going to have to make that decision. They're going to have to go out begging or something. This doesn't say that they can't go out begging if they failed...

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

No, what the C&R says if they don't have someone, they're stuck with it. It doesn't say you going to go about begging. And they don't personally don't have... I can't speak for them. I can tell you I don't think they have enough time to go out begging for someone.

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

...I understand that, but my question is, if nobody puts in for 2022, who gets it?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

The National Site Committee does.

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

So they still have to go out and find somebody then.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

No...

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

...or run it themselves.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...Run it themselves.

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

So, I don't have a problem with that.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

So, did you just volunteer for the National Site Committee?

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

If I have to, yes.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Oh, okay. Just checking.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Quiet down, guys. We've got some speakers who have to express their thoughts. Go ahead.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Gates, Secretary/Treasurer, Department of Texas. We are actually considering to have a Department or a National Encampment in Texas. I think to be fair, though, I think on the side of Missouri, I think they have some point in what they're talking about. And certainly you should have some requirement to tell them formally why they were not selected. But at the same time, more importantly I think, it's important that the Site Selection Committee, the National Committee, have as much flexibility as possible so that they can give-and-take and get the arrangements made to have an event take place so we don't wind up with a catastrophe where everybody shows up and there's nothing there. And that's all I had to say. Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

I'd call for a vote.

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

I know I'm only allowed to speak...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah, you're only allowed to speak twice, but I'll tell you what. I'm going to bend the rule because you chair the Committee. This is the last time. Go ahead, Kevin.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Move the question.

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

So I just want to mention as far as Missouri went, what they originally did was they wanted to have an Encampment in Branson, which we thought was a great idea. And we went to Branson and we, Jim Crane and I, reviewed some hotels. It just was not possible. It was too much money or the hotels couldn't hold our group cause they had a big convention facility, but you don't have that kind of money. Other than that, in Branson itself there's nothing that will hold our group. And so we offered to Missouri to move it to Springfield instead of Branson and people could go to Branson. It's a drive in, and get back to Springfield. And the Brothers in Missouri withdrew that. And then a couple years later, come back and say, "Well, we want to have it." So, when they say since 2014, that really isn't the case. As far as what happens if nobody decides that they want to put in for a National Encampment, thank God we haven't seen that yet because that's going to be a problem. I mean, we just haven't seen that yet. It's an honor to host this body in your Department. Everybody should want to do it. But again, it is complicated and it's difficult and sometimes it takes complicated people who can handle difficult situations to do that. Just saying you want to have an Encampment, again my Brothers in Texas I'm looking forward to receiving their proposal, but they did not propose yet. They talked about, "I'm going to propose." Until we have that, we can't evaluate it and we can't say it's going to be in Houston. It's just as simple as that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Any other discussion? Seeing no other discussion, we'll proceed to vote. Would anybody like the question restated. Brother, would you restate the question, please?

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

All right. This is a proposal from Missouri that would require the National Site Committee to select a National Encampment Site by March 1<sup>st</sup> three years in advance of the Encampment. The Site Committee will also be required to provide a written explanation as to why a Department submitting a bid for the Encampment was selected or not selected.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All of those in favor of adopting this proposal, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. All of those against, signify by raising your... I'd say the... All right. Proposal fails.

[one rap, \*]



**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

On page fifty-one, you have proposal number twelve. This is a proposal from Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin. He was chairman of the National Committee on Scholarships. This affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 18 (2)(a). It's found on page 107 of the C&R. This change will match the C&R language with the language that appears on the scholarship application form. The Committee recommends adoption.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, we'll proceed to vote. All of those in favor of agreeing to this proposal raise your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All of those opposed raise your voting cards. Proposal is adopted.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

On page fifty-two of your package you have proposal number thirteen. This proposal is from *The Banner* Editor, Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl. Affects Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 9, page 130 in the C&R. This change will permit the wearing of a black elastic band on the drop of the membership badge as a sign of mourning. The Committee recommends adoption.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion on this proposal? Seeing none we'll proceed to vote. All of those in favor, raise your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All of those opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

On page fifty-two of the packet, we have proposal number fourteen. This proposal is from the National Treasurer. SVR Regulations Article 12, Section 5 through 7, page twenty-three of the SVR Regulations. Chapter 2, Article 14, Section 3 of the SUCVW Regulations incorporates the SVR Regulations by reference. Regulations. This proposal adds three new Sections to Article 12 of the SVR Regulations. These proposed new Sections are necessary to bring the SVR Regulations in compliance with the IRS rules relating to the Sons' 501(c)(3) status. Committee recommends adoption.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion on this proposal? Seeing none, we'll proceed to vote. All those in favor of the proposal, raise your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All of those against the proposal, raise your voting cards. Proposal is agreed to.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

Now the Committee has two supplements to their report, which is not in your packet. So I'll have to read these to you. Proposal number fifteen. This proposal is from the C&R Committee and it affects the SVR Regulations. If you have a copy of the SVR Regulations, it's on page two and three This is an introduction containing language from the C&R, Chapter 4, dated 2001. Several years ago when the C&R was revised to include job descriptions for Officers and Committees, the language regarding SVR was removed from Chapter 4 and moved to other parts of the C&R. Pages two and three of the SVR

Regulations need to be changed so the SVR Regulations are in agreement with the current C&R. To achieve this goal, the following changes need to be made. SVR Regulations page two and three. All of Chapter 4 language found on pages two and three of the SVR Regulations needs to be deleted and replaced with the following language. First, the information in Chapter 2, Article 14, Sections 1-4, which is found on page sixty-eight of the C&R which actually authorizes the SVR Military Department, needs to be placed on pages... what is now page two and three. Also put in that position will be Article 3, Chapter 10, and Section 11. These are the duties of the Military Affairs Committee. And third, Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 14(f). This gives the SVR the authority to use the Sons of Union Veterans' name. All three of these things are currently in the Regulations. We just want to move those over to the SVR Regulations and drop what's there now relates to Chapter 4 which no longer applies to the SVR. The Committee recommends adoption.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Before I do anything else, should I know something about the hand signals?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Yeah, they were getting feedback.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, okay. They got it. Thank you.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, is there any discussion on this proposal? Seeing no discussion, we'll proceed to vote. Those in favor, please raise your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. Those against, please raise voting cards.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Proposal is agreed to.

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

The next proposal, which we consider proposal number sixteen, it's not in your packet. Affects Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 2. Currently is a Regulations allow for the election of Officers in October and the installation can take place in September. Well, it's hard to install them before they've been elected.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

So we want to bring the Regulations up to date by moving the possible election date to August, so we want to change the word *October* to *August*. That allows you to elect people if you choose to do so in August and install them in September or any time after that. The Committee recommends that we vote that in.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any discussion on that proposal? Seeing no discussion, we'll proceed to vote. All those in favor of the proposal, raise your voting card. Thank you, Brothers. All those against, same sign. Okay. Well, there had to be one. Okay, the proposal is agreed to.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution & Regulations**

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

**Encampment**

(cheers and applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Before starting back down the list, there are two matters that I would like to take care of. The first is we're likely to get a visit from the ASUVCW to extend greetings to us. That'll probably be sometime tomorrow. And when that happens, we need somebody who actually sounds good to give them a response.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Andy Johnson.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Andy Johnson. There is nobody better than Andy Johnson. He said he'd do it. So, I'm appointing him.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Next, you all heard that it is now perfectly legal for you to use these little black elastic bands to show that you are in mourning for the passing of someone who is important to our Order. However, black ribbons are also still appropriate. And for those of you who did not read the General Order before coming here and do not have black ribbons, Danny Wheeler has gone to great expense to make sure that we have those available to us for no cost whatsoever. If you need to put a black ribbon under your medal, see Danny. He was looking out for us on this one. Those are the two announcements that I had to make. And now, we'll go back to the list and keep on going. We have a report from the National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

No, we don't.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We don't? He didn't give us one. Well, they don't get a token. All right. I bet you, we do have something from the National Encampment Site Committee, Kevin Tucker.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

Commander, Kevin Tucker, Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee. The only thing I would add to my report is what a great job the Department of Ohio did and Brother Freshly on this Encampment. And, you know...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...So far...

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

...it's a ton of work and they've handled it great and with a great attitude. So, thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

That's so far.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

The day is young.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a report from the National Committee on Fraternal Relations. Kevin.

**Kevin L. Martin, National Committee on Fraternal Relations**

Kevin Martin, PDC, Department of the Chesapeake, Fraternal Relations. My report starts on page fifty-five and continues on to fifty-six. I have no additions, corrections, or recommendations.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. National Committee on GAR Post Records, Brother Enderlin.

**Dean A. Enderlin, National Committee on GAR Post Records**

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, Chair of the National Committee on GAR Records. You'll find our report on page... starting at page fifty-six. We have no additions. No recommendation.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. National Committee on Graves Registration, Brother Frail.

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

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island, National Committee on Graves Registration. You'll see that my report is listed on page fifty-eight, but that report is in conjunction with the report on page thirty. And there are no additions.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. The National Committee on History, Brother Wolz.

**Robert Wolz, National Committee on History**

Brother Commander, our report is on page fifty-eight, which is actually a repeat of a report from page thirty-two. And there's no additions.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

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

**Robert M. Petrovic, Nat'l Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observances**

My report is on page fifty-eight and there are no changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. National Committee on Membership, that would be JVC&C, Brother Pierson.

**Brian C. Pierson, National Committee on Membership**

Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice. I would refer everyone back to the Junior Vice Commander's report on page six. Everything is included in that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Thank you, Brother. Military Affairs Committee, Brother Shaw.

**Henry D. Shaw, Jr., National Military Affairs Committee**

Commander. Commander, the NMAC report commences on page fifty-nine. There are no additions or corrections. Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Henry. National Committee on Program and Policy, Brother Norris.

**Edward J. Norris, National Committee on Program and Policy**

My report is on page sixty-two. No changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. The National Committee on Scholarships, Brother Martin.

**Donald L. Martin, National Committee on Scholarships**

Don Martin, Department of Ohio, Past Commander-in-Chief. Is Brother Hill from Colorado/Wyoming here? Okay. He was one of the selections. The other one was Brother De Pamphyllis from Pennsylvania. Is he here? All right. My report's on page sixty-three. Nothing else to add, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. The National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, Brother Ward.

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

James Ward, Department of Florida. My report is not in your packet. And I will paraphrase if there is no objection. We're guided by our mission statement, as well as that of the National Vision and Planning Committee. We're established through National Encampment 2021. I thank the current committee members and aides for their service over several years. I have a request in to bother

Commander-in-Chief Shaw and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Norris with regards to staffing the committee. I will paraphrase the action of the Council of Administration. At Gettysburg this past year and authorizing... obtaining a laptop computer. And that led to several exchanges through various committees that led us to a more favorable price. So, we look out for use of your funds. We have paragraphs that deal with identifying how to use Microsoft Access as a database. What fields would be the appropriate fields for our ancestors, as well as for lineages connecting our ancestors to our members. And discussion and concept of the use of a database versus the use of a spreadsheet. So we've made some progress in obtaining that kind of information; however, we're also feeling pressing need to get past that. We thought that was all going to happen a lot quicker. And we want to get some deliverables in place. Specifically, I have a number of invitations to Department Commanders to identify Brothers with certain expertise. And instead of reading those here, I'll be in touch with all of our Department Commanders, to let them know that. The concept I have in mind is if I can get a deliverable with regards to at least one Camp in each Department before their next Department Encampment, I will consider that a plus. And if I can get whole Departments some kind of a deliverable in that regard that would be fantastic in my opinion. I also have a request and have started the interface, because of his volunteering information with our Graves Registration Officer, with regards to server space that might be available that would cut down on expenses in that regard as well as common language that would be useful in any web access type of program in the future. We met the deadline for the National Treasurer's inclusion in the 2019-2020 budget request. And that completes my report, if there are no questions.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. You have no recommendations?

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

I believe I've met the recommendations...that otherwise would be recommendations by getting a line item in the budget and by the staffing request.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Any recommendations you have, make sure that a copy of that report gets to the correct committee.

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

Yes, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Reports Committee. Thank you. National Encampment Credentials Special Committee, Brother Hall.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Nat'l Special Comm. on Encampment Cred.**

Joseph Hall, Department of Rhode Island, PDC, Chairman of the National Credentials Committee. I have nothing to add. Page can be found on sixty-three.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. The Memorial University Redesign Special Committee, Brother Michaels.

**Stephen A. Michaels, Nat'l Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign**

Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Wisconsin. My report is at the bottom of page sixty-four, continues on the top of page sixty-five. Only one correction and that is Brother

Jamie McGuire should be listed as a member of the committee. And it looks like his name was dropped off there at the bottom. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Real Sons and Daughters Special Committee, Brother Orton. Okay. National Special Committee on Website Redesign, Brother McGuire.

**James P. McGuire, National Special Committee on Website Redesign**

Jamie McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, Special Committee Website Redesign. Refer back to National Signals Officer report for updates. No additions. We are on our way.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Communication and Technology Subcommittee.

**James P. McGuire, National Communications and Technology Sub-Committee**

Jamie McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, National Community Technology Subcommittee on Technologies at National Headquarters. Refer back to National Common Tech Section 4.5. Nothing to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Brother Day, National Special Committee on Negotiations with Allied Orders relating to the National Encampment contracts and relationships.

**Mark R. Day, CNC Appointed Committee to conduct Negotiations with Allied Orders**

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Chesapeake. The report stands as it is. There is a recommendation. As the Committee is CinC Appointed Committee, it will cease to operate unless renewed or made a Special Committee. We recommend that the Committee to Negotiate National Encampment agreements with the Allied Orders be authorized as a Special Committee beginning in August 2019, with an operational end date of 2024. This action is critical if we are to continue to complete contracts for future Encampments and maintain the contracting process, which was approved by the C of A at the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan. It is our belief that this process has established a professional and organized methodology for contracting and ensuring that all parties' needs are satisfied. If this is not a decision to be made a Special Committee, it would then be recommended that the incoming CinC reappoint it as a CinC Appointed Committee.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Well, you got to take action on this recommendation.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

It goes to a Committee.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Not a Committee report. It's decided directly by the Encampment now.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Well, we have a recommendation from Brother Mark's Committee and because those do not go to Encampment Committees for quick resolution, it'll be resolved on the floor here. So as to the proposal that he has given us, is there any discussion? No discussion. Would anyone like him to restate the question before we proceed to vote.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

What was their recommendation?

**Mark R. Day, CinC Appointed Committee to conduct Negotiations with Allied Orders**

Do you want me to...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Yeah, restate it, just so we know we've got it correct.

**Mark R. Day, CinC Appointed Committee to conduct Negotiations with Allied Orders**

As this Committee is a CinC Appointed Committee and will cease to operate unless renewed or made a Special Committee, we recommend that the Committee to Negotiate National Encampment agreements with the Allied Orders be authorized as a Special Committee beginning in August of 2019 and continuing with an operational end date of August 2024. This action is critical if we are to complete contracts for future Encampments and maintain the contracted process which was approved by the C of A at the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan. It is our belief that this process has established a professional and organized methodology for contracting and ensuring all parties' needs are satisfied.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

So basically, all that said is you want it to be a Special Committee.

**Mark R. Day, CinC Appointed Committee to conduct Negotiations with Allied Orders**

We want it to be a Special Committee with an end date of 2024.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Mark. Seeing no discussion, we'll proceed to vote. All those in favor of the proposal, raise your voting card. Thank you, Brothers. All those against, same sign. The committee's recommendation is agreed to.

**[one rap,\*]**

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The National Special Committee on Battlefield Preservation Relations, Brother Frail.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

We skipped one.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Special Committee on Battlefield Preservation Relations**

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island, National Special Committee on Battlefield Preservation Relations. This report is on page sixty-eight, and there are no additions.



**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. You understand that the National Special Committee on Strategic Development, now absent a chairman, will need a new one. And I know that you're way ahead in getting your chairs in place. This one you will need to think about. And that brings us to Departments. We've been going for an hour. Let's see if we can knock out some of these. Brother Rudy.

**Rudy E. Velasco, III, Department of California and Pacific**

Commander, Rudy Velasco, Commander, Department of California/Pacific. Our Department report begins on page sixty-eight. Ends on page sixty-nine. No additions and no recommendations.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Chesapeake.

**Timothy S. McCoy, Department of the Chesapeake**

Commander, Tim McCoy, Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. Our report is found on pages sixty-nine and seventy. Nothing to add. Nothing to correct.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

They did not submit a report.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, they did not submit a written report. They therefore cannot make a presentation at this Encampment.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Correct.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

That's the ruling? All right. Sorry. We got one from Columbia?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

That was passed at the last Encampment.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We do not have reports sent from Columbia or Connecticut either. Department of Florida.

**James G. Ward, Department of Florida**

James Ward, Department of Florida, on behalf of Department Commander David Palmer. The report is on pages seventy and seventy-one. No corrections. No recommendations.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Michael B. Reither, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Michael Reither, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. My report is on page seventy-one and seventy-two. One correction. My last sentence of my report references the year 2018. It should be 2019. That is all, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl. As editor of *The Banner*, I think I owe the Brothers of the Department of Georgia/South Carolina an apology. And I'd like to tender that. In Department news in *The Banner*, I'm only referring to it as the Department of Georgia. And I've left off South Carolina. That's the proper name. So for my Brothers in South Carolina, I apologize. And you got about a 50-50 chance that I'll remember to correct it.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

That'll teach 'em to secede from the Union.

**Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Brother Jim, this is Brian Pierson, Past Department Commander. Feel free to refer to the Department as South Carolina. You can forget Georgia.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Report from the Department of Illinois, Brother Reineke.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. My grandfather's report, as I am Harry Reineke, IV, is on page seventy-five.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

I have no additions or corrections.

**Encampment**

(laughter and clapping).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of Indiana.

**Timothy J. Beckman, Department of Indiana**

Tim Beckman, Department Commander, Department of Indiana. My report starts on page seventy-three and it goes to seventh-four. I have nothing new to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Iowa.

**Don R. McGuire, Department of Iowa**

Commander-in-Chief, Don McGuire, Department Commander, Iowa. Our report is on page seventy-four. No additions or corrections.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Kansas.

**Mike Todd, Department of Kansas**

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Todd, Commander, Department of Kansas. Our report is on page seventy-five and seventy-six. We have no additional changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. I have to continue to thank my Brothers from Kansas. When I went out there for their Encampment in January, they arranged for the worst snowstorm they'd had in a decade and I got to drive through a white out all the way across Missouri.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

They said they did it for me because they knew I was from one of those northern states and it would make me feel right at home.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of Kentucky.

**Robert A. Jones, Department of Kentucky**

Robert Jones, Commander, Department of Kentucky. Our report's on page seventy-six to seventy-eight. There are no additions or corrections.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Maine.

**Larry B. Bonney, Department of Maine**

Larry Bonney. Our report is on page seventy-eight, seventy-nine. No additions.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. The Department of Massachusetts.

**Stuart A. Chambers, Department of Massachusetts**

Stuart Chambers, Department of Massachusetts. I just wanted to add one thing and that's to thank Brother Dexter Bishop for all the hard work he's done for the veterans of Massachusetts. I'd also like to have a correction made in this morning's presentation. There's an aloof group that have names misspelled or called out wrong. I just wanted to add to that group Brother Peter Preble. There's no (indistinguishable) named Preble on page five. He's also wondering who knew that he was a father, because he doesn't know that yet.

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of Michigan.

**Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan**

Robert Payne, Department Commander, Department of Michigan. Our report's on seventy-nine and eighty. Nothing to add.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Missouri. Dale.

**Dale E. Crandell, Department of Missouri**

Dale Crandall, the Department of Missouri. Our report is on page eighty. Most of the words are spelled correctly. We have nothing else to add.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Department of Nebraska. Do we have anyone here from Nebraska? Okay. Department of New Hampshire. Mike, are you out there?

**Gary A. Ward, Department of New Hampshire**

Gary Ward, Past Department Commander, Department of New Hampshire. This isn't my report. But I did notice there was a little bit of an error in it and I'll correct it. Donald H. Wheeler is the Department Treasurer, not the Department Secretary and he's listed a couple of times in the report as Department Secretary.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of New Jersey.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No report, Not allowed.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

No report? Okay. New York's got one.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

New York has.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...New York. Department of New York.

**Danny L. Wheeler, Department of New York**

Department report...Department of New York has nothing else to report.

**Unknown**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. The Department of North Carolina.

**Dennis C. St. Andrew, Department of North Carolina**

Dennis St. Andrew, Past Department Commander of North Carolina. I just have one addition to the report appearing on page eighty-four and eighty-five. The Department of North Carolina still has a real daughter living in our Department, that would be Miss Irene Triplett, daughter of Union cavalryman Moses Triplett. Miss Irene will be ninety years old in January. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Ohio.

**Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio**

Shane Milburn, Commander, Department of Ohio. We have no corrections or additions, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Oklahoma doesn't get to speak. Department of Pennsylvania. Greg, are you out there?

**Gregory E. Kline, Department of Pennsylvania**

Greg Kline, Commander, Pennsylvania Department. Our report is found on page eighty-six and there are no additions or corrections.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Rhode Island.

**Scott A. Reese, Department of Rhode Island**

Scott Reese, Department of Rhode Island. Our report begins on page eighty-six and ends on page eighty-eight. We have no corrections, additions, or recommendations.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of the Southwest.

**Gerald N. Bloom, Department of the Southwest**

The Department of the Southwest has some additions to add to the report, sir. We have, since we issued our report, we have picked up five members and two juniors. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Congrats. Thank you, sir. Okay. We can't do anything with the Department of Tennessee. No report was submitted.

**Department of Tennessee**

I'd like to correct that and I'll give you an oral report. We have...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I can't take an oral report if a written report was not submitted.

**Department of Tennessee**

Okay. Can I still submit one afterwards, because we've chartered two Camps. And, of course, we've been dealing with...I apologize for that, Commander.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I understand. It's just that I can't take an oral report from you here. What you do with the record later on, I guess, is up to you. The Department of Texas.

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

Commander, Don Gates, Past Department Commander, Department of Texas. The report from the Department of Texas begins on page eighty-nine. Ends on page ninety-one. There are no corrections, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Department of Vermont.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

My name is Bruce Amsden. I'm a Past Department Commander for the Department of Vermont. And I'm here on behalf of Dennis Devereux who's the Department Commander. And we have no changes to my report which is on page ninety-one.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Bruce, would you see me when we break? I've got something for you. Department of Wisconsin.

**Jeffrey M. Graf, Department of Wisconsin**

Jeff Graf, Commander, Department of Wisconsin with Minnesota. And my report stands as written. No changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. The National Department-at-Large. No report?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Can't see it. Can't do it.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah, okay. That's the list of them, gentlemen.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now, right along with the reports of Officers and reports of Committees, I am supposed to be asking the Secretary if we have any communications. If we do, we get to hear them. Brother Secretary.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. No communications received other than resolutions and those resolutions have been given to the Committee.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

My kind of report. Thank you. Don Darby has just reminded me of something that I am well aware of, being over sixty. The bladder gets a little smaller as you get older.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Therefore, we're gonna take a fifteen minute break. Brother Tucker, make your announcement.

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

Brothers, just a good of the Order. I want everybody to remember that there's a vendor room right through that wall on the outside. Those folks have an awful lonely for the past day and a half, so if you get a chance, swing by. See if there's something that you couldn't do to help the people that help support this. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Kevin. Brother Jonathan, you have some announcements.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. In the lost and found department, we found a blazer button. Has a C on it. Little metal one. Otherwise, I'll have it up here. If not, I'll sell it.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Anyone needing a ticket for the banquet, see Dave Sosnowski? Brother Sosnowski has a ticket he would like auction it off after the campfire. Money to go towards the Stevenson Plaza. Would Brother Dennis St. Andrews of Department of North Carolina please see Brother Reineke at the next break. This a good chance for Brother Fidler to stand up. If anyone needs a ride from the Encampment hotel to the airport for early flight on Sunday morning, van will leave at 4:00 o'clock in the morning, a.m., with costs based on the number of passengers. And then, of course, contact Doug Fidler, Department of Tennessee. This has been announced a number of times. we have a number of get-well cards, out in the hall. These cards are for Margaret Atkinson, Past National President. We also have a card for Joe Long, Jr., Past Department Commander. And it doesn't say what Department, Pennsylvania. Richard Partington, Past Commander-in-Chief. And, of course, we have a sympathy card for the

McReynolds family. And we also have a sympathy card for George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief. And the National Signals Officer, he said this a number of times, but you can send your delegation photos or candid to the [signalscorps@suvchw.org](mailto:signalscorps@suvchw.org) and if you wish to have them shared on your National Organization's social media channels.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, okay. I guess we're going to find out because we're going to take a longer break than fifteen minutes. I'll give you about twenty-five minutes. Because when we get back I'm going to ask for reports from my Officer Committee Reports or our Encampment Committees. And I want to give them a little bit of time to meet and make the recommendations for us. So, we're going to take a little bit longer break than normal. So, We'll come back at 3:30. Brothers.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

See you at 3:30, Brothers.

(BREAK)

[one rap, \*]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, I told you we were going to do all kinds of reports when we got back, but I lied. I have been told that you are so efficient that if we don't slow down and do something else, you're going to get out of here at 9:30 tomorrow morning and we just can't have that. So we're going to try to slow down a little bit so you can at least spend some time with us.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

I appeal the decision of the Chair.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Denied. We have...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...To start things off, we have representatives from the Daughters who would like to present you with a proposal.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Excuse me. The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Ladies, if you would, please.



**Susan Fallon, ASUVCW**

Hello, Brothers. I am Susan Fallon. I am the National Patriotic Instructor for the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. And I just had a great presentation with Wags 4 Warriors for the Auxiliary. And a representative from Wags 4 Warriors came in with a service dog and he explained to us how the soldiers coming back from the military in the present day, how they need to have service dogs. And he himself was a veteran. He himself suffers from PTSD. And he said that he was diagnosed with that, he was told to get a service dog. Never told how to get a service dog so he and his wife started an organization called Wags 4 Warriors. The Auxiliary does give a donation for the Patriotic Instructor, but I would like for Virginia here to talk to you some more.

**Virginia Twist, ASUVCW**

I do the bad stuff. I'm going to ask you to open up your wallets and donate to this organization. So far since they have started, they have placed over six hundred dogs with veterans. Veterans with PTSD. Veterans with other disabilities and the dogs have helped them. He was on seventeen different pills. And now he's down to two, because of the dogs. And, you know, it costs about \$4,500.00 to train a dog and let the dogs pick their person that they're going to help. Not the other way around, because if the dog doesn't get along with them, then it's not going to help. So the dogs actually do the picking. So, I'm gonna ask you if you would donate to this great cause. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sister, if anyone is interested in donating, they can see you? We're going be here for a day and a half yet. So...

**Virginia Twist, ASUVCW**

Oh, yes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, yeah, anyone who is interested in donating, please see Virginia.

**Virginia Twist, ASUVCW**

...Oh, I'll take your money. No problem. (laughing)

**Susan Fallon, ASUVCW**

Or see me.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You're part of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. You know how to take money. We all do. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Sisters.

**Virginia Twist, ASUVCW**

Thank you.

**Susan Fallon, ASUVCW**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you for standing up. They specifically asked not to have anybody make a fuss, but it was a nice touch. Thank you, guys. Brother Jim Houston. Brother Jim has some information for us too.

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Thank you, Commander. I want to report, as we try to do annually, on the key activities of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation for the fiscal year ended June 30. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, I am pleased to advise you of these activities. The Foundation's annual meeting was held in Framingham, Massachusetts on August 9, 2018. Robert M. Petrovic, James H. Houston, and Jay Allen Teller were re-elected to three-year terms as directors. James P. McGuire was nominated and elected as a new director. Officers for the 2018-2019 were elected as follows: Chairman, Robert M. Petrovic; Vice Chairman, Henry Shaw, Jr.; and Secretary-Treasurer, James H. Houston. The Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Contribution Program is now in its 13th year and we are pleased to report that ninety-one individuals in the Organization has participated. And a number have increased their original contribution during the past year. And we would like to recognize those. Any of you who are here of the ninety-one, if you would just please stand. Those that have contributed to the Charitable Foundation.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

A little later I'll have a special recognition but I want to finish this. What I want you to know, that we welcome contributions to the Foundation in any amount, and monthly and installment plans are available. The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization as established under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as such, your gift is fully tax deductible for income tax purposes should you itemize. Details for contributing can be found on the Foundation's website and in literature distributed at various SUVCW meetings. Contributors to the Lincoln Fellowship Program receive a distinctive medal and certificate based on a level of contribution. Now you can see examples of the Lincoln Medals shown back in the merchandise table. The Foundation, through grants, continues to financially support projects related to Civil War history, particularly the preservation, restoration and construction, erection of significant Civil War monuments and sites. The program is open to all organizations both within and outside the SUVCW. A significant grant made in the past year related to the restoration of the General Samuel Curtis statue in Victory Park in Keokuk, Iowa. Should your Camp or Department be planning a Civil War related project, consider applying for funding through the Foundation. We continue to offer a broad line of SUVCW, SVR, and GAR, and Civil War related merchandise for sale at the National Encampment and through our website. We encourage you to support these purchases. In addition, a relationship has been established by us with Amazon called the Amazon Smile Program, which provides funds to the Foundation based on Amazon purchases. You are encouraged to sign up and this is a no cost program to you but will benefit the Foundation. Now I would like to specially recognize an individual who has achieved our highest level in the Abraham Lincoln Fellow Contribution Program. And that is Brother Robert J. Wolz, of the Department of Ohio, who has, as I say, has reached a harsh Porter Contribution Level. If he would come forward please at this time, along with the directors of the Charitable Foundation.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Not here? I just spoke with him. I'm sorry about that. We'll have to do that maybe tomorrow morning. Thank you again.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, I'm going to call on the Department Commander for the Department of California and the Pacific. Come up here. Oh, come on up here where we can all see what's going to happen. Commander, one of your Brothers has purchased a streamer for the support of Stevenson Memorial Plaza on behalf of the Department of California and the certificate that goes with it.

**Rudy E. Velasco, III, Department of California and Pacific**

Very good.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And we thank all of our Brothers from California for making the contribution here.

**Rudy E. Velasco, III, Department of California and Pacific**

Yes, we do. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You know who it is.

**Rudy E. Velasco, III, Department of California and Pacific**

Yes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Rudy E. Velasco, III, Department of California and Pacific**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Enderlin Camp 73. Do you have a Camp Commander here?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

He's back there. It's John Huffman.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. John Huffman. Where are you? John, would you come up here?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Bring a change of clothes.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Now you've done it.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

It's kind of like being called to the head of the class. Oh, come on right up here. Like being called to the head of the class when you're in school, you're never quite sure what's going to happen.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

John, on behalf of your Camp, you have a benefactor who has purchased a certificate that supports the Stevenson Memorial. And that's on behalf of Enderlin Camp.

**John M. Huffman, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

That's yours. This is a streamer for your Camp flag. And I'm sure that you know who to talk to.

**John M. Huffman, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Okay. Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Terry Dyer, are you in here? Come on, Terry.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Terry, are you more comfortable speaking on the level or can you make the steps? Use the microphone. I'll come down there.

**Terry R. Dyer, Department of Illinois**

...Yes, so people can hear me. Brothers of our Order, when we ask of our Chaplains to invoke the divine blessing, he asked of our Heavenly Father that we 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 as in all things with Your special mercy. The debt that is owed to our Boys in Blue can never ever be repaid. One veteran, a surgeon appointed to the 14th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stevenson of Springfield Illinois, made it his mission to create our nation's first veterans organization within the coming year, 1866. Having written in his own hand the entire manuscript of the ritual, rules, regulations of this organization, he called it the National Soldiers Mutual Benefit Society. Now there's a mouthful. Whose motto would be Loyalty, Fraternity, and Charity. After some thought he changed the name to the Grand Army of the Republic. He waited to have the Ritual and Constitution printed at the Decatur Illinois Tribune newspaper on April 6. This was a day that was known as Shiloh Day and was

celebrated in this country for many years after the war and then fell apart. Honoring those who fought in the Battle of Shiloh, as did he, on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 1862. The idea of this new veterans organization began to take hold in the hearts of the soldiers and posts sprang up rapidly. Dr. Stevenson passed away far too early and far too young on August 30, 1871, at the age of 48, never seeing what his Grand Army would become, let alone these old boys of '61 who became so endeared in the hearts of the American people. He lies in Rose Hill Cemetery of Petersburg, Illinois with a beautiful monument erected in 1894 marking the site. The grounds, however, around the site were in serious need of attention. A suggestion was made that we find a way to beautify the site. The idea of a memorial signature brick plaza following the designs of the Grand Army Plazas of the 1880's to the 1920's were drawn and one was accepted. Our Order has become the legal heir and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic pledged to honor the memory of these old comrades. When construction...with construction well underway, I humbly invite you, my Brothers, to become a part of this grand undertaking. Purchase a brick, a bunch, or make a donation as we work towards the completion of this memorial where we meet each April as part of the Lincoln Tomb Observers. It is our goal to have more Sons and Allied Orders events held at this site throughout the year. Take time to look at the information video out in the hallway set up for your viewing. And if you have any questions, please do come and see me. Gentlemen, my Brothers, there comes a time in our lives that we have the opportunity to make something count, that is larger than ourselves. In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, I thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now we're both short so...

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Terry, in the afternoon since we announced that the certificates and the steamers were still available you have sold three streamers. That is, your Brothers have contributed \$300.00 to your cause in just an afternoon. And that's pretty darn good. The two that you saw, from California and Ohio, together with the one that you saw from Finch Camp in Michigan.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir, that is for you, for your project.

**Terry R. Dyer, Department of Illinois**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And we wish you well with it. And If we get anymore, we'll give it to you. Okay?

**Terry R. Dyer, Department of Illinois**

Thank you so much.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

**Terry R. Dyer, Department of Illinois**

Thank you, gentlemen.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brother Petrovic, I believe you have our report on the Encampment for 2021.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

Yes, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You can make it from there if you're comfortable or if you need...

**Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

...It's fine.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

I'm chairman of the 2021 National Encampment. We've been working on this since last year. And Walt Busch is the one that really got this part of my program going. He was at a conference with a bunch of ladies and other gentlemen and he's sitting next to the Daughters. He talked to the Daughters and they contacted me and they were interested in possibly doing 2021 with us. We gave them all the particulars and we didn't have fifty-six pages of paper either for them to look at. And they had their National Encampment last weekend. They have approved coming to 2021 and being a part of our program at our hotel. And this all started with Walt Busch.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Now we know who to blame.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Bob. It's nice to know that we are moving back to being under one roof again. Okay, I've wasted enough time that we're getting close to being back on schedule.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm gonna take a couple of our Committee reports, the short ones. Brother Grim, do you have anything from the C&R Encampment Committee?

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

Commander, we have nothing from the Encampment C&R Committee.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

These get short enough, I'm going to be off schedule again.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Norris.

**Edward J. Norris, Resolutions Committee**

Yes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you have anything from Resolutions?

**Edward J. Norris, Resolutions Committee**

We have one.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good ,sir. Please present it.

**Edward J. Norris, Resolutions Committee**

Ed Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Resolutions Committee actually received four resolutions. We received resolutions for support of Kevin Martin, Mike Paquette, and Paul Davis all running for their respective offices. We can concur they are all worthy candidates and quite capable of meeting the requirements. We also got one resolution, from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. And it reads, Recently, headquarters, Air Force Junior ROTC prohibited the acceptance and wearing of the ROTC awards offered by the heritage organizations. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was included in the prohibition. The ROTC programs in other armed services may follow suit. Purpose of our ROTC award is to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship because it is there, these young people who eventually serve our nation's military under the flag of our forefathers fought to preserve. The program directly supports the purposes and objectives of our Order. In addition to the formal ROTC program organized under the Armed Forces, there are other cadet programs affiliated with the uniformed services, such as the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and the Young Marines. These programs are comparable to the ROTC Cadet Programs and serve similar purposes. It is resolved by the Department of Colorado and Wyoming that the Commander-in-Chief directly appropriate a standing committee to study the expansion of the ROTC awards program to allow the ROTC medal to be awarded to qualified cadets of the United States uniformed services or their equivalents and make the recommendation to the next National Encampment. It is our opinion that the current design of the ROTC medal can be used for all cadet programs without modification. However, a new modified certificate may be needed. It was passed at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming held at the Grand Junction, Colorado, 8 June 2019. The Committee reviewed this and we concur with them.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Commander, point of order.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Don Darby, Parliamentarian. I'm curious how this resolution showed up in that the Department of Colorado/Wyoming did not submit a report, a written report. They didn't report a written report. I would move that that's out of order and invalid.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Ed, where'd you get it?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I emailed it. It was emailed to me.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

When did you get it?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Let me check.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Cause I think I got a copy. And I think I know the answer.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Do not resolutions have to go to you as well?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Only if it's changing C&R.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

They're here.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Would it have been sometime within the last forty-eight hours?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I don't think so...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Okay...

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Let me double-check the date. It might have been. Is that the one?



**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

That's the item we were talking earlier about. Well, I am going to say that the Parliamentarian's point is well taken. And that we are not going to act on that resolution at this time. We encourage our Brothers from Colorado and Wyoming to resubmit it for the next Encampment, together with a written report and it will be acted on at that time.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I believe it was a couple of days ago.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah, it was.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. On resolutions, I do not believe we have a date required for submittal. It's only changes to the C&R.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Right. But it has to come in through a regular report.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

I think there is a deadline. This is James Pahl, National Counselor. There is a deadline from the Chief of Staff that reports have to be submitted by a certain date to be included. By action of last year's Encampment, if they don't submit a report by that date, they cannot be heard otherwise unless dispensation is granted by the Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, you're at the microphone. What can we do for you?

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Gates, Past Department Commander, Department of Texas. I don't know if this is any value at all, or if this is even amenable to the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, but the Department of Texas already has a similar resolution that we had been preparing to submit. We would be prepared...we did submit our...in writing, our report for this year, and we would be prepared to adopt this resolution if that would allow it to proceed at this time.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

You have the authority as Commander-in-Chief to allow dispensation if you believe it's appropriate.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

submit it next year because once again it was already submitted late. It was not in the Department of Texas' report.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Brother Paquette, but I think I am about ready to rule. Go ahead.

**Michael A. Paquette, Council of Administration**

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake.

When Mark Day was Commander-in-Chief during his administration, we had a Brother from my Camp who is a retired Army Command Sergeant Major. We went through the process of finding out how to go about, as directed by the Commander-in-Chief, what's the process for getting the Sons' medal recognized by the U.S. Army. And that was in process for a good eighteen months. And then the Air Force made its declaration regarding not being able to wear and basically that that effort with U.S. Army has stalled, I believe. We can reinvigorate that discussion, but it seems the impression that we're getting is that the Armed Forces, for whatever reason, all the hereditary organizations are suffering from the same issue. And there may be some reluctance, at least on behalf of the Army at this point, to move forward to getting our medal recognized.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Paquette. Go ahead, Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Chesapeake. This particular topic was taken up, I believe four years ago, at the National Encampment at which time it was greatly debated and overwhelmingly disapproved to expand the ROTC award to groups outside of the Army groups, the official Army and Air Force and Marine Corps groups. So I just want to point that out and that this is not a new topic. It has been here before. Secondly, although Brother Paquette spoke very eloquently about the fact that the services seem to be not desiring this particular award at this time, and I believe there are some political reasons for that. Beyond that, I can tell you that the individual unit commanders of the ROTC units have not abated their enthusiasm for it one bit. And that they are still asking for it. I believe in the Department of Chesapeake we gave out several hundred, I think maybe two or three hundred of these. It was like a hundred and something. It was quite a few, these awards last year that were requested. My only point is that if we're going to do something for the Civil Air Patrol and the Sea Cadet and these other programs which are not directly affiliated with the military in the same way as the ROTC programs that we would look at a different certificate and a different medal. I'm not rising to deny the petition here, but I do want everybody to realize this is not a new topic. The ROTC medal is a very useful tool. It's still highly desirous.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I appreciate that it's not a new topic, although the powers that be have made one decision, a lot of times there is a different result in the ranks. I understand that I have the power to grant dispensation so we could deal with this matter. I am not going to do that. I'm going to have Colorado and Wyoming resubmit it. We already have this under discussion. Colorado and Wyoming may want to contact the new Commander-in-Chief to see if they can get a seat at the table when these discussions come up so they can make their thoughts on this known. That might be the most effective way of dealing with this particular issue. And that's my decision. Okay, that takes care of your Committee?

**Edward J. Norris, Resolutions Committee**

That's correct.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Then, I am going to save my Officer Reports Committee for tomorrow. I'm going to give out some awards. Then I'm going to let you guys go early.

**Encampment**

(cheers, and applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I do have some awards that I can start giving out and we're going to get these taken care of. There's a reason for getting some of these taken care of today as opposed to tomorrow. First award that I am going to present is the Certificate of Recognition. Earlier this year, the Council of Administration was approached with a request to have an individual made an Honorary Member of the Sons. We do not make Honorary Members easily. I believe Executive Director Demmy in his latest report said that right now we have four Honorary Members who are still alive. We don't make Honorary Members every day and the Council declined to make an Honorary Member for this particular individual. However, we understand that she has done great service for one of our Camps in the Department of California and the Pacific. So I'm going to ask the Commander of that Department, if you would, come forward. Commander, this is an award for Donna Sword. It is made in response to the request from your William B. Keith Camp #12, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and it notes that Miss Sword is an employee of the Las Vegas Area Council on Boy Scouts of America. She has been in the position of a customer service clerk and has been employed there for eight years. She has shown her eminence and is distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America. She has always stepped up to the plate to promote our Organization in many ways. Each year, she provides the Camp with a list each month of those young men who have attained the high rank of Eagle Scout. In turn Camp 12 takes up the Eagle Scout certificates, letters of congratulations, which average about 450 every year, and bring them to Scout Headquarters so Miss Sword can distribute them to these young men, their parents, and/or their leaders. She has done a great deal of service for your Camp 12. I get it. Because of that, I am pleased to present you with the Certificate of Recognition. Sign that. Please convey that to your Brothers at Camp 12 so they may present that to Miss Sword.

**Rudy E. Velasco, III, Department of California and Pacific**

Thank you Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, our Order has the Meritorious Service Award, consists of a certificate. It's awarded at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief to a Brother of the Order for exceptional service to the Order or to society. We have a Brother with us today who has provided long, long service to the Order. I don't know if he's received this award before but he's going to get one now. He has served, I know, as his Department's Secretary for many years. He has served as his Department's Commander. He has served the SVR. He is present with us today. I know because I've seen him. Alan Teller. Alan, are you here? Come on up, Alan. I figured as Commander of one of the Military Districts, you were going to be here. Brother Alan, it is my great pleasure to present you with the Meritorious Service Award.

**J. Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We have another individual who is one of those guys that does an exceptional job and is in line for a Meritorious Service Award. During my term as Commander, he's come to me several times with concerns and he's always tried to follow through on the right thing to do. He has been one of the staunch people in his Department, making sure that in all instances, if at all possible, the right things was done. It hasn't been easy for him either. But if Brother Brian McManus...

**Encampment**

...(applause and cheers)...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother, for your service.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

That's the long and the short of it.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Brian D. McManus, National Guide**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The next two Brothers are not with us, at least not here. But I wanted to read their citations anyway. Earlier in this term, there was a proposal for a Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star that was put to the Council of Administration. And this would be for Brother Michael Joseph Hammerson. And I'm going to present the details of why Brother Hammerson came up for this award and why he was unanimously elected to receive it. Brother Hammerson is a member of the Department-at-Large, assigned to the Ensign John Davis Camp 10 in London, England. He is a founding Brother, and a key influence in the first overseas Camp of the SUVCW. He has dedicated his copious talents not only to the identification of Union graves in mainland Great Britain, but also to tracking down their living descendants in a body of published work in the United Kingdom raising awareness of the Boys in Blue who wore the uniform between 1861 and 1865. Brother Hammerson's work currently has yielded over 270 positively identified Union graves in mainland Britain, including eight Medal of Honor recipients, six men of the U.S. colored troops, three Civil War nurses, and three generals. In addition to this already impressive number, Brother Hammerson's research has identified a further 1137 Union veterans buried

in the United Kingdom, with new discoveries being made each month. Brother Hammerson's tireless work over and above the call of duty and estimable devotion to the Boys in Blue deserves the highest praise and recognition. Your Council of Administration agreed. And we will send this to the Camp in London for Brother Hammerson. You want to take it?

**Unknown**

Yes, sir. I only saw him about three weeks ago.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Well, you're probably going to see him in three more weeks. I know, you're a world traveler. Get that to him.

**Unknown**

Yes, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Yeah, Brother Hammerson has an incredible Civil War artifacts collection, including Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain's dress uniform, which I got to touch when I was there.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The next Brother who is not here, but I'm sure one of you Brothers will come up because you're going to be able to get this to him, is Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. This is for Brother Eugene G. Mortorff. The citation reads that Brother Mortorff has served this Order in many capacities during his time with the Organization. He has excelled in all the duties he has undertaken, from the duties of an ordinary member to that of having discharge the duties of the Commander-in-Chief. Above and beyond this, however, having completed his duties as Commander and having earned a well-deserved rest, he responded to a situation where the Order would no longer be able to manage National Headquarters due to illness of the Executive Director and within his family. Brother Mortorff stepped forward, assumed those duties for a lengthy period which kept the Order's headquarters operations going. Though eventually a stipend was granted to cover travel expenses, the work was otherwise without pay and voluntary to the Order. Even after the headquarters staffing returned to normal, Brother Mortorff stayed to assist in the running of the headquarters' operations. Situation has gone on for quite a few years as of that writing or this writing. Recently, this Brother due to health concerns, has had to end this activity. He stepped forward for an emergency situation, when we needed him. He stayed until the crisis passed. Remained on the job longer than he had to because it was good for the Order that he do so. And finally, when his service proved to be a burden to him for health reasons and appropriate to the Order that he end that connection, he did so. That is activity in the best traditions of what we expect from our Brothers. Department Commander, could you see that Brother Mortorff gets this, sir?

**Gregory E. Cline, Department of Pennsylvania**

I will do so, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Gregory E. Cline, Department of Pennsylvania**

Thank you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. One more award and then I guess we're gonna call it a day. This is also a Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. This is being presented to Brother L.D. Lamphere, Jr., of the Department of Michigan. He actually happens to be one of my best friends. Brother Lamphere has been a promoter of the Order and an active participant in its activities during his entire time as a member of this Order. He has assisted in the formation of multiple Camps within the Department of Michigan, including his own in which he has served in most of the posts which allow it to keep running. He served as Department Commander during a very contentious time within the Department, allowing it to move past some challenging situations. Of greatest note is his ability to organize projects within our Order, which he has done on a number of occasions. He is one of the guiding members behind the revitalization of the SVR in Michigan. And just so you know, before he came in, the SVR was all but dead in Michigan. It now is comprised of a unit in which he is Captain, which has won the Unit Citation on a couple of occasions and which provides a good deal of support for all of the dedication programs done for all the Camps across the state. He sees to it that his troops get to where they need by forming carpools, by being primary organizer for hotels. He's one of the reasons that there is usually a pretty good honor guard turnout for Michigan at both Gettysburg and Springfield. He steps up to serve when such service is not always convenient. While this has happened many times, most recent example I can give you. You recall these reports that we were all going through a minute ago, it's not his job to make them, but he did. And he did it because it needed to be done. It's just the kind of service that he has provided consistently. And it is now my pleasure to have him come up to receive this award.

**Encampment**

...(standing ovation).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Hold on. Hold on. You got to get the star out of my hands.

**Lloyd Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

(laughing).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Just so you know, the frames that house the awards that I have just given out, I didn't have at the beginning of the day. He went out and bought them.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And he helped me put them in, but I did this one on my own.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir, star for your badge. Thank you very much.

**Lloyd Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

You bet. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You know, it seems a shame for you to sit down cause I'm gonna stand you right back up again. I told you I was going to let you go early. And here we go. Ready, Brother Jerry?

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, we are in recess until 9:15 tomorrow morning.

[one rap, \*]

[three raps\*\*\*]

**END OF DAY 1, BEGIN DAY 2**

[one rap, \*]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you, Brothers. Before we get going with the formal business today, I'm going to remind people of one of the things that we had talked about yesterday. And that is that if you have any announcements that you want read from up here so everybody knows, write them down. Get them to the National Secretary, Jonathan, and he will read them before we go into a break. Okay? We have a visitor with us. The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paul Grambling, Jr. I believe it's Junior, isn't it? Sir, would you come on up?

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers. You can sit down. You can sit down. About two weeks or so ago, Paul and the Sons of Confederate Veterans were kind enough to invite me to their Reunion in Mobile, Alabama to address them briefly. And we've decided that we're going to return the favor and Paul has been gracious enough to accept. They brought us to a port city on one port or one ocean and we brought them to a port city on the largest collection of freshwater lakes in the world.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Paul, I got one thing I want to show you. When I spoke to you in Mobile, I told you that the Sons of Union Veterans had taken a stand on monument preservation. This is the letter that did it.

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Great. Appreciate that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now we don't claim that we did it all by ourselves. There are a lot of people that went in on monument preservation, including Paul's group. But we made a difference. And with all of those groups coming together, we can continue make a difference. And now, the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief Shaw. Once again it is hard to believe it's already been a year since I was with you in Boston. My how time flies.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Of course...because for some, you know, Commander Shaw has already told me his countdown.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

And like I told Mark last year, I said we do not run for Commander-in-Chief. We run for Past Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Unfortunately for me, it takes twice as long.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

But it is a pleasure to be with you again. On behalf of the general headquarters the National Sons of Confederate Veterans, I bring you greetings. And I do want to express our sincere thanks to Commander Shaw in your support in getting Senate Bill 77 passed in Georgia. I will be speaking more on lines of that this evening for a few minutes. So I just wanted be with you for a minute or two this morning just to say, "Hello, y'all."



**Encampment**

(laughter, cheers, and applause).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

But anyway, I just wanted to bring greetings and say how much I appreciate being here. I was told that you're going to be in Georgia next year. Well fortunately, I won't be in office.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

However, if our next Commander-in-Chief for the SCV cannot make it, he can always appoint someone.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Anyway, like I said, it's good to be here with you this morning. I look forward to seeing you again this evening. I'll be in and out of the hotel after taking it easy. Someone asked me if I was going to go do anything today. I said, actually, when I get to a hotel and I can just kind of chill and take it easy, that's what I do. And today I plan on doing exactly that. But before I go, I have a little something here I'd like to present to Commander-in-Chief Shaw. Be careful because it is breakable.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

General Cheatham's Confederate Moonshine.

**Encampment**

(cheers and applause).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

And since I am from Louisiana, I did bring you a little taste of Louisiana in there.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, when you said little, you weren't kidding.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

There's another one in there too.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Louisiana Gold Pepper Sauce. The gift that keeps on giving.

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

We had to wrap this very well, coming from all the way from Louisiana. Didn't want to take a chance on anything getting broken.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Commander, for you.

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Thank you. I appreciate it.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Problem with tall people.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

But now that the microphone is down, I'm gonna call on Danny Wheeler.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Danny, you've got something to do. Come on up. He was making mention today that we are the two Commanders that see mostly eye-to-eye.

**Danny L. Wheeler, Department of New York**

I have a feeling the Commander-in-Chief thinks I got a big mouth. (laughing).

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

What's your point? (laughing).

**Danny L. Wheeler, Department of New York**

George Shadman, would you please come up? George, we meet again. (laughing). George, as a friend, you went way beyond anything a man could imagine a friend could do. And as Assistant Quartermaster in the ROTC program, there was nobody could ever done it better. So George, on behalf of myself, as Assistant Quartermaster for excellence in the ROTC program, and a lifelong patriot.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Did you say that if the bottles make it over there, that the two of you are going to put on even more of a show than we expected from you?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Yes, I'm the official taste tester.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Yeah, well, someone's got to do it.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

And I'm willing to sacrifice myself and to help.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Unknown**

You need a little Southern Comfort to go with that bottle.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

If I get enough of the bottle, I'll have all the comfort I need.

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

If you see Bob out there, I'm sure...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Well, let's find out. Bob Wolz, are you out there? Thank you. Jim Houston, are you out there?

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

I'm here.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Jim, you tried to do something yesterday and we didn't have Bob so we're going to do it now. Come on up. Do you want to use the podium or from right there?

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Thank you, Commander. No I can work from here.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

What I like is a redo of our attempted presentation yesterday from behalf of the Charitable Foundation to recognize Robert J. Wolz as a recipient of the Lincoln Fellow Award. And we're having all the directors of the charitable foundation come up here so we can make a presentation to Bob Wolz.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Robert J. Wolz, Department of Ohio**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brothers...

**Robert J. Wolz, Department of Ohio**

...Brother Commander-in-Chief, may I speak for a moment?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Why you most certainly may, sir. Please go ahead.

**Robert J. Wolz, Department of Ohio**

You know I seem to always come with advice. Couple years ago I said to my fellow Brothers, some of this stuff that you got laying around the house, you need to give it to the National Organization. And why I said that is because we all know your wife's going to get it. You're kids are going to get it and their going to go, "What the heck's this?" and then they're gonna pitch it. Well, I come with a different idea today. I've had fifty-six years in membership. And I've served almost every office that we have. So, I have an idea for you. And that's how I received this award. There is an organization for not-for-profit called Network for Good. Guess what? You all can become philanthropists. I know you don't think so. And if I walk up to you and say, "Brother, will you give me \$500.00?" You'd probably laugh and say, "Bob, I'd love to give you \$500.00. I don't have \$500.00." But guess what? To Network for Good, you put in...they have 900,000 not-for-profit's. So you can't tell me that the Sons aren't there because we are. So you put their name in. You put your name in. You put your credit card in. You check the little box. Every month I'll give ten bucks. It's not a big deal. You spend more than that on coffee. That ten bucks is \$120.00 to the organization. You can afford a little more? How about twenty bucks a month? And suddenly our endowment grows and grows and grows. We have the impact and the money to carry out what the Grand Army has asked us to do. I know you're paying your dues. I'm number sixty-one Life Member. But every month, I don't even miss it. Little donation goes off to the Sons. So I encourage you all to do the same thing. In the name of the Grand Army. In the name of your relative. You know, give ten bucks. Give twenty bucks. If you can afford it, give fifty bucks. Because it will make a world of difference for our Organization. Thank you, Brothers.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Now we're gonna start moving back in to some of the business. We were on Encampment Committee reports. Yesterday we heard from C&R and Resolutions. We are now up to the report of the Committee on Officer Reports, Brother Leo Kennedy.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Good morning, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Good morning, sir. You can adjust it.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

I'm gonna have to.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

(laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

All right. We have the Officer's reports. The first one is the Commander-in-Chief's report. He made three recommendations. The first is the creation of a Special Committee on Monument Protection. The purpose of such a committee would be to develop a standalone policy about monument removal and to explore ways to strengthen existing monument protection laws and to advocate for the enactment of such laws. It should also explore the possibility of publicizing the inappropriate removal of monuments and material and memorials and should publicize the vandalism of those memorials to make the public aware of unfair and destructive situations that may arise. Part of the mission of such a committee should be to assist with suggestions about the best way to help repair the effects of monument vandalization when it occurs and repair such destruction and cannot be done by the National Organization. The Order can and should stand ready to give the Departments good advice if they are confronted with this problem. We concur and recommend passing to the incoming C&C for establishing.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any objections?

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

I would make a motion that we pass ad seriatim for all of these so they can be approved by the knock of the gavel.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded that this proposal and any future proposals be allowed to be approved at the sound of the gavel if there are no objections. Is there any debate on that question? Seeing no debate, we'll proceed to vote on that question. All of those in favor, please signify by raising your voting card. Thank you, Brothers. All opposed, please raise your voting cards. They aye's have it.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We can proceed ad seriatim. And as to that proposal, are there any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Second, the enhanced use of the Promotion and Marketing Committee to get the word out about the nature of our Order and the good that we do. The Committee should be encouraged to do more to share our mission with the public and it should develop a list of recommendations about how we can best go about this. In recent months, the Committee has become more active along these lines. It should continue that activity and report back to the next Encampment on the best way to put a good face on our activities in the general public. We concur.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Third, the creation of a Special Committee on Aid to Veterans. Such a committee would explore the possibilities of this Order helping the veterans who truly need help during their living years. We already do a great job with the monument preservation efforts and honoring the fallen Civil War. Part of what our charter calls us to do is honor the veterans of all wars. What better way than explore the needs and possible assistance that can be provided to these people. This committee would be expected to report back to the next Encampment about the desirability of pursuing this activity and how it may best be done. In this instance, it is my belief that we need to be following the example of those our Departments have already performed such work. We concur and recommend a two-year span of implementation on this committee.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any objections?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

I have a question...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Sir...

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

...not so much an objection. Your two-year stance, are you making this a special committee? I'm sorry. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Parliamentarian. Are you saying that this is going to be a special committee? And if it is, you have to have an end date, an actual date, not just a year. Is that what you're telling me with the two-year thing?

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Our recommendation was a two year. At the end of the National Encampment in two years to report back on their information and could be extended at that point, but it will be up to 2021.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

...Okay. I just wanted to clarify what that two-year thing was. That's all.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Yes, correct.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother, for the clarification. Are there any objections to the Committee's proposal?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

We are now going to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's report, which is found on page seven. Recommendations. The Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration consider updating the National Aid Award to establish a recruiting badge similar to those in the Grand Army or at least a device to be worn permanently on the badge of a membership ribbon, such as a ¼-inch bronze shield with a raised letter *R* for such...as depicted below. The award criteria would remain the same as it is currently. And we recommended to send to Program and Policy for review and implementation.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any objections to his recommendation?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Objection.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jim.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I have an objection. To accomplish this would require an amendment to the Regulations. The procedures were not followed to bring that to C&R to allow that to be considered. And so I ask the Commander-in-Chief to rule that this is not appropriate at this time.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I think they're right. Okay, we're going rule is out of order at this time, on advice of counsel.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Next, also from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The consideration towards the development of a policy with respect to actions to be taken should an objection be raised to the installation of a duly elected officer. This situation has arisen only once in the past, the immediate past, but a policy should be reviewed. And we recommend sending to Program and Policy.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any objection to proceeding in that fashion?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Next, we're going to page ten. Page ten is the Assistant National Quartermaster. And the recommendation is I do request that the Form 7 be immediately modified to show the contact information of the new Assistant National Quartermaster. The sooner this is done the less confusion for

the local SVR Camps, SUVCW Camps and Departments, as well as the schools who retrieve this from our website. And we concurred with the updating of the form and see it as the regular move of progress as a replacement so...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any objection to proceeding in that fashion?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

We next go to page ten. No, that was page ten. I apologize. Page seventeen. Two recommendations from the Executive Director. Recommendation one. Require all Departments and all Camps to have an appointed Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The purpose would be to have an assistant ready in place with bank account and records access to provide backup to all administrative and financial functions of the Department and Camps in the event that the elected officer or officers were unable to perform their duties due to an illness, disability, death, divorce, relocation, natural disaster, resignation, or for any other reason. Having an appointed Assistant Secretary/Treasurer will be part of the professional continuing plan for the development of Departments and Camps and could minimize future business interruptions between the Camps, Departments, and National Headquarters and avoid the potential suspension due to the lack of filing reports and remittances in a timely manner. We concur and recommend sending to C&R Standing Committee.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Clarification.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, acting as National Counselor. So, for clarification purposes, you're not proposing adoption but referral to committee.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

C&R.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

That is correct.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Having clarified that, is there any objection?

[one rap, \*]



**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Recommendation two. It appears under Regulations, Chapter 2, Departments, Article 1, Formation, Section 3 that when footnote twenty-six may have been established, that Section 3(a) and (b) were dissolved. Therefore, the language in Section 11 and 12 below require correction as they reference data no longer in Section 3(a) and (b). And we recommendation, we recommend going to the C&R Committee, Standing Committee for changes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there any objection?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Okay. We are next going to page thirty-four. This is... National Patriotic Instructor. Four recommendations. First one. Based on my experience as the National Patriotic Instructor, I believe that we have a more effective organization of duties with the creation of a National Training Officer. His duties would encompass Memorial University and other training, educational activities of our Order. And as a former training officer with a master's degree in military history, I would be willing to work on the creation of such a position, could even commit to holding it for a limited period. We believe that some of these...the Committee believes that some of these activities were corrected at the COA meeting and addressed thusly, so we do not believe that number one requires action at this time.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there anyone who disagrees with that and objects to the Committee's position that there be no action on that issue at this time?

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Done.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Number two. The functions of the National Patriotic Instructor can be more effectively performed with the appointment of several aides or assistants, each with specific duties to support the overall responsibilities of the National Patriotic Instructor position. I will provide Brother Frail with the details of my concept and the names of several Brothers who, like Brother Kelly, have volunteered to help the National Patriotic Instructor. There are some five current functional areas which could be easily identified and described for a National Assistant Patriotic Instructor or with the National Patriotic Instructor acting as supervisor and coordinating of their activities. One of these would be providing, sorry, NPI's with perhaps with selecting from Department submissions. The number of Assistant National Patriotic Instructors would be reduced if a National Training Office position is created, but such an NTO would also benefit the team of National Assistants or NTO's. We do not agree that this needs to be addressed as any officer can ask for assistance at any point in time, aides or assistants at any point in time.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there anyone disagrees with Committee's position?

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Done.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Number three. The Medal of Honor was the only National award available in the Civil War period to recognize the patriotism and bravery of individuals who performed above and beyond the call of duty. I propose that the SUVCW make a strong official statement of support for the resuming awarding of the Medal of Honor for gallantry during the War of the Rebellion. In 2018, I submitted a recommendation for that medal in conjunction with the efforts of the Milton Vermont Historical Society who are performing the farmhouse of General Stannard. And he goes on basically requesting that this application be applied to this General Stannard. And we request that the incoming Commander-in-Chief, our recommendation is the incoming Commander-in-Chief pen a letter and forward it for support of the restoring of this award.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Senior Vice Commander, there is a rumor that you may be running for this office. If you are elected, would you be willing to do that?

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I certainly will.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Then it's handled that way. Thank you.

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

Wait a minute. You didn't ask for objection.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Oh. Any objection to doing it that way, gentlemen?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, there we go.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Sound the gavel. You've got to sound the gavel. Make it official.

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

Okay, the Medal of Honor is not issued for gallantry. There is a criteria listed. The federal government has criteria for the Medal of Honor. Gallantry is not one of them. Also, it has to be whatever happened that this thing is given for has to be corroborated and substantiated so that there's no way it can be revoked or anything like that. But the thing is that the Civil War Medals of Honor are done. They're gone. The government says they're not going to issue anymore. It's over. Fin'e.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

And that is why this recommendation came out that we support the returning of that Medal of Honor to Civil War participants.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Since we're doing it this way and we've had an objection, we're obviously going to vote on this.

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

The objection was a motion to disagree.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Is there any other commentary on this particular issue? All right. We have a motion to disagree. All of those...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

National Counselor, James Pahl. I heard a motion. I did not hear a second.

**Unknown**

I will second it.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now you heard a second. Okay. Moved and seconded that the Committee's recommendation not be agreed to. That would be if you don't want that letter penned, then you vote yes for this. If you want that letter penned, then you vote no.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All of those who want to vote yes, raise your cards. Thank you, Brothers. All of those voting no, raise your cards. In the Chair's opinion, the no's prevail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

You want to order him to write the letter, then?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I don't have to order him to do anything. He can run the show here in about ten minutes.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor. You had an objection. The motion failed. We still have therefore to take action on this recommendation. I therefore move you the matter be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for action as he deems appropriate.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Moved and seconded the matter be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for such action as he deems appropriate. Discussion? All in favor, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. All opposed, same sign. Thank you. They aye's have it.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

Number four. I feel strongly the SUVCW has a clear patriotic responsibility to address the current situation in our republic where the divisions along political lines threaten the Union as much as in 1860. Our charter requires us to support and defend the institutions for which our forefathers fought and so many died. This is not a partisan issue, but a patriotic one and we are all remiss if we fail to address it. Our counterpart organization, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, does not retreat from expressing its views as we heard from its commander at our last Encampment. While the Russians did not create the lingering fault lines between North and South or Union and Confederacy, it was the local...it was the focal point for their greatest effort in 2016 to inflame and exploit divisions within our nation through social media. We must recognize this reality and take a strong stance calling for a civil way and not a civil war. The Committee believes this is out of order.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And I agree that this is out of order.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Done.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Officer Reports Committee**

And that, Commander-in-Chief, is the end of my report.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Okay. Brother Brian, did I put you in charge of Rituals and Ceremonies?

**Brian C. Pierson, Rituals and Ceremonies Committee**

Yes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Would you like to give us a report?

**Brian C. Pierson, Rituals and Ceremonies Committee**

Sir, Brian Pierson, Junior Vice-Commander, Rituals and Ceremonials. No issues regarding Rituals and Ceremonials came up. The Committee carefully considered the lack of inputs and submits a report that we took no action on the lack of inputs.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Brian. Okay. Brother Hall, do you have a Credentials Committee report?

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

Commander-in-Chief, Joe Hall, Chairman of the National Credentials Committee. How would you like this done? Do you want the whole breakdown or...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We're not quite to the voting yet. Just before the vote, I'm going to ask for a full breakdown.

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

All right. So, we have 203 present. What more would you like?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I take it they can all vote?

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

No.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

How many can vote?

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

Most of them.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

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

I can do this all day long, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I know we can do this all day long. Thank you, Brother Joe. I'll call you up later.

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

Thank you, Commander.

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

That was good. That was good.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now the order of business from the ritual calls on me at this point to ask for a report from the Council of Administration since that does not go to any of our convention committees or our Encampment Committees. Brother Jonathan, can you give us a brief rundown of what the Council of Administration has been up to this year since you've been Secretary for it?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

This is Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. The Council of Administration has met four times since the last Encampment, which included the past or post Encampment CofA meeting. One in Gettysburg. One in Springfield. And of course Thursday evening. We had thirteen online electronic votes. And minutes have been prepared and printed in *The Banner*.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Jonathan. Brothers, the next item that I am going to go to is awards. However, before we do awards, we have to do some set up. And we've been going kind of close to an hour. So anybody who needs to get rid of morning coffee, we're going to give you the chance.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And because we have to do some set up. It's about 10:00 o'clock right now. Could we please come back at twenty minutes after ten?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Before we break, I have some announcements.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

First of all, any you remember the Ladies were in here yesterday for the Wags 4 Warriors. They asked us to pass a bag for donations. And if Brother Tad Campbell will take it following the passing, we'd appreciate that. I'll ask the Guide just to start around the room. In the lost and found category, again, I still have the button. Someone yesterday lost, and I assume it was a new purchase since the buttons are still on the back, a life member bar. So, if you did purchase one and you do not have it now, I have it. The Department of Indiana request to have pictures in front of the flags, if that doesn't cause issues with the set up for the awards ceremony for the awards. MOLLUS also is planning on taking pictures in front of the flags following the Department of Indiana. Department of Michigan has requested have all Brothers of the Department of Michigan for pictures in front of the flags. They'll be third in line. Rhode Island, Department of Rhode Island has requested meet in front of the flags station for a photo at the lunch break. At the beginning of their break, he doesn't say, we'll see most of you for lunch. The Department of Illinois wished to have a photo op in front of the flags. Also at lunch, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Military District requests to have a photo op in front of the flags of the SVR. And the Ohio delegation, Department of Ohio wish to have a photo op in front of the flags at lunch. And that's all the announcements.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you, Brother Jonathan. Brothers, I lied to you. I'm not going to let you go quite yet. But I will push that bathroom break back a little bit. I do have one other presentation that I'd like to make. Yesterday, we had three, either Camps or Departments come up, and buy the streamer and the certificate in support of the Stevenson Memorial in Illinois. Today, we've had one more. If I could have Camp Commander Dave Daley from Wisconsin, come up please. Brother Dave, you've got friends in Wisconsin who want to make sure that your Camp is well represented in this effort. On their behalf for your Camp, Certificate of Appreciation and for your Camp Flag, sir, a streamer. And we thank the Department of Wisconsin for that donation.

**David D. Dailey, Department of Wisconsin**

Thank you, Commander.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Two final announcements before I let you go. We'll come back at 10:30 since I kept you a little over. First of all, Terry Dyer, when we go on break, come on up. I've got something for you. And would the Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake see me up here immediately after the break or upon the break? Okay. So, we will take that break until 10:30, Brothers.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(BREAK)

[one rap, \*]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, before I start giving out my awards, we have a couple other words that we need to take care of. During the break the Stevenson Monument got a little or Stevenson Plaza Project got a little closer to completion. Would a representative from the Department of the Southwest please come up? The Brothers of the Department of the Southwest came up and decided you know what, that Stevenson Plaza Project, that sounds like a pretty good deal. And on behalf of the Department, they have purchased the Certificate of Appreciation and flag streamer showing their willingness to see this project all the way through to completion. And for that, sir, we thank you.

**Department of the Southwest**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Would a representative of the Department of Indiana come up? Come on Tim. Where are you?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Tim, you've got some good people in your Department. They want to see that Plaza Project through. And on behalf of your Department, they purchased the flag streamer and the Certificate. And Indiana is now on board, making sure that that project is gonna go to completion.

**Timothy J. Beckman, Department of Indiana**

Very good.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And we thank you, sir.

**Timothy J. Beckman, Department of Indiana**

Thank you. That's awesome.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We are going to move on to awards at this point. We gave out a couple of them yesterday so we're going to try to get the balance of them here in just the next little bit. Now, a thing about the awards. I've got streamers and I've got certificates. But some of our awards actually have little pieces of statuary, trophy type things that haven't made it in from the company yet.

**Encampment**

(laughter).



**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

So, I'm going to owe a lot of people awards. This also gives me a good excuse to travel back to your Departments because I like traveling to your Departments. Or I can send them to you. But we are nevertheless if you have won an award, we're going to ask you up here to deserve the rightful recognition to which you are entitled from your fellows. We are going to start with the Joseph S. Rippey Award. The award is presented to a new Camp which was chartered within the last calendar year and has been determined to be active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War graves registration, and memorials assessment. Now, I had four Camps to choose from. It was a pretty hard choice 'cause a couple of 'em are really, really close. But the one that's winning, the award is from Colorado and Wyoming. And we have the Commander of Thomas D. Osborne Camp #43 here. I thought so. I checked. They said you were going to be here. Come on up. I've got something for you.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Joseph R. Bouley, Department of Colorado/Wyoming**

I will be representing.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You're representing? Well, Joe, your Camp has done a wonderful job for brand-new Camp and we are happy to present you with the award for the best new Camp in the Order.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The next award that we are going to present is the Under 40 Award. This award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members under age forty during the period of the first of April through the thirty-first of March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based on information that is provided within those pesky annual reports that you all have to fill out...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...and is reported to me by the National Executive Director. This year, the winner of the Under 40 Award is the Department of Kentucky. Got anybody here from Kentucky to take an award?

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Come on up.

**Department of Kentucky**

Thank you so much. This is so very unexpected.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations.

**Department of Kentucky**

Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

**Encampment**

...(applause)...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The Marshall Hope Award, for the best newsletter, is presented both to Camps and Departments. The award we're going to do now is for the Department. And this award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department that he judges to be the most outstanding in the Order during his term of office, as far as a Department newsletter goes. Recommendations, and there were recommendations on this, were addressed to me. And I believe that the best newsletter in the Order will go to the Department of Nebraska. Does Nebraska have a representative here?

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Apparently, Nebraska is so busy writing newsletters that...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Don't worry, Brothers. We'll see that this award makes it to them. Now as I said, the Marshall Hope Award is not only for Departments but also for Camps. So, the award is also presented by the Commander-in-Chief to the Camp that he judges has the most outstanding Camp newsletter. And again, nominations were made for this and I chose from those nominations. This year's winner of the Marshall Hope Award for the best Camp newsletter is the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47. Come on up, Sumner.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations, you guys do a good job.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Thank you very much.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. The next award that we're going to present is the Horace Greeley Award. This award is

presented annually by the Commander-in-Chief to the Department or Camp judged to have the most outstanding website. That is done both on the Department and the Camp level and is the one that is judged to be the most outstanding. The criteria for this award has to do with promoting the SUVCW mission, in providing information on activities, providing information on membership, providing stories about members and ancestors, listing of Camp and Department Officers. Recommendations were made for the award at both the Camp and Department level. At the Department level, and this is going to be a little embarrassing again, the Department of Nebraska.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I know there's nobody here from Nebraska. We'll send it to them. Apparently they're not only busy working on the newsletter, they're also busy updating their website.

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

But I know that we have somebody here from the Department in which the Camp is located which is winning the Horace Greeley Award. The Horace Greeley Award for the best website of a Camp this year is to the Colonel James T. Brady Camp #63, Department of Chesapeake.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The U.S. Grant Cup is an award which we don't have right now but it also has a streamer. And we are going to call the recipient up for the rightful recognition that they deserve. The award is presented to the Department with the greatest percentage increase in membership during the period of the first of April through the thirty-first of March. The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief based on information provided within the annual reports that have been received by the Executive Director. Brother Demmy was kind enough to compile all that; got the results to me. And I am now pleased to ask a representative of Colorado and Wyoming to come up.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Streamer for your flag.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Okay. I've got two up here I can give right now but before I do that, I think I'm going to ask Brother Tucker if he's ready to present... Because this is prior to the next award I'm going to give. Brother, do you want to come up and let us know what you're going to show us and then go ahead and do it?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

In Saugus, Massachusetts, there's a cemetery called Riverside. I was doing some p-r work and I was calling one of the local newspapers and found out about this. Gordy Shepard is the fellow's name. He's been raising his own money, tens of thousands of dollars, to restore the cemetery there, including the GAR plot. We have a twenty-minute movie. We're not going to show the whole thing. We'll just show the GAR plot, which you will be amazed at that. But Gordy, you know, is a Vietnam Veteran and you'll hear a little bit about his story. He was drafted along with his best friend. They both went to Vietnam. His best friend was killed at the Tet Offensive. After the war, Gordy would go to the cemetery and visit his friend's grave and start slowly sinking into the ground. And at first, he tried to sneak...sneakily straighten it out so nobody... He'd go early in the morning and just try to, you know, get it straightened out. And finally, he got caught and they said, "You can just straighten it out. Well, why don't you straighten them all out?" And so he got ahold of all the graves that were sinking. And you're going to see some amazing work. You won't see it all. I'll put it up online somewhere and I'll get it out to you, if you want to see it. But, he eventually, you know, this cost tens of thousands of dollars. Everything from re-curbings, sodding, straightening, all those kind of things. He got a hold of the New England Patriots, Tom Brady, Rob Gronkowski, signed some things for him. He raffled them off, \$10.00 apiece. He raised \$10,000.00 that way. He even was in Florida when the Patriots got into the Super Bowl which made everybody want the stuff more. He flew back because he knew he could sell more of those tickets and...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

...just so he could fund this thing. So, let's just show you a little bit, a little sample of what he's done. And thank you.

(video presentation)

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Kevin. I've seen that video already, so I know what's in it. I have also had the opportunity to see the actual work itself. When I was out about a month or so ago for the New England Regional Association Conference, Kevin took me up there to show me what had been done. And as good as that video looks, it looks better in person. This is work that was done for all Veterans' graves, but certainly for Civil War Veterans' graves in the section that you saw by a person who is not even a member of our Order. The SUVCW has an award called the Founders Award. The Founders Award is

presented maximum of once per calendar year to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War soldiers. It consists of a walnut plaque with the name of the recipient and the year of presentation engraved in wood. A permanent plaque with the name of the recipient is maintained at National Headquarters of the SUVCW. No member of the SUVCW or any organization which is a part of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for the award. Now, a Commander-in-Chief would make the award on behalf of the Council of Administration because the Council of Administration has to vote this one. And the Council of Administration, after hearing about the work that this man did, voted Founders Award to Gordon Shepard of Massachusetts.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And Gordon, your plaque is coming. (chuckling) In the meantime, Brothers in Massachusetts, you should be rightfully proud. You've got some good people there. Next, we have the Elmer Bud Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. This is formally what we used to refer to as the Lifetime Achievement Award and is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to recognize Brothers of the Order who have a minimum of thirty years with the Order and provided significant continuous support over the entire time frame as either a full member or as an associate. Commander-in-Chief has sole discretion for the award. He's not obligated to make one. And although we have no limit on the number of awards we can make during a term, this year, as in most years, there's only going to be one. This year's recipient is a longtime fixture at these Encampments. He's been a big part of the Foundation for a long time. And I'll bet you Bob Petrovic is back at that table. So, come on up, Bob. I've got something for you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I appreciate all you've done over the last thirty-four years. Thank you.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

You're welcome.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's award is an award that is presented by the Commander-in-Chief at his discretion to the SUVCW Camp which he judges to be the most outstanding Camp within the Order during his term of office. Any recommendations for the award have to be made no later than sixty days prior to the National Encampment and the Commander-in-Chief is the sole determining individual for making such an award and is not under an obligation to make one. This year we are making such an award. Some of you already know about this. A few years back, one of our Camps was confronted with a situation. There's a small cemetery in the areas around Milwaukee. I believe the town involved is Muskego. The Camp there noted that the cemetery was not being taken care

of and it contained the graves of Veterans of American Wars and Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Camp approached the city; offered to do something about it. Asked the city, first of all, to do something about it. The city, saying that they were taking the cemetery back to nature, just let it overgrow. The Camp offered to mow it. The city refused. The Camp began bringing the situation to the public's attention. I understand there were newspaper articles, even radio interviews. So they increased the amount of exposure for our Organization and they brought some pressure on the city to do the right thing by deceased Veterans. Eventually, it came down to a lawsuit. The Camp came to the National Organization, and said, "Do we have your permission to sue?" And of course, the National Organizations said, "Under these circumstances, yes you do. But you got to do a hold harmless agreement. If something happens, it's on you. It's not on us." The Camp got donated legal services. Those legal services brought suit against the city. And all of you lawyers out there are going to understand this. It's something from old English law. It's a concept that the king can do no wrong when he is discharging the duties for which he is king. Well, the judge determines the city could do no wrong in this situation and they dismissed the suit. But in dismissing the suit, the judge ordered that the Camp pay for the costs that the city had incurred. And the city came up with a devil of a good bill. The Camp didn't cry. They didn't whine. They just sucked it up and they did what they had to do. They operated a Go Fund Me page right now. And it sounds like...I've talked to our guys from Wisconsin. Sounds like they're in pretty good shape. But these are guys who saw a problem; tried to correct it. When they couldn't correct it by being nice about it, they went to court; try to correct that way. When things didn't go their way, they didn't whine. They didn't cry. They just did what they had to do. These are the kind of Brothers that your proud to call Brothers. The Camp involved is the Hans Heg Camp 15, Department of Wisconsin. Do we have a representative from the Camp here? Come on up.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We got Brothers from that Camp. Come up. This is your day. You guys earned it.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brian, thank you.

**Brian D. McManus**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

That's your Camp of the year. Okay. One more formal award I'm gonna give out. A couple of them that I would have liked to have given out, but I really can't because of information that we needed that we couldn't get or no nominations. But this is an award for which we normally have a figurine that we give out. So, what's going to happen is this Brother's just going to come up. I'm going to shake his hand. But after you hear the story, you'll understand why he's getting the award. The Cornelius Whitehouse Award is awarded by the Commander-in-Chief at his discretion to the Brother who he judges to be the most outstanding member within the Order during his term. Any recommendations for the award will be made to the Commander no later than sixty days prior to the Encampment. However, the Commander-in-Chief will make the sole final determination for presenting the award, and again is

under no obligation to make such an award. You all are familiar with the unfortunate events that we have had with regard to our Treasurer, Brother McReynolds. When Brother McReynolds was so sick, one of our Assistant National Treasurers, Brother Downs, stepped in to help. And Brother Downs is not by training a numbers guy. He's smart, but he is more literature than he is math.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

So this is something that really is a challenge. I know it'd be a challenge for me because I'm not number smart either. So this is a challenge for him, but he understands that we're in a jam and he gets in there and he pitches. And I'm getting reports of how he's transferring things the way he needs to transfer them, but it sounds at some point like he's doing hand-to-hand combat with some of the banks. That he and Danny Wheeler are trying to figure out PayPal, which is something David could do in a snap. But Mike and Danny are trying to get squared away. But he doesn't quit. He doesn't give up 'cause he knows we need it. He was out of his element, but this went on for some time before we could get the necessary replacement in place to take care of the treasury. Without him we would have had a disaster.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Amen.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Mike Downs, I know you were here yesterday. Come on, Mike.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Come on up, Mike. They want to get your picture. I want to shake your hand. I owe you a statuette. And you are the Brother of the year.

**Michael Downs, Assistant National Treasurer #3**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(cheers, applause, and chatter).

**Michael Downs, Assistant National Treasurer #3**

Can I say something?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You sure can. You go right ahead.

**Michael Downs, Assistant National Treasurer #3**

David and I, I call it a friendly rivalryship. But David taught me so much. Just how to smile and work with people. And that's what I always hold dear about David McReynolds. It was a joy in helping him out as much as I possibly could in my own limited way. So, this is really, sorry, caps off the whole ordeal that him and his family and our group has gone through for the last three months. I thank you

very much for this recognition. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. The SUVCW is one organization with a hundred moving parts. Each of those parts is taken care of by an individual. I take care of one part. The Senior Vice Commander takes care of one. The Junior Vice Commander takes care of one. Everyone on our Council takes care of one. The chairmen over various committees take care of their parts. Everyone does his job. So when you say thank you, you don't just say thank you to the group of us. You say thank you to each individually. There are some people that have made the administration run this year and it's time to say thank you to them. Before I do it, I've missed something. Keith Harrison is glaring at me. Bob Petrovic, you want to come on back up here for minute? And yes, Keith, I'll do it right.

**Keith G. Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Okay.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

One of the prides of Michigan these days is the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum. It's a project put together by Past Commander-in-Chief Harrison and it re-creates one of the Grand Army Halls that we had in Michigan. The upstairs part of it is an actual meeting room. And I'll tell you what. I've had my Camp meet there before and it's something to hold a meeting in the same place where the GAR held theirs. The downstairs is a very fine museum. They do programs throughout the summer. They increase our visibility. And they service the public. Bob, you are a member not only of Missouri but also Michigan. And I believe that you are familiar with that Hall. Are you not? They started selling ties. They want to give you one. Sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And if you are...any of you are ever in the Lansing area, make sure you stop and see that museum. It is well worth it. As I said, we have a number of people that we have to say thank you to, who have made things work for us this year. And I'm going to ask some people to come forward to receive Certificates of Recognition. And, I also have a limited edition challenge coin, one of each for everybody who helped out this year. So I'm going to start out with my Chief of Staff because he's going to help me do this.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Terry, come on up. I got something for you.



[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Terry, in recognition of what you've done for us as Chief of Staff and what you're going to do at the banquet tonight...

**Terry McKinch, Chief of Staff**

...You hope...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...please accept my gratitude and this certificate. And here's something else, a challenge coin.

**Terry McKinch, Chief of Staff**

Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause)...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm gonna give out certificates. And this is mostly your staff that's going through this. I'm going give out certificates. Could you get the challenge coins ready for me?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And this next one, I'm going to take with me. I won't make you get off the podium quite yet. And I won't make him get up because he's got a job to do. Brother Ed Krieser, thank you for providing the service... I'll come down to you. I know you're busy. Thank you for providing your services as the Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings during this year. And I know you've been cranking them out the other years.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Harry Reineke. I'll just pick them up as we need them. Brother Harry, you're one of those guys that makes one of those moving parts happen. This is our National Webmaster. So if there's a problem with the web, talk to this guy.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

But he's been doing a good job this year so... Harry, in gratitude for your service. Thank you very much. And for you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now in this next one, I'll go to him too. Brother Don...

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

I'm in trouble now.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah. Well, you were in trouble before. Now we're both almost out of trouble. Thank you very much for your service as Parliamentarian. Brother Don's services as Parliamentarian do not extend just to this meeting. He helps us out all through the year. And he's one of those guys that I call on if I've got a tough question to ask.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Ed Dowd is our Color Bearer. And he assists not only at this Encampment, he has assisted throughout the year. He's kept my Commander's Colors safe. We only live about forty miles apart, so when I need 'em, we have this meeting place right in the middle and pick them up. He's the one who made sure they were there for me when I had to go out to Washington to participate in the wreath ceremony for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier because the Commander's flag goes out there with the Commander. He's one of the guys that makes it happen. And he's very dedicated to the protection of the Colors. This is one of those guys that if he sees tattered Colors flying from a business, he goes in and he talks to the business owner and says, "Replace it." Nine times out of ten he gets his way. Brother Ed, good job.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jerry Kowalski. Jerry, I'm going to come down to you. What can you say about this guy? We all know him. We all know what he does. He has been a blessing to our Order for oh so many years. Please accept it for what it represents. Gratitude.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Brother Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl. I got a bunch of titles. I understand that Brother Jerry is retiring from the position of National Chaplain at the end of this Encampment. I therefore move you that we bestow upon him the title of National Chaplain Emeritus.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded that Brother Kowalski be given the title of National Chaplain Emeritus. Is there any discussion? I didn't think so. All those in favor, please signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All those opposed, raise your voting cards. That appears to be unanimous.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations, Brother Jerry.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The next Brother has been taking care of our National Eagle Scout Certificate Program as its coordinator this year and he's done it before. Brother Jim Lyon, come up please.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**James L. Lyon, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator**

Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jim, thank you.

**James L. Lyon, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator**

It's been an honor.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

It's been an honor to work with you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I wanted to get this next one special because he just mentioned how many hats he wears. He wins the award. I had to sign more certificates for him than anybody else.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pahl. Okay, you ready?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Yep, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

In gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Treasurer #1, as Assistant National Secretary Camp-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...Thank you...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...as Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...Thank you...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...as Assistant National Counselor for the Blue Book...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...Thank you...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...as National Counselor...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...Thank you...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...and as Banner Editor.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You only get one coin.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Oh, thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

For this entire year, next Brother has gently reminded me of things when I forget. And he has saved me on more than one occasion. Brother Jonathan Davis, National Secretary.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

This Brother has two awards and he's about to give me one of the best awards that I've had in a while.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Norris, you want to come up here? Brother Norris is not only our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, but he is the head of the Committee on Programs and Policies, which means he gets lots of work. And it's going to get worse here in a minute.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And proving that Ed is not the only other crazy man in the room, Brother Pierson, would you come up, please?

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pierson has served as the chair of our Committee on Vision and Planning, the chair of our Committee on Membership, and of course he has served in the role of the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, meaning that he's going to wait an entire year to get what Ed is about to get.

**Brian C. Pierson, National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I can wait another year.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Good job, sir.

**Brian C. Pierson, National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Joe Hall, would you come up here, please?

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Joe is the chair of our Committee on Encampment Credentials not only this year, for more years than I can remember. And he does a great job at it. He keeps everything squared away and he makes sure that all of our numbers are right. Something I couldn't do. Sir, thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Steve Michaels. The SUVCW has a Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign and Steve has been doing a stellar job with that Committee. He's been making sure that that is going to be something that we're not going to have to worry about going forward. And he's also one of those guys that I call on from time to time for advice because he knows what's going on in this Organization and he is more than happy to share his expertise. And for that, sir, and for your activities with Memorial University, I thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we got Jim Ward out there.

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

Commander.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir. Jim is the chair of our Special Committee on Hereditary Issues and he takes his job quite seriously. We see him up at Council of Administration quite often bringing up problems that we might have and ways we might fix them. He takes that job seriously. And for that, sir, I thank you. You've helped us move forward on it.

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

Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Don Martin, would you come up, please? Don Martin is the chair of our Committee on Scholarships. And he reported out a couple of good ones here not too long ago. I want to commend him not only for that work, but he's one of those guys also that I ask for advice from time to time. He's one of those guys that'll give you a pat on the back when it looks like things are going south and he'll encourage you. You know, say, "It looks like you're doing okay. Stay with it." So for the work that you've done on the Scholarship Committee, sir, and for all of that encouragement that you gave during the year, I thank you.

**Donald L. Martin, National Committee on Scholarships**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now here's somebody I saw at breakfast so I know we've got him. Henry Shaw, Jr. Cousin Henry, come on up.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Henry is the chair of our Military Affairs Committee. This morning at breakfast I noted, and a lot of you were there and heard me, that a lot of times the SVR puts a very good public face on our Organization. That happens because we've got a Military Affairs Committee that supports that and makes it happen. And this man's the chair. Thank you for the service you provide.

**Encampment**

...(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Bob Petrovic, I got to have you up here again. Brother Bob is the chair of our Committee on the

Lincoln Tomb Observance. And he's the guy that makes the hotel reservations happen. Puts the services together. And he's done it for a lot of years. Having that kind of expertise in the job that you hold is valuable, sir. And I want to thank you for everything you've done for us along those lines.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Right now our Order enjoys pretty good fraternal relations and that's because we've got an ace chair of the Committee on Fraternal Relations. Kevin, come on up. Brother Kevin Martin, chair of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, he's the one who keeps us in good graces with the ladies' groups.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Good luck, sir. Brother Bob Grimm. Brother Bob is one of those people who needs no introduction. He doesn't need an introduction because you saw him up here for an hour talking about Constitution and Regulations yesterday.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

He is chair of that Committee, the Constitution and Regulations Committee. He's one of the people who understands the document inside and out and devotes a great deal of time to making sure that our rules are all up to date and everything is correct. And for that, sir, and for all of your activities over these years, we thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

George Shadman. Come on, George, I know you're out there. I saw you at breakfast this morning. George, you can come on up or do you want me to come down there? Brother George has been the Assistant National Quartermaster for a long time. And he served us again this year. This is going to be your last year in that post. Is that correct?

**George Shadman, Assistant National Quartermaster**

That's right.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Above and beyond that, he moves on to bigger and better things with the Order. But he's the guy who keeps our ROTC program humming. If there's something that needs to be taken care of in that program, he's the guy that makes it happen. Like I said, the SUVCW is a single organization with a hundred moving parts. This man moves a big, big part. Thank you, George.



**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, I know this Brother is here. Brother Michael Downs, would you come up here again, please? Now, we've already talked a little bit about Michael, but Michael is one of, I believe, four Assistant National Treasurers that we have. I don't know how you got so lucky to be the primary one.

**Michael Downs, Assistant National Treasurer #3**

I haven't figured that out either.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

But he has filled that post for us and before the crisis, he had filled it for us as well as it has ever been done. So, we're happy to have had you in that position. You're the right man at the right time and we all benefited by it. And we thank you, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Mike Beard. As I said, we have a number of Assistant Treasurers. Michael's one of them. Michael does a good job at what he does. He's very well trained in that profession. We're lucky to have him. Michael, thank you for your services here, sir. And good luck to you.

**D. Michael Beard, Assistant National Treasurer #2**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Lee Stone. Brother Lee. You know Brother Lee is our Washington DC representative. He's lived in Washington quite a while. How long have you been in the Washington area?

**Lee D. Stone, Washington DC Representative**

Something over forty years.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

So he knows Washington pretty well. I had to go out there around Memorial Day for the wreath presentation of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Lee got me through all the back channels to get in so we wouldn't have any problems except we got stopped at the gate and I think they made me open every door on my Jeep. The hood went up. The rear trunk went up. But he's got some pull. We got in.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

He has done this, not only for me but for prior Commanders, and I think we owe him a big thank

you for everything he's done in that regard. Lee, thank you for being our Washington DC rep.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Now I know we got Brother Dan Earl. Okay. Brother Dan, come on up. Brother Dan is our National Legislation Officer. And you might think, "Well what in the devil does a National Legislation Officer do?" He's the one who reviews legislation for us. Keeps us apprised of what's going on out there that might affect the work that we do as Sons. Makes recommendations. And sometimes those recommendations pay off pretty well. This year, the Department of Georgia and South Carolina made a special request regarding state legislation that was going through the Georgia legislature. It was a bill for monument protection, that is to make it harder to take monuments down. The bill was stuck in committee. It needed a number of votes to get out and the heritage organizations, such as ours, were asked to respond. The information came in. It went to Brother Dan. Brother Dan reviewed it. Did his job beautifully. Sent it back and said, "You know what? Every state in the Union ought to be adopting this." Well, I always try to double check things. So, I ran it by Brother Don Darby. Do you know what Don Darby said? "Every state in the Union ought to be adopting this."

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

So that being said, we went ahead and we issued a letter to the committee members in Georgia and South Carolina saying that we were behind that bill and please pass it. The bottleneck was the committee. Because what we did and what some other organizations did, it helped to get past that bottleneck. It was passed by the Senate. Passed by the House. It is now the law in Georgia. People like him help make that happen.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Perley Mellor. For several years now, our Order has had a relationship with the Cathedral of the Pines. That's in New Hampshire. Is it not?

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

Yes, it is.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

When I was recently in New Hampshire, it was pointed out to me that I wasn't too far away from the Cathedral of the Pines. And I know why they put it there. That part of New Hampshire kind of looks like heaven.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Perley has been our National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines for several years. Brother Perley, thank you for what you've done in this regard.

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

Thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Brian McManus, come on up. Brother Brian is our National Guide. When we need a little bit of extra service running around this Encampment, Brian's the one who provides it. When we had to take those votes yesterday, Brian brought in counters to make sure that the numbers were correct. He takes it seriously. And because he takes it seriously, we have things done correctly here. Brother Brian, thank you for the job you've done.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I got a number of these certificates up here. I know I'm not going to make it to lunch. So, I'm going to do two more and then we're going to go to lunch. Brother Dean Enderlin. Brother Dean is one of those fellows who serves a couple of roles. He is our National GAR Records Officer and he is the chairman of the Committee on GAR Post Records. Both jobs which he does fine. He is also my appointee to the Programs and Policy Committee last year as a member. He's the guy who knows the computer stuff that makes it all work. Ed and the other members there are pretty good wordsmiths. But Dean's the guy you go to if you need some expertise with the forms. Thank you, Brother Dean.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And the last one we'll do before lunch. You're listening closely, Adam. Come on up. I got to give you your certificate because you got to go back and open the doors. These guys want to go to lunch. Brother Adam is another of those Brothers that I see at the Encampments all the time. He's one of the guys that makes his work fun. And he's watching our doors for us today. So, sometime this afternoon after you get back from lunch, I'm going to lock you all in. Adam's going to be the one that's at the door making sure you don't get out.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tad.

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

Commander-in-Chief, may I address the encampment?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir, you may.

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

Tad Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief. I wanted to give you the results of the bag pass. It's unfortunate we didn't have a bigger bag, we could made more money.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

I think the Auxiliary will be very pleased. The Brothers have been as generous as they always are, maybe even more. Inside this bag, we have \$1,001.00.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tad, you keep that around because they're supposed to come and visit right around 1:30. When the time comes, I want you to tell them what we all got for them. Thank you. And now, gentlemen, I'm going to keep this promise. I'm going to let you go to lunch.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, I have two announcements real quick.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Ah, go ahead.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina will have a photo op in front of the flags at 1:15 so don't be late from lunch. And the Pennsylvania Department has a photo op the first afternoon break after lunch. And after we dismiss, could Kerry Langdon come up to the table here? Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Okay. Alright, let's try this again.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Until 1:30, gentlemen.

[one rap, \*]

**LUNCH BREAK**

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, first we're going to take any announcements that Brother Davis has taken in.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

The Department of Ohio Host Committee will be taking a photo at the next break. The Department of Pennsylvania will be taking group photo following lunch, if they haven't already done so. And the Host Committee has the following list of members who have, I believe they've already checked in but they have not picked up their blue bags. And they would like to get rid of these. John Bigwood, Robert Heath, Nicholas Kaup, Kevin Martin, Greg Powers, Michael Reither, and William Swafford, if I pronounced that properly, please Pick them up. We're going to sell them tonight. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Thank you, Brother Jonathan. Brother Teller, you're at the microphone.

**J. Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. There are two ladies from the Auxiliary wanting to enter.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, escort our visitors to the stage, please.

**J. Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Okay. Thank you. Brothers...

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sister President.

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

Commander.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Pleased to have you here.

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

Pleased to be in your presence.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

Look at all those Brothers. Handsome guys, too.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sister, would you like to have a few words with the gentlemen of the Encampment?

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

Oh-ho would I.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

This is why it's so tough for me because I usually follow her.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead.

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

You never ask a teacher for a few words. You get the whole lecture. You have no idea how lucky you are to have the leadership in your Commander, Donald Shaw. I've had the opportunity of traveling with him to many of the Department meetings. And I'm just amazed with his accomplishments and his stories.

**Unknown**

(laughter)

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

And I've learned a lot. And he has schooled me more in what our Brothers do. I think that as we talked, we had a mutual understanding that we come from the same fathers. We come from the same Civil War ancestry. And our missions are the same. And that's kind of like in a marriage. It takes two to get things done. Well, we've got these Allied Orders and there's like five, it gets a little crowded. But the Auxiliary does work very well with the Sons. I do realize that there are Daughters in some areas where there are not Auxiliaries. But in most parts, there are a lot of more Auxiliaries. If you need one started, contact us. We would be happy to get your wives involved. I can't thank you enough for all that you do with the monuments, with the fundraising, for everything because it's my heritage too. The women are more of your silent partners, occasionally have a voice. However, you are the ones that wear the uniform. You are the ones in the public eye. You are the ones that we look to for guidance. When it's not in our C&R, we go to yours. When it's not in yours, we go to the GAR. So, the men are very important to us ladies. This guy here is...I have found to been a wealth of knowledge, a wealth of support, and really a great traveling companion. And that you have been very supportive. Now I have a little something. The one thing I learned about your Commander, and you can dig in there now.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

He told me that as soon as we are done, that he needs a vacation. And I saw a lot of gifts last night to help him relax. And he likes to camp.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

So I hope you can use a Bass Pro card. You can call online with the catalog and everything and get something. And then I saw something on eBay that I thought needed to go home. It's the 1905 delegate medal for the Encampment for Michigan. And although it's not all together, you'll make it. And it needs to go home with you. It needs to go back home to Michigan soil. So, I thank you for everything. You have been a true Brother. I had no brothers. I only had three sisters.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

You're about the closest thing, besides Stephen, wherever you are.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

I didn't forget about you.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

So, I thank you for everything.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

I know I gave out Kisses the last two days. I didn't give out that many.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

So, if I didn't say hello, let me at least say goodbye to you and thank you for everything that you've done. If you were in the service, I thank you for that too. Going with that, I'm going to introduce you to my Patriotic Instructor, this is Sister Susan Fallon. She also is a cheesehead.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

She's a very dedicated woman. She is past Air Force. We thank her for her service.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**Denise Oman, President, ASUVCW**

And I know you know about the presentation that we had in our room yesterday because you saw a six-month-old tail wagging. So, I'm just going to turn it over to her and she's going to introduce you to the program. And my blessings to all of you and safe travels.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Susan Fallon, DUVCW and Patriotic Instructor ASUVCW**

Good afternoon. I'm not only the Patriotic Instructor for the Auxiliary, but I also wear another hat. I am the representative for the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War for this Encampment. Sarah Millan is our very newest President and she called me last week and said, "Could you please represent me?" So she asked me that and I said I would be happy to. So, I say, "Hi," to everyone here from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Now to get back to the Patriotic Instructor's presentation that I had yesterday. I had a six-month-old dog from Wags 4 Warriors and his handler is actually the husband of the person that started the organization. His name is Frank DeLorenzo. His wife's name is Jen. I've been working with them all year since I took on the Patriotic Instructor's position for the Auxiliary so I know quite a lot about their organization. But I didn't know as much as he told us because we had a lot of questions from our ladies, you know, wanting to know more about this program. They basically take rescue dogs. His dog that he has, not the puppy that he brought in, but his dog was two days away from being destroyed. He took this dog for his service dog and he and his sister trains the dogs. Now the dog is the one that picks the Veteran. The Veteran does not pick the dog. It costs \$4,500.00 for one dog because not only do they train the dog but they also pay all the veterinarian bills for that one dog. So each dog is a very high price. And they only go by donations from groups like my group and your group, and quite a few different other groups that they take donations. But they only run by donations. And he said that right now they had over four thousand dogs that they have given out to veterans. They're all veterans that suffer from PTSD. They have a ratio of women and men. It is twenty women to eighty men that they have that have received dogs. Now the women, that's from anything from PTSD to treatment for being rape victims and things like that. So it's not just women's issues that these dogs help the veteran with. A lot of these soldiers are coming back from Iraq or are coming back from Afghanistan and the VA tells them, "Get a dog." They don't tell them how to get a dog; just get a dog. So Wags 4 Warriors does have a website. It's Wags with a capital W and a 4, number four and then Warriors with a capital W on Warriors. So you can go to their website at any time. They're a not-for-profit organization. They do have a tax-exempt number also. So any donations that you make online for them is all tax deductible. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sister, don't go away because we've been busy in here. Tad, do you want to come up? Your Brothers did a pass the hat or pass the bag.



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

Well, earlier today Susan asked me to bring over her little bag here for donations. And I told the gentlemen earlier, if you sent a bigger bag, you might've gotten more money because we filled it up pretty quickly. Today, the Brothers thought very highly of the project that you spoke about and they opened up both their hearts and their wallets. And so, combined with the money that you had in there to start with, there is now \$1,001.00 in the bag.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Susan Fallon, DUVCW and Patriotic Instructor ASUVCW**

You guys brought me to tears. I don't know what to say. Thank you. Thank you very, very much. I know Wags 4 Warriors will really appreciate the money. Thank you all, every single one of you Brothers. I don't know what else to say. I'm crying.

**Encampment**

...(applause)...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sisters, don't leave quite yet. We have somebody who'd like to say something to you.

**Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Sisters of the Auxiliary, for your generous expression of best wishes and for your being here with us today. For more than a century, we've walked as Brothers and Sisters, descendants of the Boys in Blue, who saved our Union from the forces of rebellion and disunion. How blessed we are to walk with like-minded Sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long and the march continues. Our task becomes even more important in this 21<sup>st</sup> century as fewer Americans know the central bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors whose memories we honor. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new millennium and beyond. The spirit of the Boys in Blue march with us. Thank you for joining us today. We wish you a continued productive and harmonious meeting and great success to those officers that you will be electing today. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Andy and ladies. Thank you for your visit. I believe I'll return the visit here in about five minutes.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping)

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And now, I really did mean that thing that I set about returning their visit because she and I plotted this a little while ago. And in order to keep things moving in here, we're going to continue awards, but it's going to be with somebody who needs to get used to being behind this microphone.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Senior Vice Commander, would you assume the chair?

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

All right.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Before I go I have had the suggestion made that I will probably want some support when I go over there. Brothers Campbell, Michaels, and Kevin Martin. Would you accompany me?

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

(laughing) Lock the doors.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

All right. The next award or Certificate of Appreciation is going to Bruce D. Frail, Past Department Commander, one for being the chairman of the Graves Registration Committee. Also, the Graves Registration Officer and the Council of Administration. Bruce? Oh, there you are. Thank you very much.

**Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Did you give him the challenge coin?

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, I did. I can handle complex instructions. Next reward goes to Robert J. Wolz, Past Department Commander, chairman of the Committee on History, and also the National Historian. Bob?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

He was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at some point.

**Robert Wolz, National Committee on History**

Thank you.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Next, Michael A. Paquette, Past Department Commander, chairman of the Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, and Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Next one, James McGuire, Past Department Commander. Jamie is also a busy person. Chairman of the CinC Appointed Communications and Technology Subcommittee on Technology Needs, chairman of the Special Committee on Website Design, chairman of the Committee on Communications and Technology, National Signals Officer.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Next, Paul Davis. Paul is the chairman of the Committee on Promotion and Marketing as well as on the Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yep. Here you go. Thank you.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Next is Kevin P. Tucker, Past Department Commander, chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee, as well as the Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Thank you, sir.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Next, Walt Busch. Way back there. Walt is the National Civil War Memorials Officer and he has the Committee for the Civil War Memorials as well. You've been doing this a long time. Haven't you?

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Ken, you're going to have to get someone to take your own picture. Next is Ken L. Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief. He's the National Webmaster for our Quartermaster Store. Thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. All right. Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, is immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. He is on the Council of Administration. He's also the chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee to Conduct Negotiations of the National Encampment Contracts and Relationships.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah. Next, Pete Hritsko, Jr. Pete is the National GAR Highway Officer as well as on the Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Next, Danny Wheeler. Danny is a Past Commander-in-Chief, as you all know, and we recognize him for being National Quartermaster for the past fifteen years.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief. Leo acted as Assistant National Counselor this year.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Next, W. Faron Taylor, Past Department Commander. Faron acted as the National Aide-de-Camp this year for us.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Dean Lamphere, Past Department Commander.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. And last, but certainly not least, David Demmy.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. I'll wait until Commander-in-Chief comes back. Until he does, we might as well... You have something? Oh, great, Jerry.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

The National Chaplain's Award is given to a Chaplain who is exceeded the ordinary reading of the book; done more than he was supposed to do. The only way you could not get it, is if you apply for it yourself.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

This is what the award says. "Jesus told His followers not to hide their light under a basket, but to let it shine from the mountain tops. He also told them not to let their right hand know what their left hand is doing when it comes to doing good works. Well, Brent Davidson, your light has been noticed by your Brothers. They have asked that you be told that you've done an extraordinary job as Chaplain. You will receive the appropriate reward from the Lord, but not here. And not now. But there. And later. On behalf of all your Brothers, thank you. Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 2019." Signed by myself, the National Chaplain, and by the Commander-in-Chief. Will you please come forward?

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

It is a custom-made hardwood cross that only recipients of this award can wear.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

While we are waiting for our Commander-in-Chief to come back, is there any unfinished business?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Let's vote on that thing again.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Which thing?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

The one that we voted on twice.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

No.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

We don't need a vote on that. So we're going to move on to new business. Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl has some requests for money that we'll act on.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Acting as Acting National Treasurer for just a few more minutes. I've received three items. Number one is from the Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, James Ward, chairman. And this is not so much a request for money but a request to amend the budget to add a \$2,000.00 line item for the National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues. He made this request to the Council of Administration Thursday night. When I pointed out that their proposed budget is showing a proposed deficit, he withdrew that. But he's back again for us. So what is the pleasure? I have no recommendation as to this request. What is your pleasure?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Parliamentarian. I would move that we ask the line item to be entered into the budget, not to exceed \$2,000.00. And that way if the Brother doesn't need to use it, he doesn't have to. But he can only go up to \$2,000.00.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Is there any discussion? Being none, we'll vote on this. All in favor, show your cards. Opposed. Show one. That motion passes.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Motion passes. Thank you. Number two, request from the Curtenius Guard #17, Department of Michigan also working with Michigan's grantor with the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. I want to point out to the Brothers that I am a member of Curtenius Guard #17. I'm also on the Board of Directors of this museum, so please keep that in mind.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

A couple of years ago, Bob Wolz donated a bound volume of several back issues of the *USA*

*National Reveille Newspaper*, which is the predecessor of *The Banner*. I took possession of that. We have been trying to obtain grants to scan that so that it's available for everyone. We applied to the State of Michigan and got denied. The Camp and Museum are here today asking for a grant. I saw it, \$611.00 which is 50% of the total cost. The Museum is willing to pay the other 50%. This is a 10½ x 15½, 1168-paged book of the Sons of Veterans *USA National Reveille Newspaper*, contains 115 organizational newsletters dating from 13 August 1887 to 31 August 1891. Also as part of the grant, they will scan The Sons of Veterans, *US* and the Lansing, Michigan grantor be the Republic Charles T. Foster Post #42 memorial book, which is not...553 pages in the memorial book. And again, that would be made available to the Order. So, *The Reveille* is what, three times the size of the other book, but the Camp and Museum are asking for \$611.00.

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

Commander, I move we approve the \$611.00.

**Several**

Second.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion. We have a second. Any discussion? Yes.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

As always, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Parliamentarian. As always, we need to say where the money's coming from. Okay? I have two questions for Brother Pahl. One being, do we still have the line item for special projects?

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

I don't know.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

You're a lot of help.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Do we have money in the Headquarters fund?

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

We have money.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Okay.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

where are we going to take the money from? I would move that the money come, not from the checking account but from either the Special Projects Fund or the Office Fund or the Headquarters Fund. And that way we know where it's coming from. And give them \$611.00

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan, also the Board President of the Museum. You made a motion on top of a motion, Don. You made a motion on top of a motion.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

That's a motion to amend.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

A motion to amend that the money come from one of those two funds...line items.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Special Projects or National Headquarters Fund?

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Yes.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Is there any more discussion? All right. All those in favor, signal eye. Use the card. On the amendment. All right. Opposed? All right. Now, we're going to have a vote on the amended motion, as amended. All in favor. All right. All opposed. All right. It passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

All right. There's one more?

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Thank you, Brothers, on behalf of the Museum. Again when this is accomplished, it will be placed on the, I hope it's placed on the website, with Jamie's consent. If this project goes well, I'm going to be back seeking funding to scan all of our past proceedings.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Where'd you leave off?



**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Jim has one more request for funds.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Would you like for me to continue, sir?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yep. Yes, I would.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

For the record, Don Shaw, Commander-in-Chief, is now back in command. The third request is from the Davis Star Camp, Department of Pennsylvania. I'm going to read most of this so you understand what this is for. "I'm requesting aid and assistance for masonry repairs made to the A.P. Davis Mausoleum located in Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh. The annual memorial service is held at the mausoleum. Camp members began noticing the mausoleum mortar lines, special lines joining the roof to the mausoleum structure were seriously deteriorating."

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

"Further, the roof is composed of two slabs and the mortar joint between those two slabs is also seriously deteriorated. These issues were brought up at the 2017 Encampment in Cranberry PA, north of Pittsburgh and were also pointed out by those who took the cemetery tour during the Encampment. The Davis Mausoleum is 120 years old. Given that many years of wind, rain, snow, and all related temperature changes impacting on a mausoleum, it has held up well. But it is now time to repair the mausoleum before it gets out of hand. Davis Star Camp is hopeful that with the assistance of just the Pennsylvania Department and National, as well as Camp funds, the repairs might be covered. However, the vendor's estimate for repairs is \$8,300.00. This will require additional supporters. Davis Star Camp asked..." Well, this is an appeal to the National Encampment for support... request motion. Okay. The bottom line is that they are requesting \$6,300.00 for the Davis Mausoleum restoration. The cost is \$8,300.00. Pennsylvania Department has already agreed to \$1,000.00 and the Charitable Foundation has promised \$1,000.00, leaving \$6,300.00. Davis Star Camp is recommending \$6,300.00 be funded by National. What is your pleasure? And I don't know where the money would come from.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don.

**Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Martin, Department of Ohio, Past Commander-in-Chief. And that was my question, first of all. My second part though, I might ask the Memorials Grant Committee if there was any money left in that Committee?

**Michael A. Paquette, Memorial Grant Fund Committee**

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, chairman of the Memorial Grant Fund Committee. We did receive a request from this Camp at the very end of the year. The challenge for...what was... information that the Committee needed in order to approve funding up to the Committee's limit of \$2,000.00 is a precedent set as far as what type of repairs can be done on a mausoleum and it all came

back to the original funding. I did confer with Walt Busch because there was a precedent set previously that if a mausoleum or similar structure had been raised by the Grand Army of the Republic or our forefathers, then it could be considered. However, if the mausoleum was privately funded that we could not because there was a precedent set where that had been refused in the past. The Camp is not in a position to produce any evidence on how the original funding. They do have evidence that it was private but they don't know if it was a private group of veterans. So, there's no way to substantiate whether or not the mausoleum meets the requirements set forth for the Committee.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Brother Paquette, the question was how much?

**Michael A. Paquette, Memorial Grant Fund Committee**

The question is...we have only awarded approximately half, just a little over half so there is \$5,950.00 left out of what we could allocate this year.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Don.

**Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander, if I might follow on. So, would it be appropriate to use that money from the Committee?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Only if the Encampment approves it.

**Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Right. But I understand the Committee has restrictions on that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, I believe that we set up with the Monument Committee \$2,000.00, a maximum of \$2,000.00 for a year and if there were any money left over it would go back to the people who already applied for that year. I believe that's the thing. So, at this point who owns it and who built it have not been determined yet. And I think we would be remiss to everybody who was applied and provided that data, if we give it out. I mean, it's the same thing. Who owns it now? Does the city own it? Then there should be a requirement for them to fix it on their own. I would, I guess, stand in opposition until the information is provided to the Monuments and Memorials Commission.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

Well, I don't want to be opposite of my good friend. I believe that the fact that A.P. Davis is as

important to our Organization as Stevenson was to the GAR and if we as an Organization cannot somehow find a way to fund the repairs... Oh, by the way, Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of the Chesapeake. Sorry. If we can't find a way to help fund the repairs for this mausoleum, then who will? If it's in this dire of shape and the leaking...and this damage is being done, if we wait a year or if we make them wait five years in order to get sufficient funds. By the way, the Foundation Grant is only contingent upon the fact that they raise half of the money necessary so that is not actually money that they have in hand. I just believe that we need to support this in some way. It doesn't necessarily...if you don't feel that we can support it with the full amount, I believe that we should support it to the maximum amount that our Brothers in this room will agree to. I would like to make a motion that we support this with at least \$4,000.00 and I'm open to anybody who might want to raise that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, first of all, we have a motion.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

Okay.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded. Discussion.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Brother Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Treasurer. Are you proposing that it come out of a specific fund?

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

I am proposing that it comes out of the money that is left in the fund which supports the Grant...the Monument...the...

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

...The Monuments?

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

That's correct.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

The Monuments Fund. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We're in discussion right now. Go ahead, Brother Frail.

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

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer. My biggest concern is, is this going to set a precedent that people can come that haven't followed through the regulations and get monies? I would love to see us support this in some manner, but there are thousands of monuments out there that need repair and we do have to follow guidelines.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Day, go ahead.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

This is his second time.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

These Brothers have submitted the proper form in time. They were denied because they could not provide the paperwork to prove its ownership, whether or not it was built by private funds or by our descendants. I believe that they did bring it in a proper form. I also believe, again, that if we cannot step up to take care of the people who founded this organization and preserve those markers. This is no different to me than the Stevenson Monument, which is very, very important to me. So that's my peace. Let it be at that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don Martin, then Brother Don Darby.

**Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm in agreement with Brother Frail. While this is a worthy project, we do have the criteria, the Memorial Grant Committee follows. And to take the money from that fund which does not seem even though they did the application properly, there is also additional information that is required. Therefore, I find it inappropriate and kind of, you know, not that we should take the money from Memorial Grant. So, I would be in opposition.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. What we were talking... the three of us was the ability to be able to do what Brother Day wants to do would take a 2/3 majority vote to change the Regulations. I am in agreement with Brother Frail. I think we're on a slippery slope. Having said that, we have a Special Projects Fund. Remember, we talked about that before? Last year there was \$5,000.00 in that fund. This group, without a 2/3 majority vote, can say give them the money. We're not violating the Memorials Fund. It's still intact with no change. And we have the money in which to use that. So, I would make an amendment to Brother Day's thing that we take the money out of the Special Projects Fund and then we're not changing anything as far Regulations or Policies for the other.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we have an amendment and a second. Is there any discussion on the amendment?

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

James Pahl, Acting National Treasurer. Yes, last year's budget did have an amount of \$5,000.00 for Special Projects. The proposed budget for this year, of which we are already in, does not. There is no money allocated for Special Projects in this budget. And we're still showing \$11,400.00 deficit budget. So, if we spend money on a Special Projects, in effect we're putting money back in and we're going to a \$16,000.00 deficit budget. Now, if that's what you choose to do, that's what you choose to do. But I just want to make sure you're aware of the cost.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

But the budget hasn't...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Thank you, Brother. Brother Wolz.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

...because of the amendment, it needs to go in here.

**Robert Wolz, National Committee on History**

I don't think, I mean, I'm somewhat in shock that our members, and I don't care which Committee, that we would look upon A.P. Davis in the... Well, it's just another monument. No, it's not! A.P. Davis tried for a number of years to get the Sons organized. He went to the Grand Army as well as Masonic Orders, the Knights of Pythias, Sons of the Revolution. He used every ounce of his being to bring those people into the Sons and use their influence in creating the Sons. He personally was an insurance man and he sacrificed a great deal of his own personal wealth to create this Order and our Auxiliary. When he died in 1899, hundreds of Sons marched in his funeral. I agree with Brother Mark. This is not just somebody else. This is our founder. The sole person who created us. This is our father. Literally. And if we can't take it out of the Monuments Fund, which I think it would be appropriate, if we can't take it out of that, then take it out of the Grand Army Memorial Fund because he certainly was a veteran in his own right. The Encampment bestowed upon him the rank of Commander-in-Chief, honorary, because he was our founder. He's not just somebody else! He is so important to us and if we forget who we are, we certainly have lost our roots. Thank you, Brother Commander.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**Timothy M. Ryan, Department of Pennsylvania**

Hello everyone. I'm Tim Ryan, Camp Commander, Davis Star, Department of Pennsylvania. Just so we're aware, I have spoken with Allegheny Cemetery. The mausoleum is a private mausoleum, according to them. There is no way that anyone is ever going to find out who really funded the mausoleum so to try to put that out there, to follow rules, it's a black hole. It'll be like our Brothers up in Wisconsin who went to trial and lost. They didn't have the evidence. And we'll never have that evidence to really prove who built the mausoleum. If this needs to take place over a couple years, Davis Star would be more than happy to be the boots on the ground and, you know, organize whatever needs to be organized. But I agree with Brother Bob. This is something that is very near and dear to my heart. A.P. Davis deserves our attention and I hope you do the right thing. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Hunnewell.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Thank you. Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, Past Camp Commander. I believe the amendment on the floor right now is to take money from the Special Account? Has that amendment been withdrawn? If there's no money in the Special Account?

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

James Pahl, National Treasurer. There won't be unless this Encampment votes in favor of this amendment, then there will be. Because it's in effect amending the budget.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

And this will cause another X amount of dollars deficit in the budget?

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

It will create a bigger deficit than what we're proposing. But again, last year, David proposed a \$23,000 deficit budget and we still came out in the black.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Okay. I just wanted to know where the amendment stood. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Frail.

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

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer. I just want to clarify that I'm not against on Davis' family, or what he's done as founding for the SUVCW. I'm just trying to make sure that we don't set a precedent that can be violated. I stand in support of the amendment to add to our budget.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Seeing no further discussion, we'll proceed to vote on the amendment. All of those in favor of amending this to take the money out of...Okay, go ahead, restate the amendment.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I made the amendment to Brother Mark's proposal to take four thousand out of the Special Projects line item, which would require them to put that in the budget. So, that's the amendment, to take the money out of the Special Projects Fund.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Take it from that fund, which would allow us to do a majority vote as opposed to the other way that had been suggested which will require a 2/3 majority vote. Therefore, when you vote, if you vote for this, you will be asking to have the money taken out of the fund that only requires you to pass it by a simple majority. Therefore, on the amendment, all of those in favor, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All of those opposed, same sign. Thank you. I'm gonna rule that the aye's have it and the motion stands amended. On the main motion, is there any further debate? Seeing no further debate, we will move on that motion.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Please restate it.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Parliamentarian. The original motion was that we're going to pay the \$4,000.00 Out of the Special Projects Fund, and give it to Davis Star so they can have the monument or the mausoleum fixed.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. All right. Does anybody have any further questions about what we're voting on? Seeing none, we'll proceed to vote. All those in favor of the motion, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jim, do you have any other request for money over there?

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, those are the three that were provided to me, so I am finished.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. And I understand we are in new business. Brother Keith, did you have your new business matter taken care of yet? Very good. Thank you. Is there any other new business that needs to come before the Encampment? Brother Brian.

**Robert F. Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin**

This is, Commander, Robert Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin. This is about the Last Soldier Project. I took the project over in Wisconsin after the Lansing Encampment. And I designed a marker and presented it to the Camp and with the help of the Camp, we refined it. And Brian managed to find a manufacturer, Syntech, here in Ohio. And we were having some trouble with the funding, so I was going to just let everybody know that what I did was we have seventy-two counties in the state of Wisconsin. At the time we decided to do this, there were sixteen of them that we had completed. And I decided to draft a letter, which I have right here and I can read that to you. I'll just read it real quick here and then I'll explain what we did. I put, "My name is Robert Koenecke. I am Commander Colonel Hans Heg Camp 15, Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our National Organization has embarked on a project to mark the graves of the last Civil War soldier buried in every county in every state in the United States. Wisconsin has seventy-two counties and we've made good progress so far making last soldiers" or "making good progress so far marking last soldiers buried in sixteen Wisconsin counties. I'm writing to ask if your historical society would like to mark the last veteran from the Civil War buried in your county. Enclosed you'll find an order form for your marker and photos of installations that have already been completed by county historical societies and other groups in Wisconsin." Then I added a few other things. "We also have a dedication ceremony that we perform for each Last Soldier Marker that includes the firing of authentic Civil War muskets, bugling of taps, and reading from the Burial Ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic, the GAR, the organization

formed by Veterans of the Union Army after the Civil War. We do these dedications in different counties as time permits. They're a great public event and hopefully we can complete this project in Wisconsin by the end of 2019." So that was the letter that I sent out. And these letters went to every historical society in the state that did not have their soldier marked and several were sent to VFW's and American Legion Posts. We had great response. And a lot of these rather remote counties, you know, out in western Wisconsin or northern Wisconsin when something like this happens, it's a big deal because not much happens in a lot of these little communities.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Robert F. Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin**

So, we had a really great response, a lot of attendance. We had a lot of, even relatives of these soldiers that showed up for some of these events. So, bringing this to the attention of everybody and I'll submit this if anybody wants to look at it. This is what we rolled up. And it seemed to work real well. So, and one other thing that I might note is during doing these ceremonies... after the ceremonies, many, many times, a lot of people came up to me and said, "We didn't even know you guys were out there." So, it helps with getting us out there and getting our name out there and who we are.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Okay. Thank you, Brother.

**Robert F. Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin**

You bet. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Bruce.

**Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration**

I have two items. I'll address one first. Give somebody else an opportunity. I'm Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island, this time in my capacity as Council of Administration. During our Council meetings outside of the Encampment, we had voted and passed the introduction of Survey Monkey to communicate with the Brotherhood. We allocated the money for the expenses, but we needed to bring it to the floor to be able to continue it. I believe the cost was around \$199.00 a year. And I would like to see that be a continuing item budget from the office. And keep in mind that the other motion that we passed about the exit survey is tied into the use of Survey Monkey.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I take it then that you have a motion, sir.

**Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration**

I would like to make a motion to continue to have the body authorize the continuation on a yearly basis at market cost of continuing the Survey Monkey program.

**Several**

Second.



**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded. Is there further discussion on the matter? Brother Don Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

One, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Parliamentarian. Brother Bruce, where did the money come from to start with that we did that? Is this part of being taken out of the Headquarters Fund? Is that where the money came from?

**Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration**

I believe that's where Brother David did get the money from, and that's where it would continue to be coming from.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Okay. So as I understand it, your motion is to continue taking the money out of that fund for a continuous...

**Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration**

Correct, until we deem that the expense is too high or we come up with a better program.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Okay. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Any other discussion, Brothers? Brother Brian.

**Brian D. McManus, National Guide**

Brian McManus, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin. Let's do it this way. For those of you that haven't seen the Last Soldier...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brian, Brother Brian, you're out of order at this point. We have a motion on the floor. We can get to the next thing in a minute, but we gotta take care of the Survey Monkey question first. Is there any other discussion on the Survey Monkey question? Seeing none, we will proceed to vote. All of those in favor of Brother Frail's motion, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. All of those opposed, same sign. Thank you. The motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Brother Brian, go ahead.

**Brian D. McManus, National Guide**

Brian McManus, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin. These are the Last Soldier Markers. There's some out on the table with some pictures of some of the dedications that we've done. So, I have a number of these here and I offer a five dollar discount for not having to ship them 'cause they're pretty heavy. They cost, what? It took eight to twelve bucks to ship. The other thing I wanted to talk about was...we talked about the cemetery in Muskego. There still is an open Go Fund Me page called Luther Parker Cemetery Defense Fund. We got stuck with just shy of \$4,000.00 worth of legal fees. And

through the generosity of a lot of the Brothers here, we recouped a large share of that. The account is still open for a little bit. And maybe in couple of weeks if there's no more activity, we'll close it down. But I just...basically I want to say thank you for everybody that helped us out. Because when we paid that legal bill, it left us like two hundred bucks in our treasury. That wiped out our whole Camp treasury. So, with the help of some of our families, our friends, and a lot of the Brothers here, we really appreciate your support in helping us get back to just about where we were. Just wanted to say thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Brian. Brother Bruce.

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

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island. This time in the capacity of National Graves Registration Officer. I was approached by the Oak Grove Cemetery Association in Falmouth, Massachusetts about what they wished us to do with a GAR plot which was purchased back in the 1800's. Three men were buried there. There are twenty spaces available. There's three used, so that's seventeen left. I had a meeting with them and I told them that I would bring the results of that meeting to the floor to see if the Brothers would approve or modify or however...to see what we can do. One of the things that was brought up is...they wish to open the back rank, which is against the wall, to a wall of niches for cremations for veterans who cannot afford to be buried or buried in the National Cemetery...or they don't meet the full requirements to be buried in a National Cemetery, whether it be that they be National Guardsmen that didn't die in combat or whatever the regulations. We would remain...keep the front rank open, which would provide for an additional ten burials of either veterans that don't want to be cremated or Brothers of the SUVCW that cannot afford a burial location. In exchange for them putting that on row of niches in the back, they would pick up the costs of the care of that site, management of that site. And basically, that's what we're proposing.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Could you restate that motion, please?

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

The motion would be to allow the Oak Grove Cemetery Association of Falmouth, Massachusetts to utilize the back half portion of the burial plot of the GAR that's in that cemetery for the purpose of building a wall of niches for cremations to help them with burying veterans of current wars, past wars. Same thing, if we find somebody with Missing in America Project, a place where they can be buried.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

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

Okay? If they do not meet the requirements of the National Cemetery System.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you. Is there a second to that?

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded. Is there further discussion with regard to the matter? Brother Don Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Parliamentarian. What are they building? Wanting to build back there?

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

It's a wall of cremation niches, a Columbarium. They're looking at a project of approximately one hundred niches, okay, which would multiply the available usage of the ten graves to a hundred. And this would be at no cost to the SUVCW.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

I don't know Massachusetts law, but I can tell you Ohio law. The county commissioners are required to bury, at county expense, veterans who are homeless, indigent, itinerant, whatever. The county takes that responsibility and whatever that cost is for that. Now, maybe they don't do that in Massachusetts.

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

In Massachusetts, those gentlemen would be ended up in a pauper's grave.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Okay. Well, I just wanted to know. I don't oppose it. I'm just wondering if there's another vehicle that takes care of that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Kevin.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts. In Massachusetts, a pauper's grave means you're not allowed to have any marker. The only way that you find out a veteran's buried there is going through the records of the cemetery. What Brother Frail's talking about is you'd have a marked grave.

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

Correct.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Okay.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother, for the discussion.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor. I'm trying to find the National Policy that we have previously established on this very topic. And it's not on the website. And it's not on my computer for some reason. But we have a National Policy that covers this, on the use of graves in GAR plots already. And if memory serves me correctly, and we're relying on, you know...

**Encampment**

...(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

You said it, Jim. I didn't.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

I don't think what you're proposing violates that policy. If they're to be used for indigent veterans who cannot otherwise afford a place to be buried.

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

I agree. I believe that is the wording of the policy. Again, you're asking another kind of older man with failing memory. This is mostly basically to get permission if I need it. I did not want to act unilaterally. I wanted to get the Body's approval.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Okay... Brother Payne.

**Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan**

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, Commander. If I'm correct in understanding what he saying is, it will also take over the care...

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

...Yes...

**Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan**

...of this entire GAR plot. Allow us to bury an additional one hundred indigent soldiers who have no place to be buried with a marker at no expense to the Sons. And why we wouldn't even consider that is beyond my comprehension.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Paquette.

**Michael A. Paquette, Council of Administration**

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Council of Administration. If this matter is a matter of policy and we can't produce the policy here at the Encampment, is this something that could be addressed by the Council of Administration as long as it adheres within the policy?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Yes.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead, Harry.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, National Webmaster. It's not on the Policy's page of the website because it's on page 139 of the C&R, which states... "Use of GAR unused cemetery grave plots. Where unused graves exist in GAR or SUVCW grave plots, these graves shall be made available for indigent veterans with an appropriate marker consistent with markers used in the burial plot or indigent SUVCW Brothers."

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you Harry.

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

So my understanding is that we can move ahead with this project.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

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

Do we need a letter of approval by the National Order?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. I have the page up and the usage plots. Each Camp and Department shall take action to secure any unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots within their area as previously directed by the National Encampment. Each Camp and Department possessing unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots shall so forward to the National Graves Registration Officer a description of the plots including location. The SUVCW will notify the Department of Veterans Affairs in each state regarding this policy. This was approved the 17th day of April 2004 by the National Council of Administration.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

The C&R supersedes that.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Bruce.

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

So, right now we're in discussion on a motion. One, does the motion need to continue? Two, if the motion doesn't need to continue, do we need a letter letting the association know that they do have our permission to do what they wish?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we need to vote on this?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No, I don't think so.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

You should just to provide the documentation (indistinguishable)...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Let's do it and get him the documentation.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, I don't think we need to but...

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, I've got varying opinions about whether we even need a vote on this or not. And I'm going make a ruling that we are going to vote on it. And that way if it passes, we're going to be able to provide you your documentation so you can take it and get this thing done. Seeing no one else approaching a microphone, we will proceed to vote. All of those in favor of Brother Frail's motion, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All of those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Thank you, Brothers.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I would make a motion that the incoming Commander-in-Chief issue the proper documentation so the Brother can take it to whoever it is to authorize the use of that.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded. Incoming Commander-in-Chief, whoever you are, you're getting some work already. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing no discussion, we'll proceed to vote. All those in favor, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. Is there any other new business? Brother Don.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Missouri. Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Acting National Treasurer. Brother McReynolds worked wonders in helping our National Organization achieve 501(c)(3) tax status. And I know he was working diligently to do the same for our subordinate organizations. And I was wondering if you could provide a status on the subordinate organization's submittals.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Acting National Treasurer responding to that question. The answer to that question is, it's been on hold since David got sick. That was, while a priority, I think it is more important to keep the Order running and pay the bills. And that's been the focus. I presume that once things have settled down and the new Treasurer is settled into office and getting those things running, that that will again be taken up and move forward. I presume Dave McReynolds was working with a firm that was going to help us submit that form. So, just have to pick up where we left off and tie up a few loose ends. I'm sure in getting the documentation from the Departments that all Camps are in compliance with Mark Day's General Order and we can move forward. So, I can't speak for the next National Treasurer, but it'd be my guess that that will move forward once he gets settled into the routine duties of the office.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. And I concur that the priorities were taken care of. Just be aware that there's a lot of interest in that pursuit.

**James B. Pahl, Acting National Treasurer**

Don't I know it. (laughing).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Don. Brother.

**Kevin D. White, Department of Oklahoma**

Kevin White, delegate from the Department of Oklahoma. My understanding that this will be forwarded to the Committee of Programs and Policy and it's a recommendation to the Encampment to include the Civil War ancestors' name on the formal SUVCW membership certificate.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And you are asking that that be...

**Kevin D. White, Department of Oklahoma**

...Forwarded to them.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...You're making a motion that we forward that to our Programs and Policies?

**Kevin D. White, Department of Oklahoma**

I make a motion.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded. Further discussion. Seeing none, we'll proceed to vote. All those in favor of the motion, signify by raising your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Passes. Goes to Programs and Policy. Thank you, Brothers. John.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Did you get down what his proposal was?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

No.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No, it's a form. Brian, it's just a form issue.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

It's a form.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Did he get that?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I told him.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Okay.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah. Brother. My Brother out there from Oklahoma. Could you write out that motion that you just submitted and give it to our National Treasurer? Or excuse me, Secretary. We want to make sure we've got the exact wording. Okay? And while that's happening, is there any other new business?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

...Seeing none, we are going to proceed to the last part of this and that is the nomination and election of officers. Now Brothers, it is nearly 3:00 o'clock. You have been going for an hour and a half. I'm going to break us for fifteen minutes. When we come back at quarter after...well ten after three, we're gonna be ready to start that process. Therefore...Hold on. Hold on. Brother Joe.

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

Could I please see the Department of the Chesapeake for five minutes at the Credentials table, please?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Jonathan, you got any announcements before we go?



**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I have a couple of announcements. Past Commander-in-Chief Freshley has asked that I have all Brothers running for National elected offices to meet at the flags at the next break, which is now. The National Chaplain asked me to make an announcement that remember to keep the holy the Lord's day. This is not one of the Ten Suggestions but Ten Commandments. Tomorrow at 7:00 a.m. there will be a nondenominational service to help you observe that commandment in the amphitheater across from where the ladies are meeting. Hopefully you can be there. And I also received a note from Walt Busch that a former Life Member, Jack Grothe, who is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the SVR, passed away in April and was not included in the memorial service, so we need to remember him.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Jonathan. Having backed that up a little bit, I'm going to let you go until a quarter after three.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jim, go ahead.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**

James Pahl, Editor of *The Banner*. I would like to have all the Past Commanders-in-Chief gather at the flags during the break for a photo also, please.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brothers, then we are going to take that break. I will need to see the Department Commander from Ohio up here for just a minute during the break.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**BREAK**

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we are about ready to start the election process. In a minute, our doors are going to be locked and no one is going in or out. If I have some Guards or if I have some Brothers close to the door, would you please step out into the hallway and announce to anyone in the hallway that if they are not in this room in one minute, they are not coming into this room.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. James Pahl, National Counselor. You don't have to seal the door until the election. You do not have to seal the door during the nomination process.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very well.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Having said that, get them in here!

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

That's the idea.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Anyone not going to the bathroom? Needing to go? Here's Jim's cup.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

How about my Coke bottle?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. We are almost ready to start the process. The first part of that is I am going to ask Brother Hall to give a report from the Credentials Committee so we have an idea of how many people we have here and how many people we should have voting.

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

All right. I'll go down the list by alphabet. California and Pacific, can you please stand? You have twenty-three allotted votes. You have ten members present. Is that correct? One P-in-C, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, five Delegates for a total of ten. Voting strength of ten. Chesapeake, would you... Oh, sit down, please. Chesapeake, you have thirty-five allotted votes. You have fifteen members present. Is that correct? Two PCinC's, one Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, seven Delegates for a total of fifteen. Thank you. You may sit down. Colorado and Wyoming, is the one person here? There you are.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Thank you. You may sit down.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

He is a delegate. Columbia is not present. Connecticut's not present. Florida, you have thirteen allotted votes. Two members present. Would you please rise? Florida, you got one. Okay. The two were Past Department Commanders, so they only have one, so their voting strength is one. Georgia and South Carolina, you have six allotted votes. You have six members present. Would you please...oh, there you are. Okay. One Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, two Delegates for a total of six. Is that correct? Thank you. You may sit down. Illinois, twenty-four allotted votes. Would you

please rise? You have eleven members present. Is that correct?

**Department of Illinois**

Yes.

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

Six Past Department Commanders and five Delegates for a total of eleven.

**Department of Illinois**

That's correct.

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

Where's the eleventh one? Thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

All right. Indiana, you have a total allotted votes of twenty-seven. You have eleven members present. Is that correct? Eleven? One Department Commander, four Past Department commanders, and six Delegates for a total of eleven. Is that correct?

**Department of Indiana**

Yes.

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

Thank you. You may sit down. Iowa, you have seventeen allotted votes. You have two members present, one Department Commander and one Delegate. Both of you may be seated. Kansas, twenty allotted votes. You have four members present, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, and two Delegates. You may sit down. It's a total of four. Kentucky, you have two members present, sixteen allotted votes, two members present and that is one Department Commander and one Past Department Commander for a total of two. You may sit down. Maine, fourteen allotted votes, three members present, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, and one Delegate. You may sit down. Massachusetts, you have sixteen allotted votes. You have twelve members present. Is that correct? Charlie.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Yes.

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

Okay. So you have one PCinC, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, and seven Delegates. Is that correct?

**Department of Massachusetts**

Yes.

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

Thank you. For a total of twelve. Michigan, you have thirty-six allotted votes. You have twenty-three members present. Is that correct? Twenty. I'm counting twenty. Twenty-one.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Rob, you got one over here, too.

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

I'm counting twenty-two. Twenty-two. Right?

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

Okay. There are twenty-three present. You only have twenty-two so that will less one Delegate. So that would be eleven Delegates, one CinC, two PCinC's one Department Commander, seven Past Department Commanders, and eleven Delegates for a total of twenty-two. Missouri, twenty-five allotted votes, eight members present. That gives you two PCinC's, four Past Department Commanders, two Delegates for a total of eight. Thank you. Nebraska's not here. New Hampshire, you have one member present and that is a Past Department Commander. Thank you.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

What is their allotted?

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

Their allotted votes is twelve.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Thank you.

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

I mean, excuse me, thirteen. New Jersey, twenty-six allotted votes, two members present. Is that correct, New Jersey? New Jersey? Okay, New Jersey is not present. All right. Zero for New Jersey. Okay. New York, you have thirty-three allotted votes, six members present. Is that correct? One, two, three, four, five, six. Okay, that's one PCinC, one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, two Delegates for a total of six. Thank you. North Carolina, you have allotted votes of nine. You have three members present, one Past Department Commander and two Delegates. Thank you. Ohio, forty-three allotted votes, forty-six members present. You have four PCinC's, one Department Commander, ten Past Department Commanders, nineteen delegates for a total of thirty-four. Do you have thirty-four in here? Thirty-four?

**Unknown**

Yes, sir.

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

Okay. Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Not bad.

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

Oklahoma, fourteen allotted votes, one member present. Thank you, sir. That it would be one Delegate for a total of one. Pennsylvania, forty-five allotted votes, eight members present. That is one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, and two Delegates for a total of eight. Correct?

**Unknown**

No.

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

No?

**Unknown**

Seven.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

That's seven.

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

Hold on. Let me put my glasses on. Oh, I'm sorry. I was reading the wrong line.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

This small line. Sorry. One Department Commander and seven Delegates. Correct? Thank you. Rhode Island, fifteen allotted votes, eight members present, one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, and two Delegates for a total of eight. Thank you. Southwest, total allotted votes is nine, three members present, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, one Delegate for a total of three. Tennessee, nineteen allotted votes, seven members present.

**Department of Tennessee**

Sir, we only have five present at this time.

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

Tennessee. All right. Do you have three delegates here? Or do you have three Past Department Commanders?

**Department of Tennessee**

Three Past Department Commanders.

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

Three? One Department Commander? No, the Department Commander's not here? Well, too bad for him.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

All right. So, it's three Past Department Commanders and three Delegates for a total of six. Right?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No, five.

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

Five?

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

Two Delegates. Okay.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Two and then three is five.

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

Stop.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

Take my shoes off.

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

Be quiet.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

My support group up here. All right. So, it's two delegates and three Past Department Commanders.

**Department of Tennessee**

That's correct.

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

Thank you. Texas, twenty-one allotted votes. You have one person here.

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

Correct.

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

Thank you. That would be one Past Department Commander. From Vermont, ten allotted votes. You have two members here? Or one?

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Just one.

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

Just one. Huh?

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Just one standing.

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

One standing. And you are...Are you the Department Commander, Past Department Commander or a Delegate?

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Past Department Commander.

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

Okay. So scratch the Delegate. So one Past Department Commander for a total vote of one. Wisconsin, twenty-one allotted votes, seven members present. That would be one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, four Delegates for a total of seven.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Correct.

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

Thank you. Adam?

**Adam W. Gaines, National Members-at-Large**

Right here.

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

There you go, buddy.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Thank you. So, off of this total I got to take...

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

...Get out your calculator...

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

...One eighty-seven.

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

I'm coming up with 188, 187. Ninety-four, one, two, three, four, five, six...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

I added the wrong numbers.

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

Six off of 194. Fourteen.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven. Thirty-three

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

I'm coming up with 188.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Seven.

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

I'm coming up with 188 total.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Sixty-six, seventy-eight.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

One eighty-seven.

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

One eighty-seven?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

One hundred eight, 109.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Do you want me to run down my numbers?

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

Please do.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

California and Pacific, ten votes.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Chesapeake, fifteen votes.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Colorado and Wyoming, one vote.



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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Florida, one vote.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Georgia and South Carolina, six.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Illinois, eleven.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Indiana, eleven.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Iowa, two.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Kansas, four.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Kentucky, two.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Maine, three.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Massachusetts, twelve.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Michigan, twenty-two.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Missouri, eight.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
New Hampshire, one.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
New York, six.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**  
New Jersey.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Encampment Credentials Committee**  
No.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**  
New Jersey.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Encampment Credentials Committee**  
New Jersey, zero.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**  
Right. I said New York, six.

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I passed New Jersey. I had zero for them.

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

Okay, go ahead.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

New York, six.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

North Carolina, three.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Ohio, thirty-four.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Oklahoma, one.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Pennsylvania, eight.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Rhode Island, eight.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Southwest, three.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Tennessee, five.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Texas, one.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Vermont, one.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Wisconsin, seven.

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

Yep.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Members-at-Large, one.

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

Yep. That came up originally was 194. So, if I take off one, two...

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

...One eighty-seven...

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

...four, five, six off of 194 is what? One eighty-eight. Not 187.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I'm using Excel file unless...

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

Okay, I'm using the program that the SUVCW paid for.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I'm coming up with 187.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

The Parliamentarian has got 188. The Secretary has 187. Who would you like to go with?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

One eighty-eight.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Thank you. Any questions on the report? Any questions? All right. Thank you, Brothers. Wait a minute. Hold on.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

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

Yes, Walt.

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

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, Missouri and also on the Credentials. Whatever I am. I just want to issue a minority report.

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

Go ahead.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

I agree with everything you said, I just didn't like the way you said it.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

You may sit down.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

Thank you, Brothers.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Joe.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

I got 179.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers, It is my understanding that we do not have to bar the doors until we actually start electing. But we're gonna start nominating right now. And we are going to open nominations for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Brother Secretary. Would you please call the role of Departments?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and the Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to Massachusetts.

**Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts**

Perley Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Massachusetts, not New Hampshire. This young man that sits in front of me ...that shiny head here...I've known him for...well, way back when... We first put him in as Treasurer when our sitting Treasurer passed away in office. And he found all the money we have in Massachusetts. And then we go up the chairs. He was my Personal Aide and my Chief of Staff when I was Commander-in-Chief. So, I'm going to put into nomination Edward J. Norris, I believe. Mr. Ed...

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts**

...which I have called him for years, as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this coming year.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much, Brother. Brother Norris, do you hold any other offices in this Organization? Elected offices.

**Edward J. Norris, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I do not. And I accept.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

*All other Departments present passed.*

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brothers, we've completed the nomination process from our role. We are now going to order that the doors be sealed. We're now going to call for nominations from the floor. Is that what your hand was up for?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, well, what was your hand up for?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, This James Pahl, Acting as National Counselor I guess. My motion is that if nominations close and there is only one nominee for the office, that the Secretary be directed to declare a unanimous ballot.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Well, we haven't quite completed the nomination call yet, but we'll take care of the motion right now 'cause we're going to need it anyway. And this applies to all offices. Is that correct?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Yes, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Moved and seconded that when there is only one nominee for an office that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot electing that individual. All of those in favor of the motion, signify by raising your card. Thank you, Brothers. All opposed, same sign. Passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

As to the nomination for Commander-in-Chief, we've completed the role of the Departments. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? There appearing to be no other nominations, I declare nominations for this office closed. Brother Norris, congratulations.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers. We will now move on to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Secretary, would you call the role of Departments?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and the Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of Georgia/South Carolina.

**Michael B. Reither, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Michael Reither, Department Commander, Georgia and South Carolina. I have the honor of nominating the current Junior Vice Commander, Brian C. Pierson, to be our next Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I've known Mr. Pierson for several years. He has excellent experience, and it's an honor to nominate him, sir.

*All other Departments present passed.*

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you. We've having completed the role call of the Departments, we'll move to the floor. Are there any other nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Any other nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Are there any other nominations? Hearing no other nominations. Brother Brian, do you hold any other elective office within the Order?

**Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I hold no other elected office.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And if I elected to this position, would you serve?

**Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I will.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. Chapter 3, Article 6 of National Regulations. The elections are to be accomplished by roll call of Departments. You do not have to ask for nominations from the floor.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, if I can cut a step out, I will.

**Encampment**

(laughter).



**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. At any rate, the nominations are closed and Brother Brian Pierson is elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations, Brian.

**Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we will now open nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Secretary, would you call the role of Departments, please?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Michigan.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of Michigan.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, standing before you today to place in to nomination for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Paul Davis of the Department of Michigan. You should have received, earlier today, a little flyer that kinda details some of Paul's accomplishments. His nomination has been on the website. He's an accomplished and long experienced businessman and he knows how to run a business. But more importantly, those of you who remember the Lansing, Michigan Encampment, that was all Paul Davis's fault.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

When it came time to put in the request, Paul sat down and came up with a notebook to send to the Site Selection Committee that addressed every single point in the criteria for hosting a National Encampment. It was a no-brainer for the Site Selection Committee, except which hotel. He was the man behind the scenes in organizing everything, planning everything, making sure everything executed

properly. And why he didn't develop ulcers is beyond me. The success of that Encampment is primarily due to Paul. He knows how to get the job done. He knows how to run things. He works tirelessly behind the scenes. He's one of those guys that's behind-the-scenes worker that doesn't call for recognition, but he gets the job done. And I place in to nomination Paul Davis for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Secretary, would you continue the role, please?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake.

**Mark R. Day, Council of Administration**

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chesapeake. Brothers, I rise today to place in to nomination for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief a Brother who has spent most of his adult life in service to either his Nation or to this Organization. He has been practicing and learning and doing the things that leaders do for many, many years. He has the skill sets to be an incredible Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is perhaps more qualified for this job than any person that I've seen in the last fifteen years comes up for this job because of his extensive participation in this Order. Our Brother and our comrade, my friend, Mike Paquette, brings with him a distinguished record of service as a Brother in the Irish Brigade Camp in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He served in every elected Camp office. I, myself, first met him 2006, at the same time I first met Past Commander-in-Chief Darby. We were in a small room on the second floor of a second rate hotel in Fredericksburg. We were doing the businesses of the Order and Mike had a very big hand in arranging that situation that we were dealing with that day. And he was acting as the Patriotic Instructor, as well. He has incredible leadership skills. He is a fellow veteran, a twenty-year member of the Marine Corps. He finished up his time in the Marine Corps as a Master Sergeant E-8. You don't get to be E-8 unless you've got something on the ball, especially in the Marine Corps. Brother Paquette has served in this Order as both a member of Council of Administration. He has been the Committee chairman for the National Committee on Civil War Grants. He has been a member of the Strategic Committee which was working on our 501(c)(3). He was a member of the CinC Appointed Committee on Negotiations with the Allied Orders. He has been a member of the Communications and Technology Committee. He is a past National Chief of Staff, which he did several years ago. He is a past chairman of two National Encampments 2017 in Rustin and 2015 in Richmond. He was behind the scenes and managing those events very successfully and profits were made in the case of both. He was one of the original people who worked on the Site Committee Handbook. He has been, more than anything, dedicated to this Order. As I started to say at the very beginning, I cannot think of anyone, myself included, who was ever a better candidate for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief because I believe that someday he will be a great CinC.

*All other Departments present passed.*

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Thank you, Brother Secretary. Brothers, we have a contested election. Because of that, I'm going to allow our Departments ten minutes to caucus. Brother Kevin, what's up?

**Kevin L. Martin, Department of Chesapeake**

Kevin Martin, PDC, Chesapeake. Point of order.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir.

**Kevin L. Martin, Department of Chesapeake**

You never checked with either one if they would accept the position.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very well. We'll take care of that. But I think I know the answer already.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Davis.

**Paul Davis, Department of Michigan**

Sir.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you hold any other elective offices within this Order?

**Paul Davis, Department of Michigan**

Yes, sir, I do. Council of Administration.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. And if elected, will you serve?

**Paul Davis, Department of Michigan**

Yes, sir, I will.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Paquette. Sir, do you hold any other elective offices within the Order?

**Michael A. Paquette, Council of Administration**

Council of Administration.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you. Now, if elected, will you serve?

**Michael A. Paquette, Council of Administration**

I will.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Thank you, sir. Now Brothers, we're going to take that ten minutes to let our Departments caucus. I'm going to remind you that we are in election mode now. This is an active election and as such our doors are sealed. We're not letting anybody in. We're not letting anybody out. So, please caucus in here.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, they can leave if they want to. They just can't come back.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, okay, I'll tell you what. If you leave, you can leave. But don't come back.

**Donald E. Darby, National Parliamentarian**

If they do, we've got to go through that...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...Go through the numbers again.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we have two candidates for election to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Nominations have been closed. We are about ready to start the election process. Brother Secretary, will you call the roll of Departments?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and the Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific casts ten votes for Mike Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is ten votes for Michael Paquette. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of Chesapeake**

The Department of the Chesapeake proudly casts its fifteen votes for Brother Mike Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is fifteen votes for Michael Paquette. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Joseph R. Bouley, Department of Colorado & Wyoming**

Colorado and Wyoming gives one vote to Brother Paul Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is cast one vote for Brother Paul Davis. Department of Columbia.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Oh, yes, that's zero. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Department of Florida casts one vote for Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Paul Davis. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts six votes for Mike Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is six votes for Michael Paquette. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

The Department of Illinois casts ten votes for Mike Paquette; one vote for Brother Paul Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is ten votes for Michael Paquette; one vote for Paul Davis. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana casts six votes for Mike Paquette; five votes for Paul Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is six votes for Michael Paquette; five votes for Paul Davis. Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa casts one vote for each candidate.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Iowa casts one vote for Michael Paquette; one vote for Paul Davis. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas casts two votes for Michael Paquette; two votes for Paul Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Kansas casts two votes for Michael Paquette; two votes for Paul Davis. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky casts two votes for Mike Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky casts two votes for Michael Paquette. Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Three votes for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Maine casts three votes for Michael Paquette. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts casts twelve votes for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts casts twelve votes for Mike Paquette. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan casts twenty-two votes for Paul Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan casts twenty-two votes for Paul Davis. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Missouri casts two votes for Paul Davis; six votes for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri casts six votes for Michael Paquette; two votes for Paul Davis.  
Department of New Hampshire.

**Gary A. Ward, Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire casts one vote for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New Hampshire casts one vote for Michael Paquette. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York casts five votes for Michael Paquette and one vote for Paul Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New York casts five votes for Michael Paquette; one vote for Paul Davis.  
Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina casts our three votes for Brother Mike Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina casts three votes for Mike Paquette. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio casts thirty-two votes for Paul Davis and two for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio casts two votes for Michael Paquette; thirty-two votes for Paul Davis.  
Department of Oklahoma.

**Kevin D. White, Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma casts one vote for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma casts one vote for Michael Paquette. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department casts eight votes for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania casts eight votes for Michael Paquette. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island casts eight votes for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Rhode Island casts eight votes for Michael Paquette. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest casts three votes for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of the Southwest casts three votes for Michael Paquette. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee casts four votes for Michael Paquette; one for Paul Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee casts four votes for Michael Paquette; one vote for Paul Davis. Department of Texas.

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

Department of Texas casts one vote for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Texas casts one vote for Michael Paquette. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Department of Vermont casts one vote for Michael Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont casts one vote for Michael Paquette. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin casts four for Davis; three for Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin casts four votes for Paul Davis ; three votes for Michael Paquette. National Membership-at-Large.

**Adam W. Gaines, National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Brother Paquette.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Michael Paquette. That is the roll of the Departments.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, your numbers stand at seventy-three votes for Davis; 114 for Paquette. Michael Paquette is the new Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers. The next office we will act on is the office of the National Secretary. Brother Davis, would you call the roll of the Departments, please?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Ohio.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Grim.

**Robert E. Grim, Department of Ohio**

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. It's my honor to nominate a candidate for the office of Secretary and the person I would like to nominate is our sitting Secretary, Jonathan Davis. That's one of the jobs where we can observe what he really does.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Robert E. Grim, Department of Ohio**

And we have observed that he's done a great job and we'd like to have your vote to let him continue doing a great job for us. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Davis, Do you hold any other elective offices within our Order?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department Secretary/Treasurer. Camp Secretary/Treasurer.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

If elected, will you serve?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Yes, sir.



*All other Departments present passed.*

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

The roll call having been completed and a nomination having been received, I will declare the nominations closed. And congratulations, Brother Secretary.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we are now going to open nominations for the office of National Treasurer. Brother, would you begin the roll call, please?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to Department of Chesapeake.

**W. Faron Taylor, Department of the Chesapeake**

Good afternoon, Brothers. I'm Faron Taylor, Past Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake. Actually it's with heavy heart that I stand before you this afternoon 'cause looking to the desk I can still see Brother David McReynolds taking in everything. Not just with his eyes...

**Encampment**

...(applause)...

**W. Faron Taylor, Department of the Chesapeake**

...and not just with the eyes and ears of a fiduciary, but also with compassion and kindness. And I am blessed to have had many conversations with him over the years. On each occasion, he provided clear, concise and professional advice in such a gentle and calm way. He was a gentleman and Brother in every sense of the word.

**Unknown**

(Hear! Hear!)

**Encampment**

(Applause)

**W. Faron Taylor, Department of the Chesapeake**

And David was also a man with an obligation and duty. And doing one's duty was something he highly regarded. So, it is in that spirit and spirit of that duty that I come before you today. By now, each of you have had an opportunity to review Brother Michael Beard's record of service to our Order at the Camp, Department, and National level, including his years as Assistant National Treasurer. You've also learned of his deep commitment to God, his country, and his family. And, of course, you also now know of Brother Mike's nearly four decades of federal service in various offices of the Inspector General. As special note, Mike's vast financial and auditing expertise and experience made him a valuable watchdog of our tax dollars; a watchdog who saved almost one billion of our tax dollars. Yet, my Brothers, I'm

here to tell you these things are only a part of what you need to know about Michael Beard. Just a few short years ago, our Department was blessed with a Brother who served as our Department Secretary/Treasurer, and he helped us institute a plan that would ensure our long-term financial stability. And then the unthinkable happened at our Department level. That Brother experienced a serious medical condition that forced him to decline re-election. Now fortunately, his condition is now much better. And we are immensely grateful for his improved health and continuing service. But during those trying times, someone stepped forward immediately and embraced the challenge head on. Mike Beard. With his consummate knowledge of financial matters and deep appreciation for the targets we set as a Department, Mike was instrumental in helping us achieve our goals well in advance of our ambitious timeline. Mike Beard's fingerprints are found on every single initiative and accomplishment. He exceeded everyone's already high expectations 100% of the time. I can say these things to you with genuine candor because it was during this critical period that I was privileged to be sitting Commander of the Department. And we were the benefactor of his professional experience and commitment. Now certainly, each elected office carries great responsibility in our Order. However, I would humbly suggest that be it at the Camp, Department, or the National level, that of Treasurer is of distinct significance. The future success and growth of an organizations depends heavily on a solid economic footing. And we are no exception. As such, we have before us an opportunity to build upon our recent strides so that our entire Organization will gain from mother...Brother...Ha, mother... Brother Mike Beard's...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**W. Faron Taylor, Department of the Chesapeake**

...Brother Mike Beard's fiscal talents and his skills. And to that end and with respect to that duty for the good of all of our Order, I proudly place in to nomination for National Treasurer, Brother D. Michael Beard. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Beard, do you hold any other elective offices within our Order?

**D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake**

Department Secretary/Treasurer.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. And, sir, if elected, would you serve?

**D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake**

Yes.

*All other Departments present passed.*

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander, that's the roll call of Departments for the office of National Treasurer.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Secretary. I now declare the nominations closed. Congratulations, Brother Beard.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we are now going to open nominations for the office of Quartermaster. Brother Secretary, would you call the roll of Departments?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defer to Department of New York.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Danny. They deferred to you Danny. Do you got something to tell us?

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Yes, gentlemen. I'd like to put in to nomination a gentleman I feel that is up to do the job. Do the task. I do like to say what Bud said, because fifteen years ago Bud said I found a sucker.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

And I never forgot that one, I'll tell ya.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Anyway, I'd like to put in to nomination, James Lyon. For Quartermaster for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Danny. Brother Lyon, Sir, do you hold any other elective offices within our Order?

**James L. Lyon, Department of Illinois**

Not at this time.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And if elected, sir, would you serve?

**James L. Lyon, Department of Illinois**

Yes, I will.

*All other Departments present passed.*

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander, that's the roll call of the Departments for the office of National Quartermaster.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

I now declare nominations closed for the office of National Quartermaster. Congratulations, Brother Lyon.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we are going to move now to the office of member of the Council of Administration. We have two seats available?

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Two seats available. What we're going to do is we're going to elect the highest vote getter in this round. So, Brother Secretary, knowing that, would you...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

nominations first and then see who we got.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Well, we know what's gonna happen, but...

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

...Not necessarily.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We don't? Okay. Well, let's see what happens then. Brother Secretary, would you begin the roll call of the Departments?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Illinois.

**James P. McGuire, Department of Rhode Island**

Jamie McGuire, Past Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island. You may think it strange that a Rhode Island boy is up here making a nomination for a man that was born and raised in New Orleans and then moved to Illinois where he now calls home. I think this is representative of the true way that Harry Reineke, IV embodies Fraternity. He is, and welcomed in my state and I've been welcomed in his. And he is truly representative of the principles that our Order holds dear. You've seen the resume and the list of accomplishments, but I want talk a little about my friend. Harry puts faith, family, and the Order into everything he does. He truly represents Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. He is also a Life Member of this Organization at such a young age. In my world, the communications world, he's become my absolute partner. And there's nobody better situated to help continue to get the Order's message across. He helped, well mainly authored, the social media policy that we put in place for this

Order to help guide us in to the future. He is very different than most of us in the room, in the sense that well, he's very different.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James P. McGuire, Department of Rhode Island**

But he's also the first ever of a much-dispirited generation which we, who are not millennials, call the millennial generation, to stand for this Order. There has been a clamor over the past few years that we see on social media that we see in the world looking for younger faces to represent this Organization. And it's refreshing that someone like Harry is stepping up to be one of those faces. I think his commitment to this Order and his commitment to all of you, and you've all got to know him over the past couple years, from the first time he walked into one of these Encampments, the first opportunity he had he stood up and he was like, "Everybody, now... Well, I've arrived." And he hasn't left. The fact that he was entrusted to sit in as Patriotic Instructor at this Encampment I think is a great testament to the faith that the Order has in him. And we'll believe in him for years to come as the great-great-grandson of one of the founding families of Bureau County, Illinois, and the descendent of Union soldiers who fought for Illinois, it is my honor to nominate Harry Reineke, IV for Council of Administration.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Reineke, do you hold any other elective offices within our Order?

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

Department Commander of Illinois.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And, sir, if you are elected, will you serve?

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

Yes, I will.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Brother Secretary, would you continue the roll, please?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake.

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

I rise to place in nomination the name of Kevin Martin for the office of Council of Administration. Kevin has been a uniquely active person in this Organization. He's another one of those people who is behind the scenes. He has served as a Chief of Staff. He has served as our Fraternal Relations Committee. He has served in many other capacities. And he has been sought out by others for information and...to give them information and assistance. Kevin is very, very much the professional manager. He is intent. He is a very skilled IT qualifications, something we could probably use on the Council of Administration. But it is his managerial capabilities that I think are the most important. He has served as a member of teams at Ft. Dietrich, where he is involved in medical research. He has demonstrated great proficiency. He has, to my understanding of talking to people who know him,

provided incredible leadership to that work to the people that he works with and for. So, I can think of no better person to put in nomination than a man who has demonstrated managerial skills, who is dedicated to this Organization, who understands the way the Council of Administration functions and works, and has been a Chief of Staff and has had to fill out those incredibly...pile of reports that we have to go through four times a year. And so I think that he is, even though he was Tad's Chief of Staff I think that he deserves this job. And he deserves it because I believe he is the best we're gonna find, that we're going to get. I think he is really the man.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Martin, do you hold any other elective offices within our Order?

**Kevin L. Martin, Department of the Chesapeake**

I am Camp and Department Counselor.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And, sir, if you are elected, will you serve?

**Kevin L. Martin, Department of the Chesapeake**

I will.

*All other Departments present passed.*

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

And that's the roll call of the Departments for the office of Council of Administration.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, the nominations are now closed for the office of Council of Administration. We have two openings. We have two candidates. And we have two new men elected. Congratulations, Brothers.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brothers, we are now going to open the doors. They're going to be unsealed, but we're gonna go on with the initiation...installation.... You know it's been a long, long year. I'm getting tired, so this is happening just in time. (laughing). All right. Before I do that, I do have a couple of announcements that I would like to make. First, we have some housekeeping matters to take care of. I will accept a motion from the floor that the Encampment Committees be discharged with the thanks of this Encampment and that the Credentials Committee be allowed to submit its final report within forty-eight hours.

**Several**

So moved.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded. Any discussions? Seeing none, we'll move to vote. All those in favor, raise your voting cards. Thank you, Brothers. All against, same sign. Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Next, I would accept a motion that letters of appreciation be drafted by the National Secretary and sent to the Host Committee and to the hotel thanking them for an outstanding job.

**Several**

So moved.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Moved and seconded. Any discussion? Very well then we'll move to vote. All in favor, signify by raising your cards. Thank you, Brothers. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion carries. And I believe that's our housekeeping. All right. We have one other matter I'd like to bring to your attention. It has been brought to our attention by Brothers of the Department of Tennessee that we have a Brother eligible for National Aide-de-Camp ribbons for recruiting five new members. I would like to acknowledge that. Brother Fiddler qualifies as a National Aide-de-Camp for having recruited five new members. He has submitted the proof of that. And I'm going to declare that for the coming year, he may go ahead and wear the National Aide ribbon. Thank you, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

We have completed our housekeeping. We have acknowledged our National Aide. I want to let you, Brothers, know that throughout the Encampment we have been accepting donations and selling streamers for the Stevenson Memorial Plaza. Congratulations, Brothers. You've helped raise \$830.00 this weekend toward that project.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

And now, Brother Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you ready to start this?

**Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

I am.

**Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief**

Then why don't we have the Encampment turned over to your Installing Officer, who I understand is Past Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor. Sir, the Encampment is yours.

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Thank you.

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief Shaw, in 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 the command of the National Organization, your interest in the welfare of this 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 will still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so, the Guide will hand them to the Secretary.

**Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

I am. He already has them.

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Okay. Thank you. Secretary, call the roll of Officers, elect and staff appointees who as your names are called, will rise.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Norris; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brian C. Pierson; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Michael A. Paquette; National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis; National Treasurer, Michael Beard; National Quartermaster, James Lyon; Council of Administration member, Harry Reineke, IV, Council of Administration member, Kevin Martin; Council of Administration member, Peter Hritsko, Jr.; Council of Administration member, Kevin Tucker; Council of Administration member, Bruce Frail; Council of Administration member and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald W. Shaw; National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin Frail; National Aide-de-Camp, Douglas Fiddler; National Aide-de-Camp, Nathaniel Knight; National Chaplain, Reverend Peter Preble; National Chief of Staff, Jamie P. McGuire; National Organization Expansion Officer, Eric Richhart; National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch; National Color Bearer, David Sosnowski. I'll get that one day. National Counselor, Donald E. Darby; National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert Seal; National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko., Jr.; National GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin; National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail; National Guard, Eric Peterson; National Guide, Brian McManus; National Historian, Robert Wolz; National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Perley Mellor; National Liaison to the MOLLUS, Kevin L. Martin; National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ; Parliamentarian, James P. Pahl; National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire; National Legislation Officer, Daniel Earl; National Webmaster, Harry Reineke, IV; National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Kenneth Freshly; National Battlefield Flag Preservation Officer, Ernest Blevins; Assistant National Quartermaster, RFTC, Daryl VerStreate, Jr. We'll go with that. Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Counselor, James P. Pahl; National Counselor Blue Book, James P. Pahl. Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen Hammond; Assistant National Treasurer #1, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Treasurer #2, Danny Wheeler; Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs; and Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max Newman. And that's the roll call of elected and appointed Officers.



**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Thank you. Since that's most everybody standing, let's bring the rest of you up.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Officers for the next term. If any Brother has a valid reason why they should not be installed, let him now speak or forever hold his peace.

[one rap, \*]

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Brother Guide, would you present the Brothers before the altar for installation? Starting with the new Commander.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Place your hands on the Bible, please. Raise your right hands. If you can't, put them on the shoulders of the person in front of you. 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 interest for the National Organization and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of these duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you will remember that upon the manner in which you discharge your duties for your respective offices will depend very largely on 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?

**Officers (in unison)**

I am.

[three raps\*\*\*]

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine. I, Perley Mellor (officers' names)...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... to faithfully...honestly...and impartially...perform all the duties of the office...upon which I am about to enter...so help me God.

Please drop your hands. Encampment, attention.

[one rap, \*]

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Guide, conduct the Officers to their respective stations, acting Officers vacating. Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is in evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of Union Veterans 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 great cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you.

As the work of this nature can't be a success without the assistance of a divine provider, Chaplain will now ask His assistance and guidance. Chaplain.

[three raps\*\*\*]

**Peter M. Preble, National Chaplain**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties of the Office into which they are to be installed with the knowledge that thou are ever watching over them. Keep them in good health, 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 our Lord. Amen.

**Encampment**

Amen.

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am 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 sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I place 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 will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing (\*); two raps calls the Officers to their feet (\*\*); and three raps calls up the entire Encampment (\*\*\*). And now, by the virtue of the authority invested me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this National Organization legally elected, installed, and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending in August 2019 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.

Commander-in-Chief, 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 be successful.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Perley E. Mellor, Installing Officer**

My job is done. Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl, you have the honors.

**Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl**

Past Commander-in-Chief Shaw, it's my honor and privilege to stick you...I mean, pin you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers. Brother Commander-in-Chief, in the words of General Washington, I am fairly out and you are fairly in. See which of us will be the happier.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you, Brothers. I know we need to make it fast. So, let me sit you all.

[one rap, \*]

**Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief**

I just have a few short words before we close. First, I want to thank everybody who's put their trust in me over the years. I remember when I went to my first Camp meeting and they...well, they tried to nominate me for Junior Vice Commander.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief**

I was smart enough to turn them down. But, I was smart enough to take the Patriotic Instructor position and I enjoyed the Camp thoroughly. And so I started becoming more active. I became Department Secretary at my second Department Encampment. And my wife's like, "How far you going in this?" I said, "I'm just going to stay at the Camp level."

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief**

Which I didn't. And then Perley got me involved in National. Somehow he convinced Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy to appoint me as National Guide. So I was pretty honored at that. And I actually got to install some offices as a National Guide because they all went to Springfield and left me at home. Then the one thing I want to point out and why I am talking about this is you should never be afraid to move up in to a new position. The support I've gotten through the years has been tremendous. There's always Brothers willing to step up and help you, so never be afraid to move

forward. You will have help there. I want my administration, my term, to be an open door. I work for you, not the other way around. So if you have any issues, bring them before me. I promise I'll listen. I'll bring them before the Council of Administration if need be. The one thing I will not promise that I will act upon it. But we will listen. Not every idea is actable. So, I got two committees. One, Don's already mentioned. We're going to try to do more for the veterans. It's in our Federal Charter. It says... well, I can't find it. Well, it's in there.

### **Encampment**

(laughter).

### **Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief**

It's one of our purposes. So, I'll be appointing committee with Dexter Bishop will be heading up to find out how we can help the veterans more. I already have some members on it. We have things like Wreaths Across America, Missing in America Project, which looks for the ashes that have been forgotten of soldiers and give them proper military burials. So those are some of the ideas. So they're going to come up with some guidance. Thanks to everybody here, you've made it a two-year special committee. I was only going to stop with one and see how it went but we got two years, which is excellent. And the final thing is we talked about this for a long time and I'm going to appoint a committee that Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's going to head up because he'll be part of Programs and Policies as well. We finally want to get our forms electronically available so you'll be able to have new members go in and sign up electronically. Will have members be able to pay via PayPal. We're gonna be looking at some of the forms that are commonly used, such as Form 30 which is used by the Camps; Form 49 which is used by the Departments. There's no reason why we can't fill those out and hit a button and it's all done. And that information can go to the right person. Just an example, on Form 30 you can put in deceased members. There's no reason when you hit submit it shouldn't go to the Executive Director and our National Chaplain. And they know about it immediately. So Brian's going to head up a committee to do that. And finally, recruiting is always important. We've heard about that throughout. Many of you have brothers, sons, grandsons, uncles, cousins. They're all probably eligible to join. You also have members of other organizations that may be able to join. Bringing in family members, it's a great family bonding experience. You go out and do grave registration, participate in a monument rededication and you have your family there. That's a great thing to do. So, I'm hoping y'all go out and find other people and get us up. I was a little concerned. Brian reported that he had gotten sixty-five new memberships in the past year. I had gotten over a hundred. So for some reason, we dropped by almost half and we have to figure out why that happened. That's just not acceptable. And so we need to figure that out. We should be climbing, not going down. Finally, I want to congratulate the Auxiliary President. I believe it's Wanda Langdon? So, congratulations to her. We hope they have a very successful year as well. And I know we'll be working together to support the Boys in the Blue. So that's all I have to say. I'll publish this and also publish a General Order #1, which will have all the contact information for the new officers and where you can reach out to different people. So with that, You'll give your attention while the National Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations. Parade rest.

[three raps\*\*\*]

**Peter M. Preble, National Chaplain**

Our Father in heaven, we pray You deal with the events of this meeting 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. Amen.

**Encampment**

Amen.

**Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties, and exhibit toward each other our unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity, and an unswerving Loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the Altar and Station Banners. Attention. I now declare the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause)

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Consolidated Reports of Officers and Committees**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Council of Administration Report**  
**August 8, 2019**  
**Independence, Ohio**

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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 August 8, 2019 meeting in Independence, Ohio. 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; Donald W. Shaw, CinC

Report to be delivered during Officer Reports from the Encampment Floor.

### 2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Ed Norris, PDC

Continued work on various forms that needed updating. Represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Department Encampments for Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts. Attended all of the Council of Administration meetings. Voted on all but two electronic boardroom votes.

### 2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Brian Pierson, PDC

Commander, Brothers,

I have the honor to submit the following report:

1. Since assuming my current duties in August 2018, I have received and processed 62 applications for membership. I have forwarded the applications to the respective Department or National Membership-at-Large, as appropriate. In addition, I have had the pleasure of addressing a large number of email inquiries regarding membership or other related issues, the former which I referred to the respective Departments.

A notable number of the applications had substantive errors. The most common errors were:

- Part V, filial relationships not circled.
- Failure to include supporting documentation.

2. I had the honor to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Department of Colorado & Wyoming's annual encampment in Grand Junction, CO. I participated in Council of Administration meetings at Gettysburg and Springfield and in online discussions.

3. In my correspondence with Department JVCs, a common grievance has been expressed about the inconsistencies between the internet application form (Form 60) and the standard application form (Form 3). Of particular frustration is the financial section (fees and dues) because of the Form extra work required to process applications at the Camp and Department level. I polled the Departments about eliminating the Form 60 and updating the Form 3 (mostly simplifying the format); this met with an overall positive response and many good suggestions from the Departments. However, the issue of the fees and dues remains problematic, due in part to the differing dues and fees structures among the Departments, but it is not unsolvable.

3.a. At the April 2019 Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, IL, I recommended that the Form 60 be retired as soon as practical in favor of the Form 3, either as is or updated. The updated form was passed to the P&P Committee for action.

4. It is my observation that the Order should do more to tangibly encourage more Brothers to actively recruit and retain members. The SUVCW once had a history of awarding recruiting awards: The Mohr Recruiting Award (see "Grand Army Men", p109; Recruiting Incentive Badges (ibid, pp

113-114); the Major A.P. Davis Badge (Ibid., p140). Other organizations such as MOLLUS (ibid., p186) and SAR also have recruiting badges.

5. Recommendations:

5.a. The Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration consider updating the National Aide Award to establish a recruiting badge similar to one those in “Grand Army Men” or at least a device to be worn permanently on the badge of the membership ribbon, such as a 1/4” bronze shield with a raised letter “R”, such as depicted below. The award criteria would remain the same as it is currently.



5.2. Consideration towards the development of policy with respect to actions to be taken should an objection be raised to the installation of a duly election officer.

6. It has been my honor to serve our our fellow Brothers this past year in this capacity. I had the pleasure of corresponding with Department JVCs from many departments and am impressed by their dedication, their patriotism, their desire to honor their veteran ancestors, and their love of our great Order.

In FC&L,  
Brian C. Pierson, PDC  
JVCinC

## 2.4 National Secretary; Johnathan C. Davis, PDC

### National Secretary; Jonathan C. Davis, PDC

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings:  
Council of Administration meeting, Springfield, Illinois, Saturday, April 13, 2019.

#### MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.

The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since April 2019. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below.

- **Motion 06      Motion Passed April 28, 2019**  
Motion by Brother Day and seconded by Brother Paquette that the current motion (for development of a death certificate), be deferred and that the creation of a new death certificate be assigned to the P&P committee.
- **Motion 07      Motion Passed May 8, 2019**  
Motion by Brother Paquette that the original and amended motions regarding Form 49 be sent to the P&P committee for the committee’s consideration and action, seconded by Brother P. Davis.
- **Motion 08      Motion Passed May 15, 2019**  
Motion by Brother Hritsko to allow the James A. Garfield Camp #142 of Cleveland, Ohio for a license to sell jackets with the SUVCW Logo and name, seconded by Brother P. Davis
- **Motion 09      Motion Passed June 8, 2019**

Motion by Council of Administration Immediate PCinC Mark Day that the Department of Missouri be granted permission to use the name, crest and badge of the Order for items relating to the 2021 National Encampment, seconded by SVCinC Edward Norris.

- **Motion 10 Motion Passed June 12, 2019**  
Sr. Vice CinC Norris moved to reimburse Michael Downs up to \$200 for expenses occurred in assisting the Order with treasurer duties. Receipts, documentation, etc. will be expected, Seconded by CofA member Michael Paquette.
- **Motion 11 Motion Failed June 26, 2019**  
Motion made by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Norris that the form "Deceased Brother Notification – Form 31" be accepted, seconded by PCinC Day.
- **Motion 12 Motion Passed July 12, 2019**  
Motion by CofA member Bruce Frail to have Brother Jim Pahl fill the vacant Treasurer position, seconded by CofA member Kevin Tucker.
- **Motion 13 Motion Passed July 1, 2019**  
Motion by Brother Kevin Tucker that the Council of Administration approve an expenditure of \$300 for hiring a graphic artist, (Conor Napier) to upgrade our digital copies of the SUV CW Coat of Arms and SUV CW Logo. In exchange for this payment, the graphic artist produce vector files of both images, as well as a variety of rasterized files for each, seconded by Brother Mark Day.
- **Spec Vote Passed July 12, 2019**  
To be announced during National Encampment.
- **Motion 14 Motion Failed July 18, 2019**  
Motion by Brother Michael Paquette that Brother Bartholow be allowed to purchase a National Commander-in-Chief badge from the Quartermaster provided he engraves the badge with " FOR EXHIBIT ONLY", seconded by Brother Day.

#### CAMP CHARTERS.

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

- James K. Polk McClary Camp No. 64, Department of Michigan. Expires February 19, 2019
- Cowley County Camp No. 10, Department of Kansas. Expires June 12, 2020

The following charters have been issued by CinC Shaw since April 13, 2019:

- (2019-03) Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp No. 31, Department of California and the Pacific. Date of ranking: July 19, 2019

#### NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

April 27, 2019 – National Representative during the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas Encampment Meeting in Wisner, Nebraska.

June 1, 2018 – National Representative during the Department of Indiana Encampment Meeting in Kokomo.

### **2.5 National Treasurer; David McReynolds, PCC (James B. Pahl, PCinC, Acting)**

#### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR REPORT OF THE **ACTING NATIONAL TREASURER** TO THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Having been recently appointed Acting National Treasurer until David McReynolds is ready to assume office again, I have taking actions to get invoices paid and accounts up to date. I am

working with Assistant National Treasurer Michael Downs, who has been of invaluable assistance. I have asked Assistant National Treasurer D. Michael Beard to prepare the 2019-2020 Budget. I have not been able to transfer the financial records to my computer, so will probably not be able to provide accurate financial statements until after the next National Treasurer is elected and installed. Day to day bookkeeping is being done by the accounting firm that completes our 990 and our audit.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

*James B. Pahl*

James B. Pahl, PCinC  
Acting National Treasurer

## **2.6 National Quartermaster; Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC**

Brothers,

I am hoping to keep sales where they were last year with numbers down it has not been essay but we our a little ahead of last year. I have a new product it is a Flying Eagle Horseshoe pin Celebrating FC&L sells for \$25.00 Thanks to Carol Cleveland of the Ladies for designing it. As I work down to my 15 years as your quartermaster I feel sad but I have enjoyed doing it and will have mixed emotions for I enjoyed it so much but old age is tacking a toll and it is best for the good of the order. I have a brother that I trust will be good for the order and do a great job. I will always be their for the new quartermaster for what he needs.

Yours in FC&L

Danny Wheeler PCinC  
National Quartermaster

### **2.6.1 Assistant National Quartermaster; George Shadman, PDC**

Gentlemen:

As per the communication received from Brother Dean Lamphere on July 9, 2019, the office of the Assistant National Quartermaster hereby submits his report for this past year.

As most of the Council of Administration knows, the sole duty of the Assistant National Quartermaster is to coordinate the efforts of the ROTC/JROTC Awards program under the purview of the National Quartermaster. I have held this position since May, 2016 and will relinquish this post at the upcoming national encampment in Cleveland, Ohio. It has been my extreme pleasure to work with National Quartermaster PCC Danny Wheeler and the current and past three national commanders.

For this past year, which ran from May 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, thirteen months, this office processed 1101 Award Applications, or Form 7s, either submitted from the various ROTC Award Coordinators at the department or camp level or directly from the high school, college or university. These numbers are down somewhat from the previous two years. I believe it had a lot to do with an edict from the Air Force Jr. ROTC National Headquarters eliminating the wearing of our (and several other descendent based organizations) medal and ribbon on the cadets' uniform. My discussion with several local unit commanders indicate there is hope this edict will be reversed upon a change of command in the future. We will have to wait and see. There were many local AFJROTC units who still applied for our award, knowing that the cadet could not wear it on their

uniform. Those who had received our award prior to the edict are authorized to wear the ribbon or medal up until August 1, 2021.

I have enclosed a bar chart showing, by department, the effort put into contacting local schools, etc. This chart, as indicated is **for the past three years**, the time this office oversaw the program. As you can see our organization sent out 3296 award packages, with the Departments of Texas, California/ Pacific, Florida with Puerto Rico, and Chesapeake leading the pack. Congratulations to those departments and their ROTC Award coordinators.

**I do request** that the Form 7 be immediately modified to show the contact information of the new Assistant National Quartermaster. The sooner this is done the less confusion for the local SUV camps and departments, as well as the schools who retrieve this form from our website.

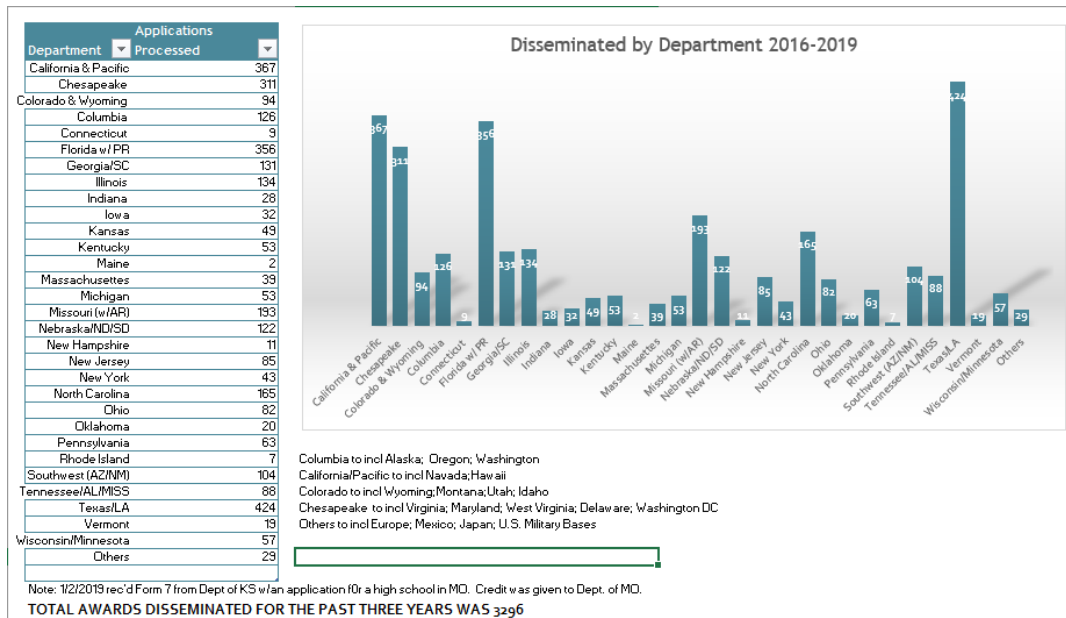
I would ask the Council of Administration to consider all suggestions from the ROTC Award coordinators, as they are the ones in the field and must touch base with the ROTC/JROTC unit commanders.

Again, my thanks to all who made my job easier and offered me fantastic counsel for the last three years.

Submitted in F, C & L,

*G Shadman*

George Shadman, PDC



## 2.7 Council of Administration – 2019; Paul Davis, PDC

### Report To the Commander In Chief and Council of Administration

Paul Davis, Council of Administration, July 25, 2019

Commander In Chief Shaw and Brothers:



I have attended all meetings of the Council and voted on the many motions that have come before the Council. On some matters I provided the necessary motion or second as required. Some of these matters required discussion which I provided as they were matters in which I have experience and expertise.

I am serving as the Chair of the National Committee on Promotion and Marketing as well as a member of several other Committees including: the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign, National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues and the CinC Appointed Strategic Development Committee.

Except for the National Committee on Promotion and Marketing for which I will supply a separate report, I will not comment on my activities on the other Committees as I will leave that to each Committee Chair.

As to other activities, I have attended several ceremonies, memorials and patriotic events. Most notable was assisting the American Legion Post 150 by supplying and serving as the Honor Guard for Medal of Honor recipient James "Doc" McCloughan.

As always on Memorial Day and through out the Memorial week, I was busy with attendance at various events through out the state of Michigan.

I attended the Department of Michigan's joint Encampment/Convention with the Michigan Daughters of the Civil War 1861 to 1865. It looks like we will continue with a joint meeting in 2020.

I routinely do ancestry work for the benefit of new members as well as existing Sons who want to join or seek more information about their Civil War ancestors.

In March of this year, I lead a group of Sons to critique the Civil War themed Project Based Learning presentations for five 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History classes at the Freeland Middle School. This was our 12<sup>th</sup> year of service to this school that we adopted several years ago.

I traveled to and attended the Department of Illinois Encampment as well as the Department of Ohio Encampment. I also traveled with Commander In Chief Shaw and attended to other Sons related business.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Paul Davis  
Council of Administration

## **2.8 Council of Administration – 2019; Michael J. Paquette, PDC**

Brother Command-in-Chief,

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

- Department of Rhode Island Annual Banquet and Encampment – 5 & 6 April, Providence, RI
- MOLLUS Lincoln Tomb Ceremony – 13 April, Springfield, IL
- Department of Illinois Dr. Stephenson Memorial Ceremony – Petersburg, IL
- Council of Administration Meeting – 13 April, Springfield, IL
- Department of the Chesapeake 132nd Annual Encampment – 4 May, Ellicott City, MD
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Griffin Alois at Stafford High School annual award ceremony – 1 May, Falmouth, VA
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Peyton Davis at Eastern View High School annual award ceremony – 7 May, Culpepper, VA

- Irish Brigade Camp #4 Decoration Day Dinner – 30 May, Fredericksburg, VA
- Represented the Commander-in-Chief and installed the Department Officers for 2018 at the Department of New Jersey Annual Encampment – 8 June, Tom’s River, NJ
- Camp meetings of Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake – 28 March and 23 May Fredericksburg, VA
- Monument Grant Committee voting sessions
- Council of Administration voting sessions

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Michael Paquette, PDC

## **2.9 Council of Administration – 2020; Kevin P. Tucker, PDC**

Brother Commander-in-Chief,

It has been my great honor to have been given the opportunity by my Brothers to serve them and this great Order. I take this responsibility with the utmost seriousness and determination, and pledge to continue to give my very best effort to the furtherance of this noble organization.

Since the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, I have attended the Council of Administration meetings at Framingham and Gettysburg. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Spring Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, IL due to a family emergency, where my wife had to undergo surgery the weekend of the meeting.

I have participated in numerous votes via our Electronic Boardroom throughout the year, and attended the Department of Vermont Encampment, where I acted on your behalf as the Installing Officer.

On behalf of the Department of Massachusetts, I submitted the nomination of Mr. Gordon Shepard of Saugus Massachusetts for the National Organization’s Founder’s Award for 2019.

Contracting with a graphic art student, I am currently working on upgrading some of the graphics used by the Order as vector graphics, which can be resized without pixelization.

I have been working with Brother Rod Frasier on starting a new Camp in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

I attended the following events:

- On September 16, 2018, I participated in the North Shore Veterans Appreciation Parade in Lynn, Massachusetts.
- On October 27, 2018 I attended a Dinner to Benefit Project New Hope in Groton, Massachusetts.
- On October 29 and 30, 2018 I visited the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in St. Louis to survey the site and meet with the Department of Missouri Host Committee.
- On November 4, 2018 I participated in an annual memorial ceremony for General Benjamin Butler in Lowell, Massachusetts.
- On November 17, 2019 I participated in Remembrance Day events at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- On February 10, 2019, I hosted the Department of Massachusetts’ Annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch in Wakefield, Massachusetts.
- On April 4, 2019, I participated in the Lynn, MA History Seminar training teachers how to teach Civil War history, as a lecturer on the history of the G.A.R.
- On April 5, 2019 I attended the Department of Rhode Island Awards Banquet in Coventry, Rhode Island.

- On April 18, 2019 I attended the Department of Vermont Department Encampment in Milton, Vermont.
- On April 26 and 27, 2019 I attended the annual Department of Massachusetts Encampment.
- On April 28, 2019 I attended an annual Civil War Remembrance ceremony in Charlestown, Massachusetts.
- On May 18, 2019 I participated in decorating graves at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield, Massachusetts.
- On May 19, 2019, I participated in a memorial service at the grave of Charles H. Bond in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- On May 23, 2019 I attended a Memorial Day Observance at the General Frederick W. Lander Camp No. 5 Burial Plot in Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn, Massachusetts.
- On May 26, 2019 I attended the annual Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Administration National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts.
- On June 8, 2019 I attended headstone straightening and cleaning at the G.A.R. burial plot at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Boston, Massachusetts.
- On June 15, 2019, I attended a Department of Massachusetts officers meeting in Woburn, Massachusetts.
- On July 20, 2019 I attended the New England Regional Association Friendship Luncheon in Laconia, New Hampshire.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Kevin P. Tucker, PDC  
National Council of Administration

## **2.10 Council of Administration – 2021; Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

Report of Council of Administration Member Bruce D. Frail, PDC to the Council of Administration Meeting, 24 July 2019 for the Pre-C of A for the National Encampment

Brothers,

I have the honor to report to the Council of Administration of which I was honored by my Brothers to be elected to at the National Encampment this past August 2018.

Since then I have attended the post National Encampment Council of Administration meeting, the Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting, the Springfield Council of Administration Council of Administration meeting, and five Department encampments, three of which I represented the Commander-in-Chief. I have voted in every electronic boardroom matter since being elected and have tried to represent the Brothers of the order that elected me.

I have been able to work with my Brothers on the C of A to get a motion placed on the floor and to get it approved. This motion provided the funds needed to the National Treasurer to set up a premium account with Survey Monkey in which we, the Council of Administration, will be better able to communicate with the Brothers of our Order. I hope and know that our Brothers will use this tool to ask and answer questions to better improve the relationship between Camps, Departments and National, as it should be.

There are many ideas that have been brought to my attention and in time they will all be brought before the C of A for discussion and if needed, to be voted on.

Please remember Brothers, I, as all the C of A work for you and the SUVCW as a whole. If any of you have any questions, comments or concerns, or if you just wish to vent, email me at [CofA4@suvcw.org](mailto:CofA4@suvcw.org)

Thank you  
Respectfully Submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
Council of Administration Member #4  
SUVCW

## **2.11 Council of Administration – 2021; Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC**

Peter J. Hritsko  
Council of Administration Report Member #2  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War  
[hritsko@centurytel.net](mailto:hritsko@centurytel.net)

It has been an honor to have been elected by the Brothers of this Order to serve the office of Council of Administration at the National Encampment in Massachusetts in August 11, 2018

I have been busy performing work of the Order especially at the camp level this past year as well as department level. I am also busy with my duties as a member of the National Council of Administration that included working on the National Committee on the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund and attending all council meetings held in Framingham Mass and Gettysburg Pa, Springfield, Il.

I have observed and participated with answering questions forth coming to the Council via electronic board. I have participated in casting my votes on all issues brought forth of whom I am representing of those brothers who elected me to this office.

Attended the Lincolns Tomb Ceremony in Springfield IL on April 13, 2019.

Attended and participated in the Memorial Day at President James A. Garfield Tomb in Cleveland, Ohio May 27, 2019.

Attended the Dept. Ohio Encampment in Columbus, Ohio June 8, 2019.

I promote the Order every chance I can no matter where I may be visiting. I explain and present information about our order as often as I can.

I have been busy with the James A. Garfield Camp #142 and the Dept. of Ohio working with the host committee for the upcoming National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio this August 8-11, 2019.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Peter J. Hritsko, PDC  
Council of Administration Member 2

## **2.12 Council of Administration – 2021; Mark R. Day, PCinC**

Brothers of the CofA,

Since the Springfield CofA meeting, I have been actively engaged in the on-line discussions of the CofA and the various committees to which, I was appointed. I have voted on those issues, which were brought up on the Electronic Board Room. Working with PCinC Krieser and CinC Shaw, I have approved the publication of the proceedings from the 2018 National Encampment in Farmington, Massachusetts. On several occasions and at his request, I have spoken with the Commander-in-Chief on various topics and provided my opinions. Since the April meeting in Springfield, I have attended the following:

1. Department of the Georgia and South Carolina Annual Encampment (CinC's Representative).
2. Department of the Chesapeake Annual Encampment
3. Pennsylvania Department Annual Encampment
4. Memorial Day Activities in the City of Lynchburg, VA (I was speaker at Decoration Day Ceremony at Old City Cemetery and attended with other members of my camp the Veterans Council Ceremony on Observed Memorial Day).

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty  
PCinC Mark R. Day

During the winter months, I attended several events that occurred within the Department of the Chesapeake and I prayed for my friends and Brothers Jerry Kowalski and David McReynolds. I now am looking forward to the Spring and attending many Department Encampments and particularly the Encampment of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina where, I will represent the CinC.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty  
PCinC Mark R. Day

## **2.13 Banner Editor; James B. Pahl, PCinC**

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR REPORT OF THE **EDITOR OF THE BANNER** TO THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

The next deadline (for the Fall issue) is August 31.

A few years ago, I received a bound volume of several back issues of the predecessor publication of the Banner. I have been cooperating with the Michigan G.A.R. Museum in attempting to secure grants to have this scanned and make it available to all of our members. I hope to be able to report success in this project by the November Council of Administration meeting.

I hope each of you is enjoying the Banner. It is my pledge that my brothers will receive four Banners a year – on schedule.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

*James B. Pahl*

James B. Pahl, PCinC  
Editor – The Banner

## **2.14 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC**

Report to Encampment 2019  
From the Office of the National Executive Director

David W Demmy Sr., Headquarters at Harrisburg, PA

2019 has been another busy year at Headquarters with the departure of PCinC Gene Mortorff who graciously and patriotically donated his time and effort to Headquarters the last 2 years until spring of 2019 when he stepped away due to personal health reasons. His assistance at headquarters the last 2 years was more than beneficial to our grand organization, as he kept the door open, mail open, and checks flowing to our National Treasurer during 2 periods that I had surgery and had to recuperate for several months each operation. Mrs. Linda Mortorff accompanied Gene to headquarters at Reservoir Park often and during her volunteer period, she accomplished the sorting and filing of old membership applications into their respective files. Jobs more than well done by Gene and Linda. They have left a great vacancy in the volunteer room at headquarters.

Upon Gene's departure, the annual reports forms 49 and forms 35 began to appear in mail box. Several new department secretaries were elected in early 2019 and this spring was their first taste of obtaining form 27s from their camps and preparing form 35 and form 49 for reporting to headquarters. A line miscalculation within form 27 was discovered, but our publications team quick fixed the concern and posted a workable form on our website.

Most reports 35 went smoothly. Six departments were late!

It appears some camps held new 2018 membership applications until they submitted their 2019 form 27 to their department. Considering the time for the department to file form 35 with those new applications and then the time for that form 35 and accompanying documentation to be handled at headquarters, those 2018 members have gone without a Banner for ¾ of year or more!

New applications are to be submitted to the department by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the next month; not held until it's time to initiate form 27. That's poor accountability and poor retention effort.

Life Memberships – it appears most life membership applications are submitted to headquarters during springtime; perhaps after IRS refunds are issued.

In 2017 - 22 life memberships were processed

In 2018 - 16 were processed

Thus far this year 10 have been handled and a laminated ID card and colorful certificate issued to the brothers.

Other statistics for 2019 vs 2018

| 2018 | Production              | 2019 - half year to date |
|------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 934  | Form 30s processed      | 829                      |
| 616  | Membership Applications | 267                      |
| 248  | Telephone calls         | NA                       |
| 305  | Emails/queries          | NA                       |
| 12   | Visitors                | 10                       |
| 67   | BSA queries             | 26                       |
| 33   | ROTC queries            | 5                        |
| 2035 | Hours logged in office  | 1284                     |
| 103  | Death notices           | 48                       |

Age report of our membership:

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Age < 14:    | 65  |
| Age 14 - 20: | 165 |
| Age 21 - 30: | 277 |
| Age 31 - 40: | 329 |

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|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| Age 41 - 50: | 441  |
| Age 51 - 60: | 835  |
| Age 61 - 70: | 1405 |
| Age 70 - 80: | 1247 |
| Age 80+:     | 461  |
| No birthday: | 974  |
| Total:       | 6199 |

Many other types of reports are available to officers; just ask! Many reports can be prepared by department vs the national data indicated above; e.g.: who is the oldest brother in any department; what brother has the most seniority for membership in any department!

Prepared and issued 3 SUVCW Display of USA Flag Certificates of Commendation to worthy individuals. Two more pending at this time.

**Recommendation # 1:** Require all Departments and all Camps to have an appointed Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer). The purpose would be to have an Assistant already in place, with bank account & records access, to provide backup to all administrative and financial functions of the Department/Camp in the event that the elected officer(s) was unable to perform their duties due to illness, disability, death, divorce, relocation, natural disaster, resignation or any other reason!

Having an appointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer would be part of a “Professional Continuity Plan” for the Department and Camps that could minimize future business interruption between the Camps, Departments and National Headquarters; and avoid any potential suspension due to lack of filing reports and remittances in a timely manner!

Case-in-point [a southern department] struggled with their department reports and full establishment of a new camp due to illness of the department secretary/treasurer.

This scenario has happened several times during my tenure at headquarters and if an assistant secretary/treasurer was onboard to step up and help, operations would run more smoothly. Departments indicated as ‘late’ filers or nonfilers are not eligible for CinC membership awards!

**Recommendation #2:** It appears under Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article I, Formation, Section 3 that when footnote 26 may have been established, that section 3 (a) and (b) were dissolved! Therefore, language in section 11 and 12 below require correction as they reference data no longer in section 3 (a) and (b)!

Likewise, section 11 states “consolidated report”; I believe this consolidated report to be known as “Department Annual Report Form 35” and therefore ‘*consolidated*’ should be changed to reflect the proper name of the annual report due to headquarters on or before May 31 of each year.

## NATIONAL REGULATIONS

Chapter II  
Departments  
Article I  
Formation

Section 3. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be called a special Department Encampment to be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Commander-in-Chief. At such special Encampment, complete organization of the Department shall be effected, including election of Officers and adoption of Department By-Laws. <sup>26</sup> The Officers elected at such special Encampment shall serve until the annual Encampment, and shall be entitled to all honors accorded Officers completing an elective term.

Section 10. When a Department fails to file their annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the Regulations for five consecutive years, the charter of the Department shall automatically be suspended; the Department shall lose all voting rights at the succeeding National Encampment, including all Department PDC's and Past Department Commander and Department Commander; the Department may not be reinstated until the succeeding National Encampment has occurred.

Section 11. Any Department which fails to file the consolidated report required in Section 3(a) of this Article by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

Section 12. Any Department which fails to file the annual EIN report required in Section 3(b) of this Article by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

End

### **2.15 Assistant Executive Director; James Mortorff, PCinC**

Brother Mortorff – reported he had nothing to report.

## **3.0 National Appointed Officers**

### **3.1 National Aide-de-Camp, L. Dean Lamphere, PDC**

Brothers, let me report that this has been an interesting year. I thank the Commander-in-Chief for this opportunity to see up close the inner workings of the Order.

I attended the Council of Administration Meeting following last year's National Encampment in Boston, Gettysburg during Remembrance Day weekend and in Springfield following the Lincoln Death Day Service.

I assisted in the preparation of the April Council of Administration Report and prepared the Encampment Report.

It has been my pleasure "to serve at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief".

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,  
L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC  
National Aide-de-Camp

### **3.2 National Aide-de-Camp, W. Faron Taylor, PDC**

As National Aide-de-Camp, I have nothing for this period to report.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
W. Faron Taylor, PDC

### **3.3 National Camp-at-Large & Dept. Organizer, TBD**

No report submitted

### **3.4 National Chaplin, Jerome W. Kowalski**



As my current tour of duty comes to an end at the next National Encampment, I wish to submit the following as what has happened during 13 of the past 14 years. My one year sabbatical had me going to Gettysburg and Springfield because the appointed Chaplain could not attend.

#### WHAT LITTLE I HAVE DONE

All with the suggestions, encouragement and permission of the Commanders in Chief under whom I served during the past 14 years . "Don't Do Anything to Get Us in Trouble."

1. Chaplain's Corner
2. Final Muster
3. Sunday Morning Church Service at Springfield, Gettysburg and National Encampment
4. Invocation and Benediction at C of A meetings.
5. Funerals & Memorial Services for deceased Sisters and Brothers in the Midwest.
6. Organized or participated in 6 Memorial Day (Weekend) Services each year.
7. Spent 3 months as Caregiver for PCC Steven Stewart after stem cell transplant because of his cancer.
8. Helped conduct his Funeral a year later.
9. Chaplains' Handbook on website.
10. Organized Veterans Day and Fourth of July activities for two camps in IL.
11. Helped the Dept of the Southwest to become The Dept of Texas
12. Helped start the SVR in Texas.
13. Active Brother in two Dept of IL Camps. Assisting in the Cemetery Service of hundreds of markers for The Boys in Blue.
14. Represented the C-in-C at Department Encampments in Kentucky, Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado, Columbia, Florida, Oklahoma and Texas.
15. Completed the chartering of the Dept of IL - Peoria Camp, after PDC Dennis Kelly went home to the Lord before it was finished.
16. Helped raise money at SVR Breakfasts that would not generate an IRS audit. (Giving \$2.00 bills in exchange and acknowledgment for \$20.00 bills.)
17. Visited sick Brothers and Sisters and anointed them.
18. Sought to bring cooperation and harmony between the Allied Orders.
19. Have attend as many functions of our Order as I possibly could.
20. Started the National Chaplains' Award.
21. Sought to bring about harmony between the SCV and the SUV.

22. Have prayed for the Success of the Allied Orders, for the living and deceased Sisters and Brothers, and their families - asking The Lord to bless them with Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Chaplain Jerry

Post Scriptum:

1. I am still the National Chaplain for the SVR, and in that capacity will assist the newly appointed National Chaplain Father Peter Preamble, in any way that I can.
2. I received two letters of reprimand for errors that I had made, and have tried to correct those mistakes.

### 3.5 National Chief of Staff, Terry McKinch, PCC

No report submitted.

### 3.6 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

1. Ernie Blevins is doing a database on GAR monuments in several states and is keeping me informed about it. So far he has 300 monuments in the database
2. Tom Gaard is still submitting large number of monuments (51 this year) and last soldier markers from Iowa. His service should again be recognized. Christopher Shand of Moses Ballwin Camp 544 submitted 10. Ben Frail – 11 and 1 last soldier. I submitted just two this last year as Missouri is complete and we are now recording new monuments as they go up.
3. Still waiting for the database to be created so we can begin entering the monuments into an online database. Meanwhile, we do have a national monuments page that is linked to individual departments or other agencies by state that provide information on monuments.
4. **I have all the monument files on Google Drive as a backup to my files. A few SUVCW members have been granted access to these files. To have access to your state's files, you must e-mail me at [wbusch@suvchwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvchwmo.org) giving the reason why you desire access (ie. Council of Administration, monuments officer or commander, etc).**

#### RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENT RECORDS

| STATE/LOCATION     | July 2018 on file | July 2019 | Gain / Loss | Last Soldier Markers | Notes         |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Alabama            | 1                 | 1         | 0           | 0                    |               |
| Arizona            | 3                 | 3         | 0           | 0                    |               |
| <b>Arkansas</b>    | <b>12</b>         | <b>12</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>             | <b>Note 1</b> |
| Australia          | 1                 | 1         | 0           | 0                    |               |
| <b>California</b>  | <b>40</b>         | <b>40</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>             |               |
| Colorado           | 4                 | 4         | 0           | 0                    |               |
| <b>Connecticut</b> | <b>5</b>          | <b>5</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>             |               |
| Delaware           | 1                 | 1         | 0           | 0                    |               |
| <b>Florida</b>     | <b>3</b>          | <b>3</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>             |               |

|                       |             |             |           |           |               |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Georgia               | 7           | 8           | 1         | 0         |               |
| <b>Idaho</b>          | <b>9</b>    | <b>9</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Illinois              | 134         | 134         | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Indiana</b>        | <b>12</b>   | <b>12</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Iowa                  | 99          | 150         | 51        | 47        | .             |
| <b>Kansas</b>         | <b>14</b>   | <b>14</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Kentucky              | 10          | 10          | 0         | 0         |               |
| Kazakhstan            | <b>1</b>    | <b>1</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Maine                 | 5           | 5           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Maryland</b>       | <b>4</b>    | <b>4</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>Note 2</b> |
| Massachusetts         | 45          | 46          | 1         | 0         |               |
| <b>Mexico</b>         | <b>1</b>    | <b>1</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Michigan              | 222         | 222         | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Minnesota</b>      | <b>1</b>    | <b>1</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>  |               |
| Mississippi           | 1           | 1           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Missouri</b>       | <b>535</b>  | <b>544</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>4</b>  |               |
| Nebraska              | 6           | 6           | 0         | 1         |               |
| <b>Nevada</b>         | <b>43</b>   | <b>4</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| New Hampshire         | 18          | 18          | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>New Jersey</b>     | <b>6</b>    | <b>7</b>    | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| New York              | 29          | 39          | 10        | 0         | Note 3        |
| <b>North Carolina</b> | <b>12</b>   | <b>12</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| North Dakota          | 2           | 2           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Ohio</b>           | <b>35</b>   | <b>35</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>14</b> | <b>Note 4</b> |
| Oklahoma              | 4           | 4           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Oregon</b>         | <b>1</b>    | <b>1</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Pennsylvania          | 28          | 28          | 1         | 0         |               |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>   | <b>28</b>   | <b>39</b>   | <b>11</b> | <b>1</b>  |               |
| South Carolina        | 1           | 1           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>South Dakota</b>   | <b>1</b>    | <b>1</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Tennessee             | 7           | 8           | 1         | 0         |               |
| <b>Texas</b>          | <b>2</b>    | <b>2</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Utah                  | 1           | 1           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Virginia</b>       | <b>8</b>    | <b>8</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Vermont               | 1           | 1           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Washington</b>     | <b>13</b>   | <b>13</b>   |           | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Washington DC         | 1           | 1           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>West Virginia</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |               |
| Wisconsin             | 34          | 35          | 1         | 0         |               |
| Wyoming               | 1           | 1           | 0         | 0         |               |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>1408</b> | <b>1495</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>Note 5</b> |

**NOTES:**

Note 1: A spreadsheet of known monuments has been created for this state. 254 Monuments in Arkansas.

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

Note 3: 1992 New York SUVCW Monuments Book Digitized In addition to files

Note 4: Ohio Last Soldiers in Database came from a listing of markers that had no Form 61 or Form 62 filed for them but with enough info to digitize. Several states have records that have just been cobbled together. It would be nice for someone from those states to update the information with the correct forms.

Note 5: Forms 61 & 62s that have been sent in and are not considered monuments are included in some of the department's records

Note: Mullins Company Monuments Catalog of 1913 digitized

Respectfully submitted in

Brüderlichkeit, Nächstenliebe & Loyalität

Walter E Busch, PDC  
National SUVCW Memorials Officer

### **3.7 National Color Bearer, Edgar Dowd, PCC**

Commander Shaw, Staff and Brothers

I have been both honored and pleased to serve this year 2018 - 2019 as Color Bearer for the National Organization, SUVCW.

In November, Commander Shaw's colors were displayed during the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Diced weather to say the least with, snow on the ground.

Later, Commander Shaw and I met so that his flag could be given to him so that he could take them to the Lincoln Memorial for a service there.

Commander's Colors were also displayed at the Christmas party and dinner for the local Camp of which he is a member that being the Governor Crapo Camp #145 of the Department of Michigan.

Then, once again we met for a transfer of Colors so that the Commander's Flag could be displayed at Arlington National Cemetery for a service there.

Things have been quiet now, as the demands for Color's has not been required.

On a side note, I did replace the yellow cords on the National Colors. One end, where the tassels should have been, was in need of repair. I found replacement cords online, ordered them and then replaced the cords.

Once again, ThankYou Commander Shaw and Brothers for the honor given me to be Color Bearer.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Edgar Dowd  
National Color Bearer, SUVCW

### **3.8 National Counselor, James B. Pahl, PCinC**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
REPORT OF THE **NATIONAL COUNSELOR**  
TO THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

I have rendered formal opinions, which appeared in the Summer issue of the Banner.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

*James B. Pahl*

James B. Pahl, PCinC  
National Counselor

### **3.9 Assistant National Counselor, Leo P. Kennedy**

Brother Kennedy reports that he has nothing to report.

### **3.10 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
REPORT OF THE **ASSISTANT NATIONAL COUNSELOR – BLUE BOOK**  
TO THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

The proceedings of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 National Encampments having been recently published, I have been working to incorporate the annotations from these Encampments and publish an updated edition. I have been a little distracted by other duties, but hope to have this completed by the National Encampment. This includes the Proceedings of the recently published 118<sup>th</sup> National Encampment (Andy Johnson) and the 121<sup>st</sup> National Encampment (George Powell).

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

*James B. Pahl*

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

### **3.11 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James L. Lyon**

To Commander-in-Chief Shaw and his Command Staff

As the Coordinator of the National Eagle Scout Certificate Program, it has been my honor to serve you and the brothers of the SUVCW. It also gives me great pride to be able to Honor my fellow Eagle Scout with a Certificate from the SUVCW. I had the grand honor to meet Scouter E. Urner Goodman who was the founder of the Order of the Arrow in the BSA, but more important her served as one of the 14 Scoutmasters at the 1913 Gettysburg reunion.

Executive Director David Demmy and PCinC Gene Mortorff have been a great deal of help to me with keeping up with the applications for certificates that they receive and changes in Department Coordinators. Executive Director Demmy has created a redirection letter to our website form for those requests that just send in a request letter. This has worked fantastic and I have not heard any negative feedback from anyone.

I believe we need to look into some changes in our certificate as the Boy Scouts of America are now allowing females to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. Also the name at the bottom of certificate should read Coordinator rather than Commander. I would like to contact our department coordinators to see if they might have any additions to a new form.

I also believe we need to have some type of reporting form Camps to Department and then to the National Coordinator so that he can give a truer number of certificates given out. We have no idea how we are doing each year. This should be part of our IRS giving back to the people and communities.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

James Locke Lyon, PDC  
1970 Eagle Scout

National Eagle Scout Coordinator SUVCW  
Department of Illinois Eagle Scout Coordinator SUVCW

### **3.12 National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.**

Peter J. Hritsko  
National GAR Highway Officer Report  
[hritsko@centurytel.net](mailto:hritsko@centurytel.net)

I sent out a letter to all Dept. GAR Highway Officer from California & Pacific, Colorado/Utah Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island unfortunately no representative from the Dept's of Illinois and New York asking them to turn in their report from their Departments asking them question such as how many new signs have been put in place what type of methods they used condition of old signs type of communication within their states with Department of Transportation of each state.

#### **Dept. of California and Pacific**

To: Peter Hritsko, National GAR Highway Officer

I've only been in this position since March of this year, I'm proud to say this year that the Department of California And Pacific has made some good progress in replacing two missing GAR Highway signs in Los Angeles County through the help of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

In March of this year, Caltrans reported the following findings to Brother Ronald Black, GAR Officer for Camp #2 (General Rosecrans in Los Angeles County):

"Thank you for reaching out to Caltrans regarding the Grand Army of the Republic highway signs. Our records indicate that there are five signs, two in Los Angeles County (I-5 and SR-14), one in Kern County (SR-14) and two in Inyo County (US-395 and US-6). We conducted a quick review and found out that the two signs in Los Angeles County are missing. We are currently looking into how to replace these two missing signs."

Caltrans recently replaced the two missing signs along Interstate 5 (Southbound, South of San Fernando Road) and State Route 14 (Southbound at Antelope Valley) in Los Angeles County.

Other correspondence to Ronald Black from Caltrans mentions the following information: "The California Department of Transportation has provided documentation specifically indicating the Grand Army of the Republic Highway after 1964 is "now comprised of I-110; I-5; Route 14; Route 395; and Route 6 from San Pedro to the Nevada State Line (passing through Los Angeles, Kern, Inyo and Mono counties), dedicated to union veterans of the Civil War."

Last year and last month, I traveled Route 395 and Route 6 and confirmed that there actually four GAR Highway signs in Inyo County. Just South of the town of Bishop on Route 395 there are two signs, one being on the North and the other on the South travel lanes. These two signs are similar to the sample sign shown in your email. The other two signs along Route 6 have the green background with white lettering. One sign saying "GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY", and the other is a very large sign on the top line shows the "GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY" sign image, "6" (Route sign) "EAST". Then second line is "Provincetown MA" and the 3rd line has "3205 MILES".

Camp #2 is looking into placing a GAR Highway sign in front of Bob Hope/Patriotic Hall in downtown Los Angeles as a future project. The old GAR Highway route passes by this building. The original SUVCW Camp #2 met at this building, which also housed many of the California GAR Post records in the sunset years and years after the GAR. Old SUVCW Camp #2 installed a sign here on Dec. 19, 1943; and it was later replaced on Sept. 16, 1968; but has subsequently been removed.

It's been 10 years since I was at the end of the GAR Highway which ends at the Pacific Ocean/Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Long Beach. There is a large bronze plaque dedicated to the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway U.S.6" on May 3, 1953.

The GAR Highway signs in the State of Nevada were inventoried in October 1998 by Nevada DOT to show 20 signs. Recent driving site surveys and on-line Google Maps Street Scene surveys have verified 7 of these signs. The route is now shared in places with US 50 and US 93. A portion of the multi-numbered route has been re-designated as Veterans Memorial Highway. An end-to-end field survey of the Nevada portion will be conducted during the next year. All the signs in Nevada appear to be white reflective lettering on green backgrounds; and do not employ the GAR specialized black and white sign. The sizes appear to be either 30"x48" or 48"x54".

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
Charles Beal, PCC  
G.A.R. Highway Officer  
Department of California And Pacific, SUVCW

#### **Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming**

Since the last report submitted, the Department Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer has performed the following activities:

- conducted personal inspections of several portions of the G.A.R. Highway (US-6) in Colorado and Utah (all 4 signs are in good condition);
- continued research and gathering of information on the history of the G.A.R. Highway within the territory of the Department; and,
- continued interaction and exchange of information with other G.A.R. Highway Officers;

Future projects include continued research, presentations and dissemination of information regarding the G.A.R. Highway within the jurisdiction of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Respectfully Submitted,  
in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
*Gary E. Parrott, PDC*  
Dept. of Colo. & Wyo. - G.A.R. Highway Officer

#### **Dept. of Indiana**

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I wish to report that Indiana clearly proclaims US 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway across the entire full length.

As of June 1, 2019 all GAR Highway signs were posted in proper locations in accordance with Indiana Law. That law requires that there be a GAR Highway sign placed at all locations where a Federal or State highway intersects US 6. All GAR Highway signs are new or like new condition and are provided by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). US 6 is administered by two different Regional INDOT facilities. The eastern half is maintained by the Fort Wayne office and the western half by the La Porte Regional office. All comments, questions and requests pertaining to the signs are directed through a central call center in Indianapolis. This central call center system seems to work well.

In the last 2 years I have requested INDOT to replace a sign at the intersection of Indiana State highway 23 and US 6 in Walkerton, Indiana because it was the wrong sign, it was an Iron Brigade Highway sign. I also requested a new sign for one missing at the intersection of Indiana State highway 39 and US 6. These requests were placed through the Central Call Center and with 4-6 weeks the signs had been replaced.

It is therefore with great pleasure I announce that throughout the overall length of US 6 in Indiana, GAR Highway signs proudly proclaim US 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Adams PDC

GAR Highway Officer Department of Indiana

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### Dept. of Iowa

I submit the following report as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer for the Department of Iowa.

Last year, 2017, marked the 70th Anniversary of the naming and dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Iowa. Governor Robert Blue signed the legislation making it official on April 29, 1947, and the Highway was formally dedicated at a ceremony in Iowa City on September 28, 1947, with Iowa's two remaining Civil War veterans, James Martin and Ebenezer McMurray. To mark the anniversary, we were fortunate to have Governor Kim Reynolds issue a proclamation declaring September 28, 2017, as "Grand Army of the Republic Highway Day" in Iowa.

I have continued our work along the historic 1947 route of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway across Iowa to have the new "yellow star" marker signs placed at towns which once had a G.A.R. Post. You may recall from previous reports that between 2000-2005 former Department Highway Officers Don Canfield and Ron Rittel cataloged 29 sign locations on the historic route of the G.A.R. Highway – a number far short of what had been reported to be in place in the 1950s – and many of those were in faded or worn out condition. I am happy to report that, over the past three years, we have been able to increase that number to at least 63 marker signs. That number reflects what was counted last September and I do not yet have verification on any new signs that may have been placed since then.

I also want to note that, when the G.A.R. Highway marker signs were counted in September, that all of the bridges named for Civil War Generals along the historic Highway 6 route through Iowa still had their identification signs in place.



This past year was very eventful as I was able to participate in several parades and other events along the Grand Army of the Republic Highway while representing the SUVCW. Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
 Daniel F. Rittel, PCC  
 G.A.R. Highway Officer  
 Department of Iowa, SUVCW



**Dept. of Massachusetts**

There was no sign when you enter Massachusetts on 6E from Rhode Island.  
 On 6 East, I was able to locate 11 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern end of the highway.  
 On 6 West, I was able to locate 12 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern beginning of the highway. The additional sign on 6 West is on the Sagamore Bridge. Several of the signs are not easy to spot as they are behind poles or foliage. A few towns have markers for both directions on the same side or in the center of the highway, making it harder to spot them unless you are looking for them.  
 Two towns have markers memorializing the highway for other groups.  
 Fairhaven has signs indicating it is Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway.

Barnstable has signs indicating it is the Korean War Veterans Highway. These are both worthy groups and I do not believe we should fight to remove the signs that they have put up. I plan on adding a Facebook page for the GAR Highway in Massachusetts as the Department of Iowa has done

Submitted April 27, 2019  
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
George Maple, PDC

**Dept. of New Jersey**  
No Report at this time.

**Dept. of Pennsylvania**  
No Report at this time.

**Dept. of Ohio**

Respectfully submitting my report as Department GAR Highway Officer.

Still looking to incorporate a QR reader into the GAR sign that will direct information about our Dept. of Ohio and the National SUVCW websites in our new sign that will be made.

Since my last report the City of Vermilion west GAR sign was missing and the metal pole had damage and was cut off to the ground. I would excited to report that the City of Vermilion has put up a new metal post with has the original GAR sign in the West direction of the city.

I have inspected the GAR signs that were placed in 2014-2016 2 signs in Bay Village, 2 in Avon Lake, 4 in Sheffield Lake, 2 in Lorain, 2 sign in Vermillion and the one at the Solider and Sailors Monument in downtown Cleveland all appear to be in excellent shape.

In regard to the City of Rocky River It has been a difficult dealing with the Director of Public Safety Service Mary Kay Costello. I have answered all of her questions and would tell me my request is under consideration and she would get back As months went on I would email and leave phone messages and she wouldn't answer me back. On May 20, 2019, I sent a letter to the Mayor Bobst instead of Director of Public Safety Service Mary Kay Costello. The Mayor forwarded my letter back to Mary Kay Costello. Ms Costello wrote me back on May 21, 2019, her explanation she had informed me of what was going on in fact she didn't tell me any these things she mentioned in this message.

Dear Mr. Hritsko:

Mayor Bobst has forwarded your information to me. I did have an opportunity to discuss the many signs that the City of Rocky River potentially will be considering over the next few years with the Mayor.

I had mentioned to you that I had been a stakeholder for Cuyahoga County / Cleveland Metro Parks Greenways and had discussions with planners for the National Bike route both organizations are using Lake Road for connectivity projects that involve the County and national clubs. I had mentioned to you that I was not able to commit to installing signs for your organization in the public right-of-way as we are not certain about the future, signage needs for these routes. In addition, I recently began planning for new 'entrance' signage that announce Rocky River. I am not sure where these new signs will be posted and am awaiting our sign designer's input on that matter. For these reasons, I cannot approve your request to install GAR signs in the public right-of-way in the City of Rocky River. Perhaps, there will be a future plan where we can accommodate community interests in an efficient and aesthetically meaningful way.

I appreciate the history and commitment to Veterans and hope you understand that while I am not able to permit the sign installation at this time, that we will always be receptive to your message and interested in your efforts.

Sincerely,

**Mary Kay Costello**

Director of Public Safety Service  
City of Rocky River  
440-331-0600

I just recently sent a letter out to the City of Huron Clerk of Council and City Manager Office encourage of placing signs within their community again.

I will gently continue to encourage signs be placed in Rocky River and continue my out reach and hopefully in time they will place signs in their community in the near future.

I am happy to report our James A. Garfield # 142 camp has made a GAR sign for educational purposes that is posted and presented for display every chance we have at Library meetings and etc. We feel we are getting the word out by advertising The GAR sign every chance we can.

We must continue to show our full support to these communities and our appreciation of recognizing the cities who are taking their time and paying the cost of placing these signs within their city limits. I will update the Dept. Ohio with dates and time and location of future dedication ceremonies for GAR signs.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Peter J. Hritsko, PDC

National and Dept. of Ohio GAR Highway Officer

Here is sample of sign we have for sale if interested contact



### **3.13 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

Commander-in-Chief Shaw and Brothers of the 138th annual encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

It has been an honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2018-2019 administrative year. This is my ninth consecutive term serving in this appointed office. I am pleased to report that the GAR Records Program is vibrant and growing.

Public interest in our program continues to be very strong. I receive hundreds of emails annually. Most are genealogical questions, but some are also tips on where to find collections of records. As noted in my report last year, I fell behind in responding to many emails, due to the passing of my father in January 2018. I've made good progress in catching up this year, but there are still messages that need to be answered. I'm hoping to be fully caught up in the next few months.

Our online form that allows the public to report the location of collections of GAR records continues to be a very useful asset to the program. Tips from libraries and museums were received this year from Indiana, Kansas, Maine, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin, to name a few. The majority of these tips are legitimate reports of GAR collections that were heretofore not known to us. It is gratifying to see that so many records still survive. They are just waiting to be found in the back rooms of local libraries and museums, or in private collections. Just because it isn't listed in a library's catalog, doesn't mean they don't have GAR records in storage. It always pays to ask!

The number of known and uniquely named/numbered GAR Posts in our catalog has risen to 10,819, up eleven from last year's count. This number reflects the addition of seven newly discovered Posts in the Department of Maryland, two in the Department of New Hampshire, and two in the Department of Ohio. Many of these were early Posts, which had a brief existence in the early years of the GAR. A fair amount of my time each year is spent researching individual GAR Post histories. This is an important component to the GAR Records Program, as it is challenging to look for records if one doesn't know some of the history of a given GAR Post. Some SUVCW Camps and Departments have already pioneered this work in their respective states, which has been a big help.

Fifteen of our thirty Departments have identified a Department GAR Records Officer or the equivalent, either on the Form 49 or on their website. With a soon-to-be-approved revision of the Form 49 that will include the office of GAR Records Officer as a line item, I am hoping to see an improvement in filling this office in the next few years.

Why all the fuss about creating a Department GAR Records Officer? The creation of this office was actually approved by the National Encampment way back in 2004. It took eleven years to fully update the C&R to separate and correct duties of this required office. The concept from 2004 of having a network of Department-level officers charged with looking for GAR records is essential to the success of the program. When questions come up, it helps me to be able to contact a local counterpart who just might have the answers.

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

##### **No Recommendations.**

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Dean A. Enderlin, PDC  
National GAR Records Officer

#### **3.14 National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

Combined report of the National Graves Registration Officer and that of the National Committee on Graves Registration. For the 2019 National Encampment

I have the honor to submit the following reports of the National Graves Registration Officer and the National Committee on Graves Registration.

I have the honor to report that part of the past due payment to the Graves Database contractor has been paid but the SUVCW still owes over \$3,700.00. With the partial payment our contractor has started to make corrections to the database again. Please let me remind the Encampment Brothers that prior to this redesign the database, our database was down for more than 3 months and the host was not interested in hosting the database as the SUVCW kept breaking the agreement. This changed in August of 2009 when I took over as National Graves Registration Officer and worked with the host company, Brother Richards Orr's son (who designed the graves database), Ken Rahn and Brother Ken Freshley (Webmaster at the time), we worked to get the graves database back online, and to begin the restructure of the Graves Registration Chain of Command and Span of Control systems.

At the current time, Ken Rahn and myself have been making minor corrections as part of maintenance or repair due to code changes in order to keep the database online. A major code change is coming and we will need Ken Rahn to be paid if we wish him to take the lead on this change. Keep in mind, we have only had five total weeks of offline time since 2009, three weeks of this was prior to the redesign beginning. When I took over from Past NGRO Davenport the database had been down for over three months on just one occasion and randomly on and off prior to that.

During this redesign period, the database has been attacked on several occasions and each time damage was limited and down time was counted in hours, not weeks. This was due to Ken Rahn and his ability to work the database codes as well as the host company's willingness to work with the current administration team for the database. Remember, we are on a shared host system, and they have responsibilities to all of their clients.

To date, as of today, we have @755,000 graves registered that are current, we have had @791,000 graves registered since the database went online. Over 32,852 have been deleted as duplicates or false records, all of those as the result of the original mass dump of data in 2005. We also have More than 4,865 submitters registered of which most have entered at least one name into the database. In all we have had More than 11,792 registered submitters, of these compared to the numbers above More than 6,927 have not entered any records or were deleted by the database's auto deletions component which was ended by myself after the start of the redesign, the reason, because every time the database deleted a account for inactivity for 3 months, it also deleted their meta tags of the data they submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
National Graves Registration Officer  
SUVCW

**3.15 National Guard, Adam W. Gaines**

Brother Gaines reports that he has nothing to report at this time.

### **3.16 National Guide, Brian D. McManus**

#### **NATIONAL GUIDE REPORT 7-9-2019**

As SUVCW National Guide, I have the following to report:

I will be in attendance at the 2019 National Encampment to fulfill my duties as National Guide.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Brian D. McManus, PDC National Guide

### **3.17 National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw, Officers and Delegates, Brothers All:

Thank you for the privilege of serving yet another year.

I have endeavored to share information on our history as well as our insignia through my regular column in The Banner. Thanks to the kindness of Banner Editor Jim Pahl.

A number of specific inquiries have come into National Headquarters and I am grateful to Brother Demmy for sending them to me. I believe all inquiries have been satisfactorily answered and ranged from such varied topics as badges, historic photos and even historic images of camp seals.

The past year has seen the completion of Grand Army Women: The GAR and Its Female Organizations. It is often said behind every great man there is a great woman,

Certainly the Grand Army understood and valued the many women's groups behind them and the thousands of hours donated and millions of dollars raised for the benefit of army nurses, disabled veterans, the widows and orphans.

Major A.P. Davis wisely created our auxiliary just two years after he created the Sons organization. This book should be released in October and I hope will enlighten many of our Brothers just as Grand Army Men has.

Again, thank you for your kindness, I am always honored to serve.

Fraternally yours in F, C, and L,

Bob Wolz, PDC  
National Historian and Chair, Committee on History

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

August 2019

Report of the National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines  
Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH

Brothers

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH

The REAL Memorial Day, May 30th, 2019, 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 a hint of rain in the air.

As we walked down the path, I gave thanks that my National Commander-in-Chief had asked me to represent him and gave me this opportunity to be liaison for this quiet, but special event.

The ceremony lasted about an hour and a half with several speakers, It was a moving experience, we stood in proud recognition when our organization was called. Local Boy Scouts placed our flowers on the altar. A POW/MIA chair was set up in front of the altar in tribute and memory to those who have never returned.

The outside organ, surrounded by donated stones, played "National Anthem; "In Memoriam"; new song called "Trumpet of Freedom" " by Jennie Aho; and "Battle Hymn of the Republic". As it resounded off the mountains and through the valleys of this beautiful place, the feeling of serenity in our hearts overflows in tears of peace and happiness. Jenny Aho's "Daddy You're My Hero", prayers firing squad tribute and "Taps" brought this fantastic tribute to a close.

We were thanked by several of the trustees for our donations. They survive on donations only and are pleased and honored to receive ours each year.

Besides myself, attending this year were representatives from NH camps.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Perley Mellor, PCinC, National Liaison to  
Cathedral of the Pines, NH  
Past Commander-in-Chief

### **3.19 National Liaison to MOLLUS, Joe Coleman**

Brother Coleman, report that he has nothing to report at this time.

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

Reported that he had nothing to report.

### **3.21 National Patriotic Instructor, William McKone**

Following my appointment by CinC Shaw as National Patriotic Instructor in August of 2018, I assumed the varied duties from Brother French, the previous holder of the office. He sent me a box of materials related to Memorial University and some sample Monthly Patriotic Instructions, but we otherwise had no functional handover. Some aspects of the NPI responsibilities were difficult to meet due to this lack of continuity and I was not able to fully comply with my understanding of the duties.

Our incoming CinC has informed me that he will be appointing Brother Frail as NPI to replace me and I will make every effort to support the incoming officer in his duties. He should find the transition more organized in several aspects as indicated below.

Although I did submit patriotic articles for publication on schedule for the Fall 2018, Winter 2019, and Spring 2019 issues of the *Banner*, I was unable to provide departments with Monthly Patriotic Instructions. In February of this year, I did make use of an MPI about Union Defenders' Day composed by Brother Reese and sent me by the Department of Rhode Island by forwarding it to other departments and posting on our Facebook page. See recommendation 2 below on MPIs in connection with the appointment of assistants to the NPI.

The two major problems with the NPI office that I encountered were the numerous inquiries about Memorial University and the lack of a current listing of department PIs to establish effective communications. With the able assistance of Brother Michael Kelly in Maryland who volunteered to assist me, we were able to update the list of current personnel (patriotic instructor and commander) of each department and compile a group email listing. However, this is a moving target as we need to continuously monitor and update the listing since new persons are often appointed to these positions. (Some the addresses on the list that I inherited had apparently not been in use for over ten years.) The email listing is another area where an assistant NPI could be tasked with a specific duty.

It has been an honor to serve as the NPI for the past term and I hope to be able to make further contributions for the good of the order. However, I am in that group of 461 brothers that Brother Demmy kindly lists as 80+ in age, so I am pleased to pass the torch to Brother Frail, no doubt a younger man.

#### Recommendations

1. Based on my experience as NPI, I believe we would have a more effective organization of duties with the creation of a National Training Officer. His duties would encompass Memorial University and other training/educational activities of our order. As a former training officer with a Master's degree in Military History, I would be willing to work on the creation of such a position and could even commit to holding it for a limited period.
2. The functions of the NPI can be more effectively performed with the appointment of several aides or assistants, each with specified duties to support the overall responsibilities of the NPI position. I will provide Brother Frail with the details of my concept and the names of several brothers who, like Brother Kelly, have volunteered to help the NPI. There are some five current functional areas that can be easily identified and described for assistant NPIs, with the NPI acting as supervisor and coordinator of their activities. One of these would be providing MPIs, perhaps selecting from department submissions. The number of assistant NPIs would be reduced if a National Training Officer position is created, but such an NTO would also benefit from a team of assistant NTOs.
3. The Medal of Honor was the only national award available in the Civil War period to recognize the patriotism and bravery of individuals who performed above and beyond the call of duty. I propose that the SUVCW make a strong official statement of support for the resuming the awarding of a Medal of Honor for gallantry during the War of the Rebellion. In 2018, I submitted a recommendation for that medal in conjunction with the effort of the Milton (VT) Historical Society who are restoring the farmhouse of General Stannard,. Stannard was commander of the Second Vermont Brigade that played such a significant role in repulsing Longstreet's assault at Gettysburg. Stannard took the initiative of a daring attack on the Confederate flank that had devastating effect at close range. Despite the agreement of the chief of the army awards bureau that Stannard clearly deserved such a medal, the current policy is that no more recommendations for the Civil War period be accepted. I believe that this is a policy that should be reversed so that deserving persons can be recognized and that support from our order might make the change possible. (I can provide copious details on the year-long process of preparing and submitting the recommendation through Senator Patrick Leahy's office.)



4. Finally, I feel strongly that the SUVCW has a clear patriotic responsibility to address the current situation in our republic where the divisions along political lines threaten the Union as much as in 1860. Our charter requires us to support and defend the institutions for which our forefathers fought and so many died. This is NOT a partisan issue, but a patriotic one, and we are remiss if we fail to address it. Our counterpart organization, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, does not retreat from expressing its views, as we heard from its commander at our last encampment. While the Russians did not create the lingering fault line between North and South, or Union and Confederacy, it was the focal point for their greatest effort in 2016 to inflame and exploit divisions in our nation through social media. We must recognize this reality and take a strong stance calling for a “civil way, not a civil war.”

I realize that some brothers feel the threat of civil war is such a sensitive matter that we must ignore it. I am also aware that not everyone in our order agrees on the true situation or what should be done. At a minimum, I would hope that—knowing the horrors of the War of the Rebellion and with our informed understanding of the current consequences of such a domestic conflict—we will have the courage to address it as an organization. We should, in my opinion, appeal for non-violence and respect for the law in accordance with our charter and constitution. It is not partisan to call on everyone to practice tolerance and not to shoot each other. A resolution or policy statement to that effect should be acceptable to all our members as a demonstration of our patriotism and loyalty.

Such action would also have the benefit of making the nation more aware of the tragic history that our nation suffered, which few of our citizens fully appreciate. Moreover, it could serve to spotlight the role of our order and create an opportunity for us to expand our membership when people see us taking a patriotic, non-partisan, and active approach to dealing with this situation. The SCV commander remarked at our encampment last year that their membership expanded greatly as a result of the threat to Confederate monuments. A threat to the very foundations and existence of our republic should stimulate people even more to join our organization, in view of our purpose of preserving the Union and our democracy.

### **3.22 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT NATIONAL SECRETARY –  
**DEPARTMENT AT LARGE SECRETARY/TREASURER**  
TO THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

We have one Camp at Large, the Ensign John Davis Camp #10 located in London, England. I provide advice and counsel from time to time.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

*James B. Pahl*

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

### **3.23 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), Edward J. Krieser, PCinC**

Report of the Assistant National secretary of Proceedings

Completed, compiled and submitted for posting 2015, 2016 and 2018 National Encampment Proceedings. The 2017 Proceedings are ready to be compiled as soon as I receive one more approval. It can then be added to the National Website as well. This makes the only missing proceedings on the National Website is 1983 and I have no idea how to retrieve it or where it is.

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Ed Krieser, PCinC

### **3.24 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James Pahl, PCinC**

Please see report under National Treasurer as during term Brother Pahl, PCinC was moved to Acting National Treasurer.

### **3.25 Assistant National Treasurer #2, D. Michael Beard, PDC Chair**

Brother Beard, reported that he had nothing to report as of 9 July 2019.

### **3.26 Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs, PDC**

Beginning in December of 2018 and David McReynolds trip to Ireland and then during his subsequent severe illness I have been doing many of the activities of the Treasurer's office. This includes writing checks to pay suppliers to the National Quartermaster while working closely with Brother Danny Wheeler. Also writing checks to pay the travel expenses of the National Officers, writing checks to two Universities for scholarship awards, and writing checks for monument rehabilitation projects. I also made deposits of checks, sent from the national office, to the local Citizens Bank of Blount County (which meant a round trip drive of twenty miles from my home), writing out refund checks to the numerous camps for their life membership reimbursement for Brother McReynolds to sign and making copies of all business transactions on my home copier. I also had consultations with representatives of Coulter & Justus, P. C., the accounting firm hired by the Sons, which were either held at David's home, located in Louisville, Tennessee, or at their office in west Knoxville. Please note a round trip from my home in north Knoxville to Louisville is a two hour round trip. Additionally I have visited David at his home while picking up Sons Treasurer's material from his wife Cindy and dropped in to see him on numerous occasions during his lengthy stays at Fort Sanders Hospital. Finally my wife and I hosted the National Commander, Brother Don Shaw, in our home while he was in Knoxville seeing David.

Yours in Fraternity Charity and Loyalty

Michael Downs, PDC, Assistant National Treasurer

July 13, 2019

### **3.27 Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max L. Newman, PCC**

No report submitted.

### **3.28 National Washington DC Representative, Lee D. Stone, PDC**

Having been re-appointed National Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw in August 2018, I beg to report that I supported the CinC's activities on Memorial Day in the Washington DC region. I ordered wreaths for him to present at both the National Memorial Day ceremony on 27 May, and our own SUVCW Decoration Day ceremony on 30

May, both at Arlington National Cemetery. I also provided guidance for the CinC during the ceremonies.

Not necessarily part of my official duties, I also voluntarily assisted several of the National Heads of the Allied Orders during the Memorial Day events, including ordering wreaths for the National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, passing along information, and helping coordinate transport.

I still have some hope that I will be able to attend the National Encampment this coming August, to support the CinC there, though it's growing late. I look forward to supporting the next Washington DC Representative with my knowledge about the DC region and past events.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Lee Stone, PDC, National Washington DC Representative, SUVCW

### **3.29 National Webmaster, Harry W. Reinke IV, PDC**

Commander-in-Chief, Members of the Council of Administration, Officers of the National Order, and Brothers,

During my first year as the Order's webmaster, did the general web maintenance items required by the position. General Orders and Candidacy Documents for National Officer Candidates were posted, and a project to convert the Past Commander-In-Chief biographies to the WordPress site was continued, and then halted, in an effort to work smart in preparation to moving the Order's web presence to a new platform. As National Proceedings were made available, they were also posted to the appropriate page of the website.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty  
Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC  
National Webmaster

### **3.30 National Signals Officer, Jamie McGuire, PDC**

National Signals Officer Report to the National Encampment  
July 23, 2019

This year was an important year for this Office and for this Order as the 2018 National Encampment instructed me to engage a third-party vendor to begin to long-anticipated website redesign project. The SUVCW has engaged New Valley Media to do the work on "Phase 1" of the website redesign. Phase 1 will consist of designing and deploying the overall "look" of our main webpage and subsequently deploying redesigned "top level pages" to increase ease of user interface and improved information organization for our Membership as we move towards the new site. The work has begun after a short delay with approving the vendor. Phase 1 is on track to be deployed this year (2019-2020). I am very, very excited about our digital future. Every Camp or Department that had been previously hosted on the National Organization's webpage is no longer being supported. The transition has been relatively smooth. We have several, excellent new webpages out there for these Camps and Departments that represent the SUVCW well. It has been my pleasure to assist those Camps and Departments who have requested our help.

The current website is active as usual, and I have enjoyed doing my part to assist the appointed webmaster in the constant maintenance/updates of the site. I would like to thank Br. Harry Reineke for his work in this regard. It was a wonderful decision to bring on a webmaster that is separate from the NSO, as the work requires (at least) two individuals working in tandem, and it has freed me up to really dive into the website redesign project and steward our growing social media representation through the ad hoc "Signals Corps" sub-committee.

The Signals Corps has much to be proud of. The Brothers who are running our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and brand new LinkedIn profiles have increased our following and represented our Order splendidly. Some examples are an increase in followers, increased engagement, and verifiable membership applications that have been funneled from direct messages on social media straight to Camps and Departments. We had a wonderful “Memorial Day season” with a streamlined cross-platform strategy that worked very well. There has been some recent, minor trouble on Facebook. Inappropriate posts by followers has led me to move to a “posts must be approved by admin” model of our main Facebook page. Not everyone is happy about it, but I feel it is the best option at this time. The main page should be a place where the National Organization shares information, both operational and for the Good of the Order. A privately-run Facebook group changed its name to make it more clear that it is not “official,” but I believe I will need to require the Brother who manages it to put a full disclaimer as occasional posts that may be deemed “political” could be interpreted as being endorsed by the SUVCW. You will find Twitter and Instagram updates for the platform admins attached to this report as appendixes. The Signals Corps has been so successful, that I would like to see the incoming Commander-in-Chief set the precedent that the Signals Corps Social Media sub-committee to the National Committee on Communications and Technology be officially established so that the Brothers who have worked so hard for two + years to make this happen are no longer considered “ad-hoc.”

The Memorial University report I leave to the chair of that committee, but I will report here that quiz infrastructure for MemU will be part of Phase 2 of the web redesign, and we will ideally have it functioning to the high standards that we all want it to perform at.

I know that as we evolve, there are going to be many conversations about how we communicate as an Order. I look forward to more opportunities to help the SUVCW achieve its modern communications goals.

I thank Commander-in-Chief Shaw for his steadfast support of me over the past year, and also thank the Council of Administration for its continuous guidance, mentorship and genuine FC&L. I would like to give special thanks to National Treasurer David McReynolds. Brother David has assisted every step of the way, because with technology, comes spending. His steadfast partnership has made it possible for me to achieve many tasks this year.

Submitted in that same spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

James P. McGuire, PDC  
National Signals Officer

#### APPENDIX 1

Since the 2018 National Encampment, the SUVCW National HQ @SUVCW Twitter account has gained more than 100 new followers. As of July 21, 2019, the account had a total of 499 followers.

During this reporting period, the Signals Corps Twitter Administrator has ensured that @SUVCW is updated frequently, and during key periods of SUVCW activity (Memorial Day, National Encampment, etc.) tweets have been sent on an at-least daily basis. Tweeted content, consisting of no more than 280 characters and, if possible, photographs, was drawn from National, Departmental and Camp-level activities reported directly to the Signals Corps and/or from other National, Department and Camp social media postings on Facebook and Instagram. Other relevant content is obtained via online news reports that are then curated by the Twitter Administrator.

The Twitter Administrator supported the Memorial Day 2019 initiative conceived by the Chair of the National Committee on Communication and Technology to post, at least once daily, photographs of Union Army soldiers who gave their last full measure during the Civil War.

Additional tweets during the Memorial Day period included photographs and brief descriptions of Departmental and Camp activities in observance of Memorial Day.

Content posted on @SUVCW must meet one primary criteria: that it helps preserve the history and legacy of the heroes who saved the Union. Special attention is paid to ensuring that the wide geographic coverage of SUVCW is reflected through tweets, with recent tweets presenting activities from Maine to California and from Montana to Georgia.

Social media has tremendous potential for raising the profile of SUVCW. The @SUVCW Twitter account is one of several social media tools that are beginning to pay dividends, as evidenced by 1) reports from Departments that newly initiated Brothers had learned about SUVCW through our social media accounts; 2) the number of times our tweets are seen (it is not unusual for a @SUVCW tweet to be seen on Twitter hundreds of times); and 3) the increased number of followers over the past year. In addition, @SUVCW serves as a useful resource for quickly and succinctly sharing information about SUVCW events across the country and instilling in Brothers and Sisters a sense of pride in seeing their hard work for the Order publicized through a global platform such as Twitter.

It is hoped that, as more Brothers, Sisters and members of the general public come to know SUVCW's Twitter account as a reliable source of regularly updated quality information about the Boys in Blue and their legacy, the account will gain even more followers. To this end, the Twitter Administrator appeals to the Commander-in-Chief and Banner Editor to regularly include in relevant communications to the entire membership appropriate forms of encouragement to all Brothers and Sisters to follow @SUVCW.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim McCoy  
SUVCW Signals Corps Twitter Administrator  
DC, Department of the Chesapeake

## APPENDIX 2

In the first year since taking over the Instagram Administrator role, the account has seen tremendous amounts of growth. We have gone from 1 post on the account in over a year of existence to 82 posts on the National Account, and counting. We have also seen a growth in Departments and Camps that have started using this form of Social Media in the past year. This additional exposure will do nothing but assist in growing the order. We have had at least 5 new Brothers that this Administrator knows for a fact joined because they saw the activity of either the National Instagram Account or a Camp/Department Account. We have also seen our following in the Instagram realm grow considerable. We started at just a handful of followers and are now at 315 followers. Each one of these followers is someone that may not have known about the SUVCW prior to seeing one of our posts. We have also been actively seeking & liking posts of those on Instagram that utilize the hashtags:

#civilwar #americancivilwar #GAR #grandarmyoftherepublic #alliedorders #SUVCW  
#civilwarhistory #Sonsofunionveterans

These hashtags allow our posts to be grouped together and followed by the tag, this way someone who might not know the National Organization exists, but the GAR did, or are civil war enthusiasts, can see our posts and our exposure grows.

We continue to urge Brothers to forward their posts to [Signalscorps@SUVCW.org](mailto:Signalscorps@SUVCW.org) so that we can share these stories with not just the Brothers, but with the whole world and get the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War out to a new generation.

Humbly submitted,  
In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty,  
Ben Frail, PDC

### 3.31 National Assistant Webmaster, Ken Freshley, PCinC

Brother Freshley reported that he had nothing to report.

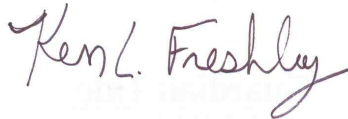
### 3.32 National Quarter Master Webmaster, Ken Freshley, PCinC

Since the last National Encampment 2018, I continued to perform requested updates on the current National QM Online Store Website.

There were many requested changes and updates on the website, store and associated forms.

#### - No Recommendations

Respectfully submitted,



Brother Ken L. Freshley - National QM Online Store Webmaster

### 3.33 National Parliamentarian, Donald E. Darby, PCinC

Brother Darby reported that he had nothing to report.

### 3.34 National Battle Flag Preservation Officer, Edward Norris, SVCinC

Continued to spread the word about Battle Flag preservation through the Union Civil War Battle Flags page on Facebook. The page now has 1,782 followers and last year's top post was one about saving the 30<sup>th</sup> Ind. Illinois Infantry battle flag which reached 2,912 people.

### 3.35 National Legislation Officer, Daniel R Earl, PCC

The duties of the National Legislation Officer are to keep Brothers apprised of federal and state legislation affecting the welfare of the Order, or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. To that extent, this report summarizes relevant federal legislation, and that of several states.

#### Federal Legislation

Below is a summary list of federal legislation that has been introduced during the first session of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress (from 3 January 2019 through 24 July 2019), which may be of interest to the Order. During this period I have reviewed and analyzed over 7,100 federal bills and resolutions. Unless otherwise noted below, each measure is awaiting action in a House or Senate Committee.

Pursuant to the direction of the 2011 National Encampment, and as authorized by Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw, I have recorded the SUVCW's position of *support* with POPVOX.com and GovTrack.com for specific legislation, as indicated. These two services exist to help Americans participate in their government while providing a nonpartisan platform for organizations (or individuals) to express their support for or opposition to legislation, and communicating that position to Members of the U.S. Congress and the public.

#### BATTLEFIELDS, NATIONAL MONUMENTS, AND HISTORIC AREAS

- *H.R. 187 and S. 87 – Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act.* This bill would adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- *H.R. 240 and S. 32 – Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act.* These two bills would establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky

as a unit of the National Park System. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.

- *H.R. 314 and S. 31 – Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Amendment Act.* These bills would add Livingston County, the City of Jonesboro in Union County, and the City of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- *H.R. 434 – Emancipation National Historic Trail Act.* To designate the Emancipation National Historic Trail in Texas. (This bill is awaiting action by the full House.)
- *S. 138 – Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act.* This bill would modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the States of Tennessee and Mississippi, and establish Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park system. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- *S. 367 – ANTIQUITIES (America’s Natural Treasures of Immeasurable Quality Unite, Inspire, and Together Improve the Economics of States) Act.* To provide for the administration of certain national monuments, to establish a National Monument Enhancement Fund, and to establish certain wilderness areas in the States of New Mexico and Nevada.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS PATRIOTIC AND OTHER LEGISLATION**

- *H.R. 51 and S. 631 – Washington, D.C., Admission Act.* To provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.
- *H.R. 113 and S. 1963 – All-American Flag Act.* To require the purchase of domestically made flags of the USA for use by the Federal Government. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation. (H.R. 113 passed the House and is awaiting action in the Senate.)
- *H.R. 311 –* To redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.
- *H.R. 406 –* To amend title 1, United States Code, to provide for a definition of the term “State” and to include territories therein.
- *S. 313 – Constitution Education is Valuable in Community Schools (CIVICS) Act of 2019.* This bill would amend the American History and Civics Education program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require inclusion of programs that educate students about the history and principles of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- *H.R. 1061 – Fort Scott National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act.* To modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas.
- *H.R. 1552 –* To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers to private cemeteries for graves of certain veterans without next of kin.
- *S. 872 – Harriet Tubman Tribute Act of 2019.* To require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign \$20 Federal Reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman.
- *H. Res. 354 and S. Res. 212 –* Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, providing for women’s suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation. H. Res. 354 was passed in the House on 21 May 2019. (Passed unanimously in both the House and Senate.)
- *H.R. 3025 –* To direct the Architect of the Capitol to display the POW/MIA flag outside of the entrance of the office of each Member of Congress.
- *S. Res. 257 –* A resolution designating June 20 2019, as “American Eagle Day” and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. (This resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.)
- *H.R. 3602 – Honoring Harriet Tubman Act –* This bill would direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Harriet Tubman and to place the statue in National Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol.
- *H.Res. 485 –* Recognizing the historic significance of the “Betsy Ross Flag,” a symbolic representation of America’s revolutionary period and our Nation’s commitment to freedom and unity.

### **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

- *H.J.Res. 7* – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States.
- *H.J.Res. 24* – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding Presidential election voting rights for resident of all United States territories and commonwealths.
- *H.J. Res. 65 and S.J. Res. 49* – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

### **State Legislation**

Below is a summary of legislation from various states that has been introduced or passed by respective state legislatures since 1 January 2019:

- *California* – Adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution 23 (6 Feb 2019), a resolution declaring that President Abraham Lincoln be honored on 12 February 2019, the anniversary of his birth.
- *Georgia* – Senate Bill 77 (8 Feb 2019) would extend vandalism protections to specific publicly and privately owned U.S.A. and C.S.A. monuments, plaques, etc. in the state of Georgia. Although states legislatures are not included in the POPVOX.com or GovTrack.com programs, the SUVCW has endorsed this legislation. SB 77 was signed by the Governor on 27 April 2019.
- *Michigan* – Senate Resolution 59 (6 June 2019) – a resolution to commemorate June 10, 2019, as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Michigan’s ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
National Legislation Officer

## **4.0 National Standing Committees**

### **4.1 National Comm. on Promotion and Marketing, Paul Davis, PDC**

#### **Report To the Commander In Chief and Council of Administration**

#### **Paul Davis, Chair, Promotions and Marketing Committee, July 25, 2019**

Commander In Chief Shaw and Brothers:

The leadership of the Promotions and Marketing Committee was offered to me by the Commander In Chief subsequent to the need to appoint a chair. I accepted this role after the year was already underway. I contacted PCIC Palmer who had previously served as this committee’s chair to ascertain what if anything was ongoing with regard to Promotions and Marketing. I inquired as to background information concerning strategies that worked, those that didn’t, suggestions for moving forward and lastly budget if any.

It appeared after some weeks of research and analysis that we pretty much were dealing with a clean slate and little or no budget.



I spoke to Commander In Shaw in this regard and suggested we needed to develop a plan of action for this committee.

Following is the proposal I submitted and it was approved by the Commander In Chief. We are not at the beginning of the execution phase.

### **National Committee on Promotion and Marketing**

Chair: Paul Davis

Committee Members: Bruce Frail, Jon C. Henry, William E. Johnson, James McGuire

**Statement of Purpose:** This committee is charged with planning and executing suitable tactics that will increase greater public exposure and positive awareness of the goals and objects of the Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Typical tactics may include but are not limited to: press releases, print advertising, electronic media including videos, public relations, social media, and alliances with like-minded organizations. Public relations is also an important component of promotion and marketing.

Per the above suggested tactics, we will endeavor to promote the SUVCW in as many ways as possible. The area of promotion in which we will not become involved is promotion via the creation, marketing and sale of SUVCW branded items such as badges, commemorative coins and apparel.

#### **Action To Date:**

As Chair of this committee I contacted the other committee members. One member said he was not familiar with this kind of activity, had little or no experience and had no suggestions to offer. Another committee member thanked me for contacting him as he said he had never been contacted before by any committee he might have served on. The remaining three committee members did not reply.

I have contacted Don Palmer to discuss with him where this Committee stands with regard to any pending or planned activities, whether there were any contacts or insertion orders in place or pending? He stated there were none. Further I asked if any past efforts were successful and conversely what efforts were not.

#### **Analysis: Coordinated of Efforts:**

Based on some of the suggestions from the Covenant Group with regard primarily to fund raising activities and that some committees have been appointed and tasked with some responsibilities that are the same with regard to promotion and improving our public awareness. I suggest that where ever these are mandated within those committees, that those Chairs and this committee's Chair work with each other so as to (1) ensure we are sending a unified message and (2) we are not duplicating efforts.

#### **The Path Forward:**

A task of this magnitude with which this committee has been tasked is a lengthy process. Results will take considerable time to become effective. We will continually measure responses as best we can, continue with those efforts that are showing progress, and make changes, adjustments, add or even abandon tactics that are not providing the results we are hoping for.

#### **Proposed Tactics and Activities:**

Success in Marketing/Advertising and Promotion is typically measured in terms of how much of a goal is achieved when measured against the cost of the marketing and advertising investment and is usually based on a cost per a defined market segment.

For example, a Company creates an advertisement, runs an advertising campaign in a trade magazine with the goal of attracting 25 new customers for their product or services.

If the cost for creation of the ad is \$5,000 and the insertion cost is \$3,000 per insertion for a four ad schedule, the total investment is \$17,000 for a 25 new customer goal. Failing the 25 new customer target, and only 10 inquiries are generated the cost is \$1,700 each.

If the advertisement generates 10 new inquires and only 5 are considered viable, the cost per impression is now \$3,400 each. Generally this would be considered a failed effort, unless one or more of the 5 viable inquiries is able to generate significant new earnings for the company.

### **Measurement/Metrics:**

Thus we have the “high stakes game” of advertising, marketing and promotion.

Using these types of metrics that are used to determine the effectiveness of the advertising and promotion efforts is not a hard science. As we move forward with our efforts, we will try and utilize metrics to judge our effectiveness. These will vary widely from how many responses we receive, how many contacts we get from our target audiences, how many news articles are generated, how may hits we get on U-tube.

To address this problem and budgetary concerns, this committee will initially operate on a low-cost to serve budget. That meaning we have no budget for our operation, so what can we do to achieve the goals of this committee.

### **Social Media**

With the help of Harry Reinke and James McGuire, I propose the creation of several 2 to 3 minute videos, consisting of video and/or still images with a music and or voice over track. These spots will address who the SUVCW are, what we do, and include a variety of Camp, Department and National themed activities.

### **Event Attendance**

When ever there is an activity, Civil War related or otherwise, contact the local news outlets to see if they will cover the event. Form ongoing relations with the local media.

### **Civil War Roundtable**

Form a Civil War Roundtable in your community. Have Brothers make presentations as SUVCW members. Promote these activities via a Roundtable Newsletter.

### **Battlefield Organizations**

Consider the opportunities to support and thus gain recognition with the various battlefield preservation organizations. This may result in the need to consider some monetary support as well and positioning statements.

Do a better job of promoting our activities and SUVCW name at events like Gettysburg Remembrance, Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies and the many Department and Camp activities within our Order.

### **Adopt A School/Educational Efforts**

Not every school will welcome the SUVCW, but many will, especially if the American history teacher and the school principal are serious history buffs and supporters of veterans. Several brothers in Michigan have routinely made school presentations and done programs for Living History events. Some of these efforts included help finding Civil War ancestors for descendants.

### **SUVCW Sharing Opportunities**

Consider sharing our expertise and knowledge via a web portal similar to or a subset of Memorial University. Allow controlled access to our graves registration data base. Provide tools for identifying Civil War ancestors and helpers to assist people with their search. Yes, there are others in place, but we should provide the SUVCW branding by being the first step in their search efforts.

Promote our data repositories and willingness to share information with Genealogical groups and interests.

### **Publications**

Send copies of our BANNER electronically to other like-minded organizations.

While there will be a cost involved for mailing and additional printing, also consider mailing copies of the BANNER to libraries, museums, and certain other Civil War entities. We can probably use and already use an existing mailing list containing 57 verified addresses.

### **Press Releases/PIO**

Create an advisory Public Relations Chair position and regional positions at the Department level for Brothers to serve in the capacity of press release writers/reporters. These people will be tasked with contacting local media electronic as well as print, to tell of upcoming events and activities of local interest.

We suggest the SUVCW also needs to appoint a PIO (Public Information Officer) that is skilled in media relations and speaking with the Press/Media.

As we become more visible we will not only get exposure and positive positioning but the negative and attacks will not be far behind.

### **Alliances**

Consider alliances with various veterans organizations such as the American Legion and VFW for example, This can be done at the local Camp level up to and including the National organizations as well. They are bigger and more visible. We do not have to fight/address alone some of the issues concerning monument preservation and their desecration. At the least we should explore any common interests.

### **Political Efforts**

Strengthen/develop political contacts to make them aware of our organization and what our contributions and interests are. This can be done at all levels within our organization at the Camp (municipal), Department (state), and National level with both elected officials and prominent individuals with political clout.

### **Other**

In the ever changing arena of public perception and getting the facts of a matter communicated, we will constantly have to be aware of events, circumstances and the various media platforms as they evolve.

### **Deployment of Resources**

The Committee will serve as the managerial component. The Committee will also be able to supply assistance to and for National, Department and Camp level activities.

The Committee itself will also, write, create and execute communications.

The support provided by the Committee to Departments and Camps would include advice and counsel, assistance with creation of stories, press releases, electronic media, and contacts with media.

While the BANNER communicates internally, we need to go outside our boundaries.

To be successful, the Committee will also have to have the cooperation and input concerning events and activities from the Department and Camp levels. A focal point resource person in these groups is strongly advised. These entities must become engaged and communicate their activities and events to this committee. We can not create communication to the appropriate media outlets if we do not know about it.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Paul Davis  
Chair, National Committee on Promotions and Marketing

#### **4.2 National Comm. on Vision and Planning, JVCinC Brian C. Pierson**

No report submitted.

#### **4.3 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Michael A. Paquette, PDC**

Commander in Chief,

I have had the honor of serving as Chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund with fellow Council of Administration members Paul Davis and Peter Hritsko. During the past year we have approved grants for the following memorials:

- GAR Monument located in Oak Hill Cemetery Birmingham, AL for \$1,300 submitted by the General James Wilson Camp #1, Dept of Tennessee
- New 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry Monument located Middleburg Battlefield Park Middleburg, VA for \$750 submitted by Haskell-Marston Camp #56 Dept of Maine
- New Susie Taylor Memorial located in Mount Hope Cemetery Boston, MA for \$2000 submitted by the Department of Massachusetts
- 1871 Soldiers and Sailors Monument located in Providence, RI for \$2,000 submitted by the Department of Rhode Island

Our committee also reviewed the following grant applications that are still pending due to missing or incomplete information:

- Col. Friedrich Hecker Monument located in Benton Park, St. Louis, MO submitted by the Dept of Missouri
- New monument for Union veterans in the Ridge Cemetery located in Bridgton, ME submitted by the Joshua Chamberlain Camp #69 Dept of Maine
- A. P. Davis Mausoleum located in the Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh, PA submitted by the Davis Camp Department of Pennsylvania

Finally, we reviewed a grant request for the All Veterans Museum, a new construction in Escanaba Michigan, submitted by the Albert and James Lyon camp #266 Dept of Michigan that does not meet the current criteria for a grant.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Michael Paquette, PDC  
Chairman, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

#### **4.4 National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walter E. Busch, PDC**

Chair: Walt Busch, PDC Members: Skip Riddle; Dean Enderlin, PCC; Kevin Tucker, PDC; Clyde Getman; and Ben Frail, PDC.

See National SUVCW Memorials Officer report section 3.6

#### **4.5 National Committee on Communication & Technology, James P. McGuire, PDC**

National Committee on Communications and Technology Report to the National Encampment  
July 23, 2019

I would like to thank every member of the standing committee and members of the various sub-committees for their assistance in conducting the business of the Order in 2018-2019. There were some key wins this year for Communications and Technology.

The C-in-C appointed sub-committee on Technology needs at National Headquarters was able to complete a year-long hardware upgrade at HQ in Harrisburg and continued to debug and troubleshoot. At latest report, all is well. The sub-committee took great effort to review the Comcast cable/internet service to HQ, and was able to keep HQ "connected" with appropriate bandwidth and savings. The sub-committee kept record of their deliberations and have plans for the future connectivity needs when the contract is up for renewal.

The Comm and Tech Committee had some very serious discussion in early 2019 about the potential website vendors. As the 2018 National Encampment charged the Chair of this committee to enter Phase 1 of the website redesign in this budget year, the committee did hold on for quite some extra time to give vendors a chance to bid. At the end of the day, the committee was required to advance New Valley Media, as they were the only vendor who provided a bid and a scope of work. The CofA then awarded the contract to New Valley Media. This firm has begun work on Phase 1 and is, as it turns out, an excellent fit for our Organization. In a recent phone conversation with the lead designer for our site, she informed me that she has discovered that she, a Texas girl, has Union ancestors and she is very excited to help us redefine our digital identity. I will refer her to the Sisters at the Auxiliary when the work is done!

The ad-hoc "Signals Corps" update can be found in the report of the National Signals Officer. We should all be proud of those Brothers and their efforts and reward them by making the Signals Corps an official committee or sub-committee. Send all of your Camp and Department news and updates to [signalscorps@sucwv.org](mailto:signalscorps@sucwv.org)!

The Communications and Technology Committee looks forward to the tasks at hand: stewarding the digital identity of the SUVCW; helping to find ways to move our Order from paper to digital; working with the Chairs of other committees to complete strategic goals with our databases, educational programs and marketing.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of this Committee. Additional information may be provided verbally to the National Encampment.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

James P. McGuire, PDC  
National Signals Officer  
Chair, National Committee on Communications and Technology

#### **4.6 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E Grimm, PCinC**

##### REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

The changes made to the Regulations at the 137th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R. The updated C&R with a Table of Contents has been posted 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**

(This proposal is from the C & R Committee as directed by Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw (General Order No. 10 Series 2018-2019 dated 26 June 2019). Proposal #3 deals with this topic at the Department level and Proposal #7 deals with this topic at the National level. Chapter I, Article V, Section 6 and 7 (See C&R page 34)

*Note: This change adds two new sections to this Article and rennumbers existing Section 6 to Section 8. This change to the Regulations will permit the Camp Council to make a temporary appointment to replace an elected camp officer who is unable to perform his duties.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 6. Whenever an elected officer of the Camp declares to the Camp Council that he is unable to discharge the duties of his office, and until he declares to them the contrary, such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary officer serving in an Acting capacity, appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Camp Council. The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served.**

**Section 7. If the Camp Council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote determines that an elected officer is unable to discharge the duties of his office or that an elected officer is failing to discharge the duties of his office such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary officer serving in an Acting capacity, appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Camp Council. The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served.**

**Renumber existing Section 6 to Section 8.**

#### **PROPOSAL #2**

(This proposal is from the National Counselor James B. Pahl, PCinC) Chapter I, Article IX, Section 2 (See C&R page 44)

*Note: The Boy Scouts now accept both boys and girls. In the event a girl applies for an Eagle Scout certificate, this change to the Regulations will permit the issuance of an Eagle Scout certificate to both girls and boys. This Proposal #2 makes the necessary change in our Regulations at the Camp level; Proposal #5 will make the change at the Department level, and Proposal #9 will make the change at the National level.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 2. Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator- *The purpose of the Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator is to recognize the advancement of young ~~men~~scouts belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout, to maintain statistics of requests and ....*

#### **PROPOSAL #3**

(This proposal is from the C & R Committee as directed by Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw (General Order No. 10 Series 2018-2019 dated 26 June 2019) Chapter II, Article VII, Section 6 and 7 (See C&R page 59)

*Note: This change adds two new sections to this Article. This change to the Regulations will permit the Department Council to make a temporary appointment to replace an elected department officer who is unable to perform his duties.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 6. Whenever an elected officer of the Department declares to the Department Council that he is unable to discharge the duties of his office, and until he declares to them the contrary, such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary**

**officer serving in an Acting capacity, appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Department Council. The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served.**

**Section 7. If the Department Council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote determines that an elected officer is unable to discharge the duties of his office or that an elected officer is failing to discharge the duties of his office such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary officer serving in an Acting capacity, appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Department Council. The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served.**

**PROPOSAL #4**

(This proposal is from the National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski)  
Chapter II, Article VIII, Section 2(m) (See C&R page 61)

*Note: This change to the Regulations will update the Regulations to reflect more accurately the role of the department chaplain. The information obtained from the reports mentioned in this regulation is now available from the SUVCW Form 30. Section 2(m) is no longer needed.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

~~Section 2 (m) The Department Chaplain shall submit required reports to the National Organization, as listed in Article III, Section 4.~~

**PROPOSAL #5**

(This proposal is from the National Counselor James B. Pahl, PCinC)  
Chapter I, Article IX, Section 2 (See C&R page 65)

*Note: The Boy Scouts now accept both boys and girls. In the event a girl applies for an Eagle Scout certificate, this change to the Regulations will permit the issuance of an Eagle Scout certificate to both girls and boys. This Proposal makes the necessary change in our Regulations at the Department level.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Chapter II, Article IX, Section 3,  
Section 3. Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. The purpose of the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator is to recognize the advancement of young ~~men~~ **scouts** belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout and to maintain statistics of requests and presentations of  
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**PROPOSAL #6**

(This proposal is from the National Counselor James B. Pahl, PCinC)  
Chapter III, Article VI, Section 1 (See C&R page 76)

*Note: This Proposal along with Proposal #10 will change the National Quartermaster from an elected to an appointed position. The National Quartermaster is now a voting member of the Council of Administration. These Proposals will change the National Quartermaster to a non-voting member of the Council of Administration.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer), ~~National Quartermaster~~, and the elected members of the Council of Administration shall be elected at the Annual Encampment by a roll-call of the Departments, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice,

**PROPOSAL #7**

(This proposal is from the C & R Committee as directed by Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw (General Order No. 10 Series 2018-2019 dated 26 June 2019) Chapter III, Article VI, Section 4 (See C&R page 77)

*Note: This change to the Regulations will permit the Council of Administration to make a temporary appointment to replace an elected national officer who is unable to perform his duties.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 4. **(a)** Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the National Organization shall be filled by the Council of Administration by a temporary appointment, until the next regular meeting of the National Organization, when an election shall be held. The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served.

**(b) Whenever an elected officer of the National Organization declares to the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration that he is unable to discharge the duties of his office, and until he declares to them the contrary, such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary officer serving in an Acting capacity, appointed by the Council of Administration.**

**(c) If the Commander-in-Chief determines that an elected national officer is unable to discharge the duties of his office or that a national officer is failing to discharge the duties of his office he shall notify the Council of Administration. Upon receiving such notification the Council of Administration may by three-fourths (3/4) vote of its elected members appoint a temporary acting officer to discharge the duties of that office. The temporary acting officer shall hold his appointment until such time as the Council of Administration by three-fourths (3/4) vote of its elected members restores the effected elective officer to his duties.**

**(d) The Commander-in-Chief shall promulgate by a General Order any action taken by the Council of Administration by authority of this Section.**

**PROPOSAL #8**

(This proposal is from the National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski) Chapter III, Article VII, Section 11(b) (See C&R page 82)

*Note: This change to the Regulations will update the Regulations to reflect more accurately the duties of the national chaplain.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 11 (b): Receive and compile a necrology reports from the ~~Order's Departments and Camps-at-Large~~ **information reported on SUVCW Form 30** and maintain a file of previously received reports.

**PROPOSAL #9**

(This proposal is from the National Counselor James B. Pahl, PCinC) Chapter III, Article VII Section 22 (See C&R page 88)

*Note: The Boy Scouts now accept both boys and girls. In the event a girl applies for an Eagle Scout certificate, this change to the Regulations will permit the issuance of an Eagle Scout certificate to both girls and boys. This Proposal makes the necessary change in our Regulations at the National level.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*



Section 22. The National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall recognize the advancement of young ~~men~~ **scouts** belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout; and maintain statistics of requests for Eagle Scout Certificates and maintain statistics on the presentation of Eagle Scout Certificates and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

#### **PROPOSAL #10**

(This proposal is from the National Counselor James B. Pahl, PCinC)  
Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1 (See C&R page 91)

*Note: The National Quartermaster is now a voting member of the Council of Administration. This Proposal will change the National Quartermaster to a non-voting member of the Council of Administration.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 1. The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, ~~National Quartermaster~~ and five (5) elected members of the Council of Administration and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. All Past Commanders-in-Chief, the National Counselor, The Banner Editor, **The National Quartermaster**, The National Signals Officer, and the Washington, DC representative shall be non-voting members of the Council of Administration.

#### **PROPOSAL #11**

(This proposal is from the Department of Missouri.)  
Chapter III, Article X, Section 5(b) 7 (See C&R page 98)

*Note: This proposal is a Resolution from the Department of Missouri which will require the National Site Committee to select a National Encampment Site by March 1<sup>st</sup> three years in advance of the encampment. The Site Committee will also be required to provide a written explanation as to why a department submitting a bid for the encampment was selected or not selected.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

Section 5(b)7. Review, evaluate and compare all official Encampment hosting proposals submitted by Departments. **Use a common form provided by the Encampment Site Committee. Accept Department proposals submitted by a deadline of March 1, 3 years in advance of the planned National Encampment. Assess each proposal after the said deadline for facilities, prices, location, experience and ability of the Host Committee members. Based on these assessments, select the proposal, 3 years in advance, which is most advantageous to the Order and its Members, Formally write to each Department, via the Department Commander and Department's encampment chairmen, the reasons why the Department proposal was or was not chosen.** ~~Assess each proposal, for facilities, prices, location, experience, ability, of the Host Committee members. Based on these assessments, select the proposal, 3 years in advance, which is most advantageous to the Order and its Members.~~

#### **PROPOSAL #12**

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin, Chairman of the National Committee on Scholarships)

Chapter III, Article X, Section 18, 2(a) (See C&R Page 107)

*Note: This change will match the C&R language with the language that appears on the Scholarship Application Form. (SUVCW Form 12).*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 18, 2(a): ~~a. Receipt of completed applications by the March 31st Deadline.~~ **Application must be postmarked between January 1 and March 31..**

**.PROPOSAL #13**

(This proposal is from Banner Editor James B. Pahl Past Commander-in-Chief )

Chapter V, Article VI, Section 9) (See C&R Page 130)

*Note: This change will permit the wearing of a black elastic band on the drop of the membership badge as a sign of mourning.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

Section 9. Upon the death of a Brother, a Commander may, at his discretion, issue through a Special Order, directive to the Brothers under his command to attach a 1 inch wide band of black grosgrain ribbon to the Member, Junior, Associate or Junior Associate badge, as a sign of mourning **or in the alternative a black elastic band on the drop of the badge.**

The black ribbon shall be attached in a horizontal fashion around the suspension ribbon of the badge and attached in the rear of same with a straight pin. In the alternative, the Brother may wear a 2"x8" "In Memoriam" black ribbon behind their Member, Junior, Associate, or Junior Associate badge. This ribbon would also contain the words "The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and then may also contain the name of the Department or Camp on the ribbon, at the expense of the Camp or Department. The wearing of the mourning ribbon shall coincide with the time specified for the draping of the respective Charter

**PROPOSAL #14**

(This proposal is from the National Treasurer)

SVR Regulations Article XII, Section 5-7 (See SVR Regulations page 23)

*Note: Chapter II, Article XIV Section 3 of the SUCVW Regulations incorporates the SVR Regulations by reference into the SUCVW Regulations (See SUCVW Regulations page 70.) This proposal adds 3 new sections to Article XII of the SVR Regulations. These proposed new sections are necessary to bring the SVR Regulations in compliance with IRS rules relating to the SUCVW's 501(c)3 status.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**5. Organization:**

**The National Military Department, the various Military Districts and the Units of the SVR shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve. The SVR is organized as an unincorporated association. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.**

**6. Activities not in furtherance of exempt purposes: No part of the net earnings, if any, of this unincorporated association, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the unincorporated association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes described in section 501(c)3. No substantial part of the activities of the unincorporated association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the unincorporated association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of**

or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these SVR Regulations, the unincorporated association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an unincorporated association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an unincorporated association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**7. - Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets:**

**A:** In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Unit's operational authority, all Unit property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the District Commander of the affected Unit acting as his duly authorized representative to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**B:** All property of the National Military Department, Military Districts and local Units shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of the National Military Department, Military District or local Units Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the National Military Department, Military Districts and local units shall not be divided among its members.

**C:** In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the State archives of the state in which the local Unit and/or District Headquarters is located.

**D:** Notwithstanding the above language, upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert E. Grim, PCinC, Chairman  
Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
Richard D. Orr, PCinC

James B. Pahl, PCinC  
Donald E. Darby, PCinC  
Mark R. Day, PCinC

**4.7 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon, CC**

No report submitted.

**4.8 National Encampment Site Committee, Kevin P. Tucker, PDC**

Report of the National Encampment Site Committee 2018-2019

Brother Commander-in-Chief,

On behalf of Brothers Jim Crane, Frank Avila, Mike Paquette and myself, thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve our Brothers by being appointment to serve on the National Encampment

Site Committee. We believe we have served the Sons of Union Veterans to the best of our abilities and have made every effort to address the concerns and issues of both our Brothers of the Order and our beloved Auxiliary, with regard to their wants and needs for this and future National Encampments.

Shortly after last year's National Encampment in Framingham, MA, we received a proposal from the Department of Missouri to host the 2021 National Encampment in St. Louis, MO. The Committee performed its due diligence in analyzing the proposal. As the Missouri Host Committee is chaired by Brother Petrovic and populated with seasoned veteran committee members, we received an excellent and well-prepared proposal.

Following review of the proposal, and in order to procure what we felt was the best deals possible for our Membership, the Committee negotiated some further concessions with the hotel, obtaining an additional reduction in the room rate and food and beverage minimums in exchange for concessions on our end with regard to free rooms.

As we have reported in previous years, room rates have been on the rise, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to negotiate room rates under \$120 per night. Brothers should expect that future National Encampments will be in the \$120s. Also, hotels are getting tougher on food and beverage minimums, so we should expect rises in meal prices, especially the annual banquet and the SVR Breakfast.

I conducted a site visit to the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac on October 29, 2019 and found the facilities more than satisfactory. We held a National Encampment at the same hotel in 2007, and it has maintained the same quality standards since then.

The Auxiliary agreed to the terms of the hotel contract, as well as the annual agreement negotiated with the Sons in December of 2018, and the hotel contract was signed. The Committee is very excited to be meeting in St. Louis and look forward to working with Brother Petrovic and the rest of the Host Committee.

In March of this year, I updated the National Encampment Hosting guide book that this committee created several years ago. On April 1, 2019, I sent a copy to the senior Department Officers in each Department, soliciting proposals for hosting National Encampments for 2022 and beyond,

The guide book helps Departments to understand what is required when hosting a National Encampment. It covers all the factors that must be considered when a Department is deciding whether or not to go forward with a proposal, and, once that determination is made, gives the Department a detailed roadmap to use in the preparation of the proposal itself.

As the Committee has mentioned in the past, hosting a National Encampment is a complicated process, with many detailed tasks and requirements. It is not a project that can be taken lightly, and consideration will lean toward those Departments who can show that they are capable of performing multiple detailed tasks by using and following the Guide Book.

The Department of Ohio welcomes our Sisters and Brothers to the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Cleveland- Independence for the 2019 Allied Orders National Encampment. The Host Committee for the 2019 Encampment is being co-chaired by PCinC Ken Freshley and former National Site Committee Chair Jim Crane.

The Encampment is running from Wednesday, August 7th through Sunday, August 11th, 2019. Rooms are \$114 per night. The Thursday Civil War tour includes stops at historic sites in and around Cleveland, including the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, James A. Garfield National Historic Site, Lake View Cemetery, and an Evening Reception back at the monument. Our Friday evening Campfire will feature the 73rd Ohio Regimental Band.

All reservation forms have been posted on the 2019 National Encampment web site (<http://2019nationalencampment.org/encforms.htm>) since the beginning of the year, and reservations have been received at a promising pace. The Host Committee has been working closely with the Commander-in-Chief, National President, SUVCW and Auxiliary Chiefs of Staff and Chaplains to develop programs and coordinate joint events.

The 2020 Allied Orders National Encampment will be hosted by the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. It will take place from Wednesday, 08/12/2020 through Sunday, 08/16/2020, at the Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center, 3405 Lenox Road NE, Atlanta, GA, 30326-1308. Rooms will be \$115 per night.

The Host Committee for the 2020 Encampment will be cochaired by Department Commander David Beam and Mike Reither, PDC. The Host Committee is working on a medal that will honor the U.S. Colored Troops. A tour of the Atlanta History Center, with its multiple historic sites and exhibitions, is planned.

As an organization, the Allied Orders must continue to instill in our Sisters and Brothers the idea that attendance at National Encampments, rooming at the host hotel, and attending banquets are crucial in helping us achieve required targets for concessions like free meeting rooms, suites for the Commander-in-Chief and National Presidents. This facilitates attendance by all of our Sisters and Brothers, the administration of our leaders, and the work of our Orders. We need everyone to understand that their participation at National Encampments is an important way to serve the Allied Orders.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chairman  
National Encampment Site Committee

#### **4.9 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

Committee Membership: Kevin L. Martin, PDC (Chair), Frank C. Avila PCC, Jeffry Burden, Jeff Hightower, Mike Rusk, and Jerome W. Kowalski (Aide).

The committee identified the names and addresses to formally communicate with the Executive Officer of each of our kindred Societies and provided this information to the Commander-in-Chief, the National Executive Director, and the Banner Editor. 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
  - Confederate Civil War Orders
    - Morgan's Men Association, Inc.
    - United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC)
    - Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
    - 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, the committee invited representatives from the above organizations to attend the Order's national ceremonies and programs, including: Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield, Illinois; and the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts.

It has been my privilege to work with Commanders-in-Chief Don Martin, Mark Day, and Don Shaw. I have learned much under their direction. It was also a pleasure to work with the Executive Officers of our Allied Orders and kindred Organizations. I particularly thank PNP Caren Cleaveland, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW), for including me in the formation of their Fraternal Relations Committee. I hope we can learn from and repeat within our Orders and beyond this successful and unifying experience.

#### 4.10 National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

Commander-in-Chief Shaw and Brothers of the 138<sup>th</sup> annual encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is my honor to present this report on the activities and achievements of the standing Committee on GAR Records.

#### Progress Report and Accomplishments for the 2018-2019 Administrative Year

**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, PDC, as co-administrators.

**Department GAR Records Officer:** The office of Department GAR Records Officer was originally created by the National Encampment in 2004. To aid in identifying the current office holders, our committee recommended in 2017 that the SUVCW Form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers) include the new office as a line item. A copy of a proposed revision to the PDF form was provided to the P&P Committee in November 2017, and a revised draft of the form was submitted to the CofA in April 2019. The National GAR Records Officer is currently serving a 3-year term on the P&P Committee, which should help move the approval process along.

The following table shows Departments that have a confirmed GAR Records Officer, either on the Form 49 or on their websites (as of July 2019). Our thanks go to all the Departments who have filled the office!

| Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer |                  |                     |                |                  |                               |
|--|------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Department   | Reported Form 49 | Confirmed Elsewhere | Department     | Reported Form 49 | Confirmed Elsewhere           |
| CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC                                   | ---              | David Davis         | MISSOURI       | ---              | Walt Busch                    |
| CHESAPEAKE   | ---              | ---                 | NEBRASKA       | ---              | William Dean                  |
| COLORADO/WYOMING                                       | James M. Barker  | James M. Barker     | NEW HAMPSHIRE  | ---              | ---                           |
| COLUMBIA   | (Joseph Stevens) | Joseph Stevens      | NEW JERSEY     | ---              | Robert Wilhelm                |
| CONNECTICUT  | ---              | ---                 | NEW YORK       | ---              | Lance Ingmire (GAR archivist) |
| FLORIDA  | ---              | Roger Heiple        | NORTH CAROLINA | Robert A. Crum   | ---                           |
| GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA                               | Tom Biederman    | Tom Biederman       | OHIO           | ---              | Richard Davis                 |

| Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer |               |                |              |                  |                  |
|--|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| ILLINOIS   | ---           | ---            | OKLAHOMA     | ---              | ---              |
| INDIANA  | Bruce R. Kolb | Bruce R. Kolb  | PENNSYLVANIA | ---              | ---              |
| IOWA   | Ron Rittel    | Ron Rittel     | RHODE ISLAND | ---              | ---              |
| KANSAS   | ---           | ---            | SOUTHWEST    | David A. Swanson | David A. Swanson |
| KENTUCKY   | ---           | ---            | TENNESSEE    | ---              | ---              |
| MAINE  | ---           | ---            | TEXAS        | ---              | ---              |
| MASSACHUSETTS  | ---           | ---            | VERMONT      | ---              | ---              |
| MICHIGAN   | ---           | Gary L. Gibson | WISCONSIN    | ---              | ---              |

**Status of Previous National Encampment and Administrative Actions Relating to GAR Records:** The following table presents the status of National Encampment and administrative actions in recent years. Results of actions prior to 2016 may be found in our previous annual reports.

| Year | Recommendation   | Action   | Status  |
|------|--|--|---|
| 2016 | Recommendation from the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning: "Make a more accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page."                     | Pending/Standby                                      | <b>PENDING.</b> Addressed at the 16 Apr. 2016 CofA meeting, and assigned to the National Webmaster for action. The link is currently accessed using the "Projects & Preservation" tab on the SUVCW website. |
| 2017 | Approve new GAR Records Project 5-year Plan.   | Voted/Approved                                       | <b>COMPLETE.</b> Approved by National Encampment, August 2017.  |
| 2017 | Revise the "Officers Installed" section of the SUVCW Form 49 to add the required office of Department GAR Records Officer.   | Recommended to the CofA in the November 2017 report. | <b>(SEE BELOW).</b> A modified Form 49 fill-in PDF file was delivered to the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.   |
| 2019 | A draft revision to SUVCW Form 49 (adding a third page and updating line items for officer titles) was submitted to the CofA for review at the April 2019 meeting. | Comments were returned from the CofA in April 2019.  | <b>PENDING.</b> The P&P Committee is reformatting the form to accommodate the suggested changes.  |

**GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2017-2022).**

The National Committee on GAR Records is guided by an action plan, which is approved by the National Encampment every five years. The status of action items from the 2017-2022 plan appear below:

- 1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website (www.GARrecords.org) and online GAR Records Catalog. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**
- 2) Continue to expand the GAR Records website content to include:
  - a. Separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts, including but not limited to meeting locations, dates of muster and disbandment, details of consolidation with other posts, and any other noteworthy facts. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**
  - b. Links to other SUVCW web pages (Camps and Departments) containing GAR Records information. **[STATUS: Links are added upon request, or when links of interest are**

***discovered by the National GAR Records Officer. The links can be accessed on each state page of the GAR Records website.]***

- c. Links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections. ***[STATUS: Same as above.]***
  - d. Relevant bibliographic references. ***[STATUS: Same as above.]***
- 3) Continue to encourage and assist SUVCW Departments and Camps in developing and/or expanding their respective GAR Records programs. Support actions to include:
- a. Preparation of a handbook to provide guidance in searching for and cataloging GAR records. ***[STATUS: Sections of the handbook are in preparation, but progress is on hold pending the revision of the SUVCW Form 49.]***
  - b. Providing personal guidance, as needed, to Department GAR Records Officers and other individuals when needed. ***[STATUS: Ongoing.]***
- 4) Expand public awareness and involvement in the GAR Records Program. Actions to include:
- a. Creation and/or participation in an online forum or message board that is specific to the topic of GAR records. ***[STATUS: The committee has not yet developed a plan for this item.]***
  - b. Encouraging local libraries, museums, genealogical and historical societies, veterans' organizations, and other holders of GAR records collections to index and publish the contents of their collections. ***[STATUS: Ongoing.]***
  - c. Support efforts (both within the SUVCW and external to our organization) to digitize and make publicly available collections of GAR records. ***[STATUS: Ongoing.]***

For more information, please see the annual report of the National GAR Records Officer.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**No Recommendations.**

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Dean A. Enderlin, PDC, Chairman

#### **4.11 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

See the report under the National Graves Registration Officer section 3.14.

#### **4.12 National Committee on History, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

See report of National Historian, section 3.18.

#### **4.13 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

Lincoln Tomb Observance  
Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, Chairman  
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P# 636-274-4567 Email: rpetro7776@aol.com

The program for the tomb is on Saturday April 18, 2020. The headquarters hotel is The Abraham Lincoln hotel, 701 E. Adams. The room rate is \$105.00. The luncheon menu and ordering chairs will be taken care of in October. The band contract will be signed in January. We have the permit for the tomb.

#### **4.14 National Committee on Membership, JVCinC, Brian C. Pierson, PDC**



No report submitted.

#### **4.15 National Military Affairs Committee, Henry E Shaw, PCC**

**TO: Donald W. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
and  
National Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**FROM: National Military Affairs Committee**

**Subject: Final Report**

**Date: 25 July 2019**

This Report will cover the activities of the National Military Affairs Committee from the date of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2018 through and including the date of this Final Report of the National Military Affairs Committee.

- Two SVR General Orders were issued since Remembrance Day Weekend, 2018, specifically, SVR General Order 2019-01, dated 01 January 2019 and SVR General Order 2019-02, dated 08 January 2019, and which said SVR General Orders have been published on the Web Site.

#### ***REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND, 2019***

As previously reported, due to the unavailability of the Ball room at the Wyndham, it became necessary to change the situs of the Headquarters Hotel to the Eisenhower Hotel. Five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex (formerly the Eisenhower Hotel) for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 were entered into.

- In view of ongoing problems with the Eisenhower facility and a plethora of complaints from the various guests, a decision was made to terminate the contract with the Eisenhower, effective on 18 November 2018, in conformity with the provisions of the Eisenhower contract and without penalty.
- On 24 January, 2018, a four (4) year contract with the Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA was entered into for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, providing for a group rate per night for 2019 in the sum of \$129.00, for 2020 in the sum of \$134.00, for 2021 in the sum of \$139.00 and for the year 2022 in the sum of \$144.00. The contracts with the Wyndham Gettysburg also provide for rooms, built into the contracts and at no additional expense, for the use of the Allied Orders to display and sell their various items, the same also holding true for the National Quartermaster. Additionally, a large room will be available for the SVR Breakfast, a room will be available for the Council of Administration Meeting and for the Church Service on the Sunday morning of each weekend. And, of course, the use of the Ball Room is built into the terms of each of the four (4) contracts with the Wyndham Gettysburg.
- A 4 year contract for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 was entered into with the Philadelphia Brigade Band for purposes of providing period dance music at the Original Civil War Ball to be held in the Eisenhower ballroom. The contract also includes period dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. In addition to playing for the Ball, the Band will also render *The National Anthem* and provide period selections at the Woolson Monument ceremonies on 23 November 2019 and will participate in the 2019 Remembrance Day Parade.

- Arrangements have been made with the various CW publications to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball. Issues of several of these CW publications containing the Remembrance Day 2019 ads were distributed at the 156<sup>th</sup> reenactment in Gettysburg in July of 2019.
- Arrangements were made, electronically, with PCinC James B. Pahl, the Editor of *The Banner*, to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball
- Through the assistance of PCinC and SVR Web Master Leo Kennedy, Notice of the 2019 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2019 Original Civil War Ball are both posted on the SVR Web site.
- Major David K. Hann, Provost, SVR, fashioned a Remembrance Day Facebook Page in 2014 and which said page has been updated to include the 2019 events.
- On 31 January 2019, Parade Flyers and Ball Flyers were forwarded, electronically, to the SVR General Staff, to the various SVR Military District Commanders for distribution to the various SVR Units within their respective Military Districts, to the various SUVCW Department Commanders for distribution to the various SUVCW Camps within their Departments and to the various Ladies' Organizations for distribution within their respective jurisdictions.
- 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 (300) were ordered on 17 January 2019 and were received on 28 January 2019. Total cost, including shipping, was \$130.00. To date, twenty-six (25) Ball tickets have been sold - about average for this time of year
- Arrangements were made, electronically, with All Sound Pro in Chambersburg, PA (Robert Ranalli) to provide Public Address system for Woolson Monument Ceremonies on 17 November 2018.
- On the week of 05 August 2019, a formal personalized letter of invitation will be mailed to Robert F. Costello, requesting him to deliver *The Gettysburg Address* in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument on 23 November 2019.
- On the week of 05 August 2019, a formal personalized letter of invitation will be mailed to Ivan E. Frantz, Musician Sgt. Major, SVR, requesting him to render *TAPS* at the conclusion of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument on 23 November 2019.
- On the week of 05 August 2019, a formal personalized letter will be mailed to Mr. Charles Hulse requesting him to have Boy Scout Troop No. 88 place refuse containers (as required by the Borough of Gettysburg) along the parade route, prior to the 2019 Remembrance Day Parade and then remove the same following the completion of the Parade.
- On 16 July 2019, an Application for a Facilities Lease Agreement was made to the Gettysburg Area School District for purposes of use of Middle School area for form up of the Remembrance Day Parade.
- Procedures for securing a Parade Permit from the Borough of Gettysburg for purposes of conducting the Remembrance Day Parade have changed somewhat for 2019. The Gettysburg Police Department no long handles the Applications and, instead, the Applications are required to be made through the Borough of Gettysburg Planning and Management Department. Such Application was duly made on 18 July 2019.

- On the week of 05 August 2019, an Application for a Special Park Use Permit will be made to the Gettysburg National Military Park for purposes of conducting the Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove, to be held at 11:00 A.M. on 23 November 2019.
- On the week of 05 August 2019, an Application for a Special Event Permit (Form TE-300) will be made to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- On the week of 29 July 2019, Remembrance Day Parade Streamers will be ordered from R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
- On the week of 29 July 2019, arrangements will be made with Associated Products Services, Mechanicsburg, PA, for purposes of providing 3 portable sanitary facilities at the parade staging area, with the same to be placed in the proximity of the staging area along Lefever Street on Friday afternoon, 22 November 2019.
- On the week of 29 July 2019, 13 wreaths from The Floral Boutique in Gettysburg will be ordered and arrangements will be made for the wreaths to be delivered to the Woolson Monument on Saturday, 23 November 2019 at 10:00 A.M.
- On the week of 29 July 2019, arrangements will be made with Jeffrey C. Young, owner of Gettysburg Carriage Company, to have a carriage at the parade staging area to convey President Lincoln and John Hart (Gen. Scott) and two others in the Remembrance Day Parade.
- To date, the Dance List from Larry Keener-Farley, the Victorian Ensemble Dance Master, has not been received. Once the Dance List has been received, an order will be placed with Office Max in Delaware, Ohio for the Dance Cards for the Original Civil War Ball to be printed and boxed.
- **Of Necessity, Further Tasks In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2019, Will Be Addressed Subsequent To The 138<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 23 November 2019.
  2. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, to present remarks in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, and to lay a wreath on behalf of the SUVCW.
  3. Mail formal personalized letters of invitation to all heads of National Allied Orders, National and Pennsylvania Mollus Heads and all Pennsylvania Allied Orders Heads, requesting each to present a wreath in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
  4. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain, SVR, requesting him to deliver the Invocation and pronounce the Benediction at the SVR Breakfast and at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
  5. Arrange to have the Program for the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument printed and have sufficient copies made for distribution at the site of the Woolson Monument, prior to the commencement of the Memorial Service.

6. Pick up Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from the R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
7. Arrange to have the various Certificates of Appreciation/Thanks prepared for the Gettysburg Police Department and the Gettysburg Business leaders.
8. Arrange ceremony for Friday afternoon, 22 November 2019, with Gettysburg business leaders, for presentation of Certificates in recognition of their \$1,000.00 parade permit donation.

- **Schedule of Events for Saturday, 23 November 2019:**

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 DATES – 2019 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 2022:**

The following future dates have been established for Remembrance Day:

- Saturday, 23 November 2019 - - - Headquarters at Wyndham Gettysburg
- Saturday, 21 November 2020 - - - Headquarters at Wyndham Gettysburg
- Saturday, 20 November 2021 - - - Headquarters at Wyndham Gettysburg
- Saturday, 19 November 2022 - - - Headquarters at Wyndham Gettysburg

Respectfully submitted,

National Military Affairs Committee,

Henry E. Shaw, Jr., PCC, Chair  
 Donald E. Darby, PCinC  
 Ken L. Freshley, PCinC  
 Edward J. Krieser, PCinC  
 Donald J. Martin, PCinC  
 Brian C. Pierson, PDC

**4.16 National Committee on Program and Policy, SVCinC, Edward J. Norris, PDC**

Continued work on various forms that needed updating. Created a new form as requested at a Council of Administration meeting; that form was ultimately voted down as not needed. I want to thank Stephen T. Aaril, PCC, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC, David McReynolds, PDC, and W. Faron Taylor, PDC for all the work they provided on the National Program and Policies Committee.

## **4.17 National Committee on Scholarships, Donald L. Martin, PCinC**

### **National Committee Scholarships Report 9 Jul 2019 National Encampment, Independence, Ohio**

The National Committee on Scholarships revised Form 12: Scholarship Application-Form and submitted a draft to the Programs and Policies. A new Form 12 resulted.

The revision in essence contains the original components of the prior form, however the appearance, order, and format has been changed. These changes are to make the form easier to complete and evaluate.

An instruction page has been added, a statement concerning the submission of social security numbers, and areas of confusion identified from previous applications, have been addressed.

This year the committee received 9 applications. The following Brothers were selected to receive the SUVCW Scholarship of \$2,500 each.

**Jaeger R. Held** from Montana and a member of Compliment- Chapman Camp #2, Dept. CO & WY. He is to attend Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA.

**Devin P. DePamphilis** from Pennsylvania and a member of Hartranft Camp #5, Dept. PA. He is to attend the University of Pittsburgh, in Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Donald L Martin, PCinC, Chair  
Garry W. Brewer, PDC  
R. A. Davis, PhD, PCC  
Douglas K. Fidler, PhD, PDC  
Owen R. Stiles, PCC

## **5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5.1 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021), James G. Ward, PDC**

No report submitted.

### **5.2 National Encampment Credentials Special Committee, Joseph S. Hall, Jr., PDC**

National Credentials Committee

#### **National Encampment Pre-Registration**

As of July 20, 2019, we have 208 brothers pre-registered for the upcoming National Encampment to be held in Cleveland, OH. I am expecting three stragglers that had pre-registration issues to bring the total to 211.

#### **Credential Committee for Upcoming National Encampment**

The Committee will consist of the following:

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Chairman  
Walter E. Busch, Committee Member

Thomas J. Brown, Committee Member  
D. Michael Beard, Committee Member  
Bruce Laine, Committee Member  
Harry W. Reineke, IV, Aide

### **Problems Encountered**

This is my fifth year as Chairman of the Credentials Committee. There were still some issues with a few Departments not completing the Form 49 correctly and most were resolved through emails. Some Brothers are still not confirming with their Departments what their credentials officially are before sending in their pre-registration forms. I had one Brother pre-register as the Commander-in-Chief and it was not Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw. I had two Brothers in one Department pre-register as the Commander for that Department. I will speak to my cousin at the Encampment to let him know he is a PDC. It was confirmed by his Department's Form 49. He is no longer in charge.

The Departments need to understand that in order for the Credentials Committee to complete their job and ensure that every Brother receives the proper credentials, the Form 49 has to be complete, accurate, address Alternates properly, and be submitted ON TIME. A Brother can send me his pre-registration form with PDC, DC, Delegate, etc. checked off, but I need the Form 49 to verify it. One Brother was very surprised when he learned that after being a Delegate for 20 years, he was now an Alternate. I know this will be addressed by him, with his Department, if it hasn't already.

I know there were some "growing pains" this year as to what is expected, and for that, I am truly sorry, but they needed to be done. That said, I would sincerely like to thank every single Department for their efforts and in dealing with all the headaches I gave you. Thank You!

In closing, I would like to thank Commander-In-Chief Don Shaw for his continued faith in me to do the job, and Brothers Walt Busch, Thomas Brown (and his Grandson), D. Michael Beard, Bruce Laine, and Harry Reineke, IV, all of whom make this committee run smoothly and make it enjoyable to be part of.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Joseph S. Hall, Jr.  
Chairman  
National Credentials Committee

### **5.3 Memorial University Redesign Special Committee, Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC**

To: Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw and the delegates to the 139th National Encampment

The committee has been charged with developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations. The committee is still fielding questions regarding registration and proof of completion, associated with the original Memorial University course tests on the Constitution & Regulations. Working with the National Webmaster, we've come up with a temporary solution, but realize it may be necessary to shut down the original online interactive course while a new, more versatile online platform is installed.

The committee has also been plagued with some personnel issues, which caused delays. These were remedied only four months ago resulting in the appointment of the committee line-up named below.

To date, the committee has completed the first five Power points of the introductory course. These include: Intro/Overview, History of our Order, Customs & Courtesies, Badge Wear, and Organization & Structure. These have been reviewed and accepted by the committee. The remaining two (Core Values and Benefits of Membership) should be ready for review soon. Four additional modules, SVR, Allied Orders, Roles of Officers, and Mission Accomplishment were proposed. These will need to be evaluated, should the committee be reappointed.

When completed, each presentation is readied for C of A review on "Blendspace." All presentations have a script and include a review quiz. It is the committee's intent that the presentations be used as either part of an online learning management program or downloaded for use in a classroom setting. The committee anticipates a new online platform will be approved and installed soon, making the new introductory online course a reality across our Order. If the committee's reappointed, a 2021 completion date will be targeted.

Respectfully submitted:

Members: PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, Chair  
PCinC Mark Day  
PDC Kent A Peterson.

#### **5.4 Real Sons & Daughters Special Committee, Jerome L. Orton, PDC**

Donald W. Shaw  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. Helen Jackson, PO Box 212, Marshfield, MO. Widow of James Bolin, 14th MO Cav.65706. She is last known widow of an Union soldier

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

John W Oliver, Jr. 226 Brady Dr., Morristown, TN 37814. Father, John William Oliver, Sr., 4th TN Vol. Inf. SUVCW

William Pool, 1030 Highway UU, Boliver, MO 56513. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co D., 6th WS Vols. SUVCW

Deaths: Fred Upham, 5404 Fossil Court North, Ft. Collins, CO 82525. Died December 30, 2018. Father, William Pool, Sr. Co. F, 2nd WS Vols. USMA class of 1866. Former governor of WS. His brother, William Upham, Jr., was past Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

1. Mary Ella Reed Lewis, DUVCW member

2. Emogene Cassell Horton, DUVCW member, 140 Jelly Lane, Marshall, AR 72650. Father, Jackson Cassell Co. M 2nd AR Cav.

3. Irene Triplett, 1000 College St., Wilkesboro, NC 28697. Father, Moses Triplett, Co.C, 26th NC Vols-Union.

Irene is the last person receiving compensation from the FEDERAL government as a dependent child of a Civil War veteran, Union or Confederate.

4. Florence Wilson, 920 Highway UU, Aldrich, MO 65601-9124. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D, 6th WS Vols.  
DUVCW member

The committee has been in contact with both Irene and Helen and has sent them money during the year. The committee would like to extend to PDC Dennis St. Andrew and his wife Denise a great thanks for visiting Irene.

The last child of any veteran of the Civil War was Jimmie Lee Harper, born October 16, 1943, son of James W. Harper, Capt. Oscar Underwood's Florida Guards. Sadly Jimmie Harper died at early age in an automobile accident. His sister, was a year older.

Recommendations:

That Irene Triplett and Helen Jackson be made honorary members of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Submitted in F, C and L,

Jerome Orton, PDC-NY  
Dennis St. Andrew, PDC-NC  
Don Wilt, CA

### **5.5 National Special Committee on Website Redesign, James P. McGuire, PDC**

See report of National Signal Officer section 3.30.

### **5.6 Communications and Technology Sub-Committee on technology needs at the National Headquarters, James P. McGuire, PDC**

See report of National Committee on Communication & Technology section 4.5

### **5.7 National Special Committee on negotiations with the Allied Orders relating to National Encampment contracts and relationships, Mark R. Day, PCinC**

Brothers of the CofA,

Actions of the Committee:

1. At the Springfield meeting, I asked if the Council would desire the committee to work with the LGAR President on a contract like the one, which was offered to the Auxiliary. The CofA approved that action and I began conversations were held with the President of the LGAR. I am saddened to report that an agreement was not reached and that due to current circumstances, not related to the Sons, the LGAR is no longer able to negotiate.
2. The Contracts, with the Auxiliary, for the 2021 Encampment in St. Louis are all signed and finalized by the Auxiliary President and the CinC.

Recommendations of the Committee:

1. As this committee is a CinC Appointed Committee and will cease to operate unless renewed or made a special committee we recommend, that the Committee to negotiate National Encampment Agreements with the Allied Orders be authorized as a special committee beginning in August 2019 with an operational end date of August 2024. This action is critical if we are to complete contracts for future encampments and maintain the



contracting process, which was approved by the CofA at the National Encampment in Lansing, MI. It is our belief that this process has established a professional and organized methodology for contracting and ensuring that all parties needs are satisfied. If not made a special committee, we would then recommend that the incoming CinC reappoint it as a CinC Appointed Committee

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty  
PCinC Mark R. Day, Committee Chairman

## **5.8 National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC**

### **National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1) The committee recommends to the CoA that it provide authorization for the Strategic Development Committee to move forward to write a suitable case statement to support the initial phases of fundraising for the SUVCW. The case statement might be incorporated into the online fundraising page recommended below. The case statement will be reviewed and approved by the entire CoA prior to implementation.

2) The committee recommends to the CoA that it provide authorization for the Treasurer to contract with a company that will allow the SUVCW to collect online donations by check, credit card or PayPal. This might be PayPal since we already contract with them for the Quartermaster Store. Further, the Webmaster would be authorized to work with the Treasurer in setting up the online giving page. The Treasurer will provide the proper budgetary location for any expenditures related to this effort. The contract along with a summary of any financial impact on the organization will be brought back to the entire CoA prior to execution.

3) The committee recommends that the CoA authorize it to produce a presentation to be made at the Annual Encampment that would include a challenge to get 1,000 Brothers to commit to give just \$15 per month for three years. A small individual gift (\$540 total) can become increasingly significant when multiplied by 1,000.

The total would yield \$540,000. It seems feasible that 1,000 members would commit to giving \$15 per month.

And perhaps some would commit to give even more. The presentation would be reviewed by the entire CoA prior to it being made at the Encampment.

Another item from yet a different committee, that is not yet out of that committee, that might also be considered as Strategic Development is:

That a Committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspects, requirements, facilities requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National headquarters by the year 2022, and which would bring both our administrative and quartermaster functions under one roof. This committee should be tasked with providing a plan to accomplish the establishment of a permanent national headquarters by the National in 2020. I believe this is a necessary step if we are to grow and prosper and be recognized as a legitimate and professional heritage organization in the 21st Century.

**[CinC to appoint CinC Committee, chaired by Brother Kevin Tucker, PCinC Mark Day, David Demmy, Sr., Michael Paquette, and David McReynolds.]**

## **5.9 National Special Committee on Battlefield Preservation Relations, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

### Report of the Commander-In-Chief's Committee on Battlefield Preservation Relations

I have the honor to report that this committee has completed its study to look into the creating a Battlefield Preservation Committee within the SUVCW. I have talked with hundreds of Brothers within the five Department Encampments that I personally attended. Almost to a man the response was why?

It seems the consciences of the talks are that there is already a National group which takes care of this issue and that instead of the SUVCW creating their own that we should work with the group and lend our support to the American Battlefield Trust.

I will be submitting a request for a Survey Monkey to be sent to the major Historical Societies and State Libraries and Archives to ask them if they know of the SUVCW and what our local Camps can offer to assist them in not just Battlefield Preservation but also to offer them our help in educational matters, graves registration and headstone replacement and lectures on the SUVCW and the GAR.

This survey will be to gather information on every Battlefield Preservation group, Historical Society, Genealogical Society and any other group that works to preserve the history of the American Civil War to offer our assistance.

With this information we will be able to start contacting them to introduce ourselves to them and see what is needed to assist them and what they can do to assist us in our mission. If there are any brothers who wish to work on this committee, please contact me at [CofA4@suvcw.org](mailto:CofA4@suvcw.org) and I will forward your name to the C-In-C. Thank you for this time.

My recommendation would be to end this committee and look into giving the above tasks to the Marketing and Promotions Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
Council of Administration Member #4  
SUVCW

## **6.0 DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **6.1 Department of California and Pacific, Rudy Velasco, DC**

Pre-encampment Council of Administration Report  
from the Department of California & Pacific - July 21, 2019

Since March, the Department of California & Pacific has added two new Brothers to our ranks and sadly had two pass away.

As Memorial Day is very important to the SUVCW, our Camps participated in Memorial Ceremonies across the Department over the Memorial Day weekend. Several Camps participated in 2 and 3 separate Ceremonies at different cemeteries locations with some on the same day. The Department is making an effort to observe the traditional Memorial/Decoration Day as May 30<sup>th</sup> with a couple of Camps holding their services on that date this year.

Without listing each event separately, our Camps, some more than others, have been very active this Spring and Summer with Camp displays and SUVCW information tables at many Civil War reenactments, Living History events and some Parade participation over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Most of the Department's Camps are active with ROTC/JROTC Awards and making presentations at the school's award ceremonies. The Department is also very active in the Eagle Scout Commendation program.

Special mention needs to be made of the Department's Graves Registration Officer, Brother Kenneth G. Felton, who ordered and organized having a Government headstone placement ceremony for Native California Cavalry Organizer Jose Pico in Santa Clara, California this July and a "Medal of Honor" marker dedication ceremony for Civil War Sailor Mathew Arthur in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio is scheduled for mid-August.

Also, General Rosecrans Camp 2 GAR Highway Officer Brother Ron Black (Los Angeles) has been working with the California Department of Transportation to have GAR Highway signs replaced. Camp 2 received confirmation that Cal-Trans had installed two GAR HWY signs, replicas of the originals, one at South bound Interstate 5 at the Los Angeles City limits sign and the other on South bound CA-14.

The Department of California and Pacific is doing well with 13 Camps in good standing and we are eagerly anticipating the addition of a 14<sup>th</sup> Camp, to be based in Henderson, NV, with Forms 54 and 55 for Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp No. 31 having already being sent to National last month.

No recommendations.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

**Rudy E. Velasco**

**Commander, Dept. of California & Pacific**

## **6.2 Department of the Chesapeake, Timothy S. McCoy, DC**

The Department of the Chesapeake includes fifteen (15) Camps and a total membership exceeds 400 Brothers, consisting of 381 regular, 26 associates, 3 juniors, and one junior associate. Among these are 27 life members, and one Honorary Member.

Since our last report, Camps within the Department have sponsored and participated in a wide range of activities, all designed to preserve the history and legacy of the heroes who saved the Union.

Instead of focusing on specific Camp-related activities, this narrative highlights actions on the Department level for this reporting period:

1. Department of the Chesapeake officers worked diligently with the Auxiliary to prepare the Department's 132<sup>nd</sup> annual Encampment, which took place on May 3 – 4, 2019, in historic Ellicott City, Maryland. In addition to electing new Departmental officers and tending to the business of the Department, a special feature of the gathering was an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. Both CinC Shaw and Auxiliary National President Oman attended.
2. Since the 2018 National Encampment, the Department has responded and provided ongoing assistance to new member, reinstatement and/or transfer requests. It has also

maintained an active Facebook page for the purpose of both membership recruitment and sharing news about Department, Camp and National-level SUVCW activities among Brothers and Auxiliary members.

3. Department Camps achieved 100% compliance with General Order #18, well in advance of the deadline, specific to updating Camp bylaws regarding IRS requirements.
4. The Department voted to ratify the proposed change to the Constitutional amendment regarding Article V, Section 2 b of the National Constitution.
5. Department of the Chesapeake Camps continue to maintain 100% on-time compliance with Camp-to-Department reporting requirements.
6. The Department has expanded its ROTC Award program and, as of May 2019, was leading the Order in terms of number of awards (128) issued to deserving young people.
7. Department Brothers continue to develop inter-Camp programs where multiple Camps come together to enjoy fellowship and take advantage of their respective special talents and opportunities.

### **6.3 Department of Colorado & Wyoming, William E. Buvinger, DC**

No report submitted.

### **6.4 Department of Columbia, Robert Fleck, DC**

No report submitted.

### **6.5 Department of Connecticut, Matthew E. Reardon, DC**

No report submitted.

### **6.6 Department of Florida, David Palmer, DC**

The Department of Florida and its Camps have been very active during the past (4) months and submits the following Report:

- 1) The Department of Florida presented (95) medals and certificates during the past school year.
- 2) Camp # 1 (Tampa) in accordance with its family oriented recruitment program held (2) family events. The first visiting Hillsborough County Veterans Park concentrating on the newly installed Civil War Monument celebrating both Union and Confederate Veterans from Hillsborough County who fought in the Civil War. Camp # 1 had worked diligently with both the County and the SCVCW over many years to secure this Monument which, successfully concluded with the Monument being installed October, 2018. Camp # 1 closed out its calendar year with a Family Picnic at Hillsborough State Park. Camp # 1 firmly believes that its recruitment and retention program success depends upon the involvement of the SUVCW Member's Family—it has helped boost its membership approximately 50% over (10) years and is now the largest Department of Florida Camp.
- 3) Camp # 2 (Fort Myers) was recently chartered. Camp # 2 conducted a Memorial Day Service at an abandoned army Cemetery near the site of the original Fort Myers Fort. The Cemetery contains burials from the time of the Seminole Indian Wars through the end of the Civil War (1865). A second Memorial Service was held at another early Cemetery in Fort Myers containing (4) Union Veterans. Lastly, the Camp participated in

a Flag Ceremony at Campo Senior Living Center in Fort Myers. They also presented an Eagle Scout Award on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

- 4) Camp # 3 (Fort Lauderdale/Palm Beach) conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Palm Beach Memorial Cemetery and presented the SUVCW Wreath. The SUVCW was one of several Fraternal and Military Organizations involved in the Ceremony.
- 5) Camp # 4 (St. Cloud) was invited by the Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Team to present the National Colors during the National Anthem Ceremonies on July 21, 2019 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. Five Members of the Camp wore full Civil War Union Uniforms with appropriate equipment as would have been worn by their Union Army Ancestors during the 1861-1865 Conflict. They appear at many Central Florida Events and consider it an Honor to present the National Colors on behalf of the Men and Women who sacrificed so much to preserve the Union and Equality for all. Camp # 4's Honor Guard presented the National Colors at St. Cloud Mount Peace Cemetery for their Memorial Day Ceremony Honoring the 429 Civil War Veterans buried there as well as Veterans of other Wars.
- 6) Camp # 5 (Ocala) placed flags at the Evergreen cemetery in Ocala at the Union Civil War Grave Sites for Memorial Day. The Camp also performed a Ceremony at Bushnell National Cemetery near Ocala on Memorial Day firing a Canon Salute Honoring all Veterans interred there.
- 7) Camp # 7 (Miami) participated in Miami River Day April 6<sup>th</sup> at Fort Dallas Site in Lumas Park, Miami. The Camp participated with the local SCVCW and the Seminole War Historical Organization to present (4) separate Civil War and Seminole Wars Historical Displays which included Ladies in antebellum dresses, and manual at arms and musket demonstrations.
- 8) Camp # 9 (Jacksonville) conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Jacksonville at the GAR Memorial Monument which had been established in 1890. There are (16) Union veterans buried in the GAR Plot. The Monument needs repair and Camp # 9 is involved in obtaining funding for this project.
- 9) During the Summer Months the Camps do not hold regular meetings but do plan their activities for the upcoming year (2019-2020).

Respectively submitted by David Palmer, Commander Department of Florida SUVCW

## **6.7 Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Michael Reither, DC**

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to submit the Department Commander's report for the Department of Georgia and South Carolina to the Brothers attending the 138<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am the new Department Commander – having been elected to this position in April 2019 at our regular Department Encampment. Under the leadership of immediate Past Department Commander David Beam, it has been a good year for the Department. The camps of the Department are active and participating in events that keep green the memory of those who fought to preserve the Union.

As Department Commander, I have three major goals:

**First** – To prepare for the 2020 National Encampment in Atlanta, GA. Past Department Commander David Beam and I will work as co-chairs to manage this event. I will work closely with my camps to leverage their skills and talent to deliver a successful encampment in August 2020.

**Second** – To better promote the SUVCW to the general public. I am seeking ways to reach out to the public so they are aware of our organization. For example, our department is strengthening its relationship to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, which has over 2 million visitors a year, to participate in special events during the year. This year the SUVCW hosted an information table inside the park's visitor center during the 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

battle. We are also scheduled to participate in a historic parade in Alpharetta, GA which honors the nations veterans. I will encourage other events of this nature to the camps.

**Third** – To recruit and grow the membership of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. If we can execute my second goal (above) successfully, our growth should continue. In order to strengthen the SUVCW, it is important that we seek out those who have ancestors who fought for the Union and encourage them to join our ranks. We currently seek enthusiastic and history-minded people at Civil War Round Table associations and Civil War events in Georgia and South Carolina.

The 12th Annual Encampment of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina was held at the historic Grand Army of the Republic Hall, Beaufort, South Carolina. This encampment was hosted for the first time by Edward Wallace #21 since this camp was chartered in 2016. Our first visit to Beaufort fostered good will and Brotherhood among our members. The Department continues to participate in Memorial Day observances at National Cemeteries in their territory such as Marietta, Florence, Stone Mountain, and Beaufort. The Eagle Scout and JROTC programs are strong in the Department. However, to improve our programs and better engage the youth, our goal is to present more awards in person to as many award ceremonies as we can attend.

The Brothers of our Department and our local Sons of Veterans Reserve unit (14th Corps HQ Guard, 7th Military District) had the honor of supporting the *Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War* (DUVCW) during the grand opening ceremonies of their National Convention held in Atlanta (July 24 -28).

Our Department supported the *Sons of Confederate Veterans* in their effort to pass Georgia Senate Bill 77 (a modification to current Georgia law 50-3-1 to better protect all veterans' memorials in Georgia). This bill - which will protect the Major General James B. McPherson monument in Atlanta - was endorsed by the SUVCW Commander-in-Chief/Donald Shaw and was eventually signed into law by Georgia governor Brian Kemp on April 26, 2019.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina looks forward to seeing all of you at the 2018 National Encampment at Independence, Ohio.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Michael Reither*

Michael Reither, Department Commander

Department of Georgia and South Carolina, SUVCW

## **6.8 Department of Illinois, Harry W. Reineke II, DC**

Commander-in-Chief, Members of the Council of Administration, Officers of the National Order. and Brothers,

The Department of Illinois continues strong for another year. Our 9 Camps are all active in their communities, marching in parades, working in cemeteries, giving school presentations, and more. Several of our Brothers have given lectures and speeches regarding our Order, the Grand Army, the Civil War, etc. at local schools, historical societies, and libraries. Our membership currently stands at 197 Members, 26 Associates, and no current Juniors. This is a mild decrease from last year, though recruiting efforts remain strong and our multi-year trend is still positive.

Our Department Newsletter, *The Railsplitter*, is still published quarterly, edited again this year by Senior Vice Department Commander Joseph Hutchinson, PCC. It remains a top-notch publication, and represents our Department well. Likewise, Brother Hutchison's Camp #67 in Peoria still meets in the GAR Hall there, and is involved in the restoration of the 1866 Peoria County Civil War Monument, affectionately named "The Shaft".

I have personally spoken at several cemetery project dedications, and visited nearly all of our Department's Camps in the last year. Efforts reported on last year about a new Camp in the Elgin area failed to bear fruit, but that might be rekindled in the next year. Several motivated Brothers might also be seeking to form a Camp in the Joliet area.

Lastly, the Stephenson Memorial Plaza has seen some hiccups in the last year, but new internal policies and procedures have been put in place to ensure smooth sailing on all issues from this time forward. We still seek additional funding to finish this grand vision, and hope to remind everyone that, while we in Illinois are the stewards of the Stephenson Memorial Plaza, and its greatest advocate, this is a project that cannot be completed without the continued efforts and support of the entire Allied Orders family. Once completed, it will be a grand memorial to a great man, and the Grand Army which he founded. We hope to seek out new sources of funding, but continue to hope that our Brothers and Sisters will be the front lines of support for this project.

I finish with the same thought I used to start my report last year, "it is a great time to be a Brother in the Department of Illinois". I still believe that we are well-positioned to handle the struggles we've encountered and see a continuing trend of growth for the future.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC  
Department Commander

## **6.9 Department of Indiana, Timothy J. Beckman, DC**

Fraternal Greetings from the Department of Indiana and the Boyhood Home of our Great Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln!

It is my pleasure to submit to you a report of activities from the Department of Indiana. I am truly honored and humbled to have been elected to a second one-year term to the office of Department Commander, on June 1, 2019, at our 133rd Annual Encampment in Kokomo, Indiana. This year marked the 71st Memorial Encampment that has been held since the last surviving Indiana G.A.R. comrade, John C. Adams of Jonesboro, Indiana joined his comrades in the Grand Army above.

The Department of Indiana includes eight (8) camps with a total membership of 221 brothers. This is a slight net increase from 218 brothers last year. Our newest camp, the John Auten Camp No. 8, located in South Bend Indiana, was officially chartered in September, 2018.

Camps throughout the department continue to participate in activities that "Keep Green the Memories the Boys in Blue" and all camps of the department continue recruiting new members throughout the state. Efforts continue to find all of Indiana's 92 Last Soldiers and it is anticipated that within the next year all Last Soldiers in the State of Indiana will be documented. In addition, the Department of Indiana has committed funds to support the restoration of the 30th Indiana Battle Flag, which is currently housed at the Woman's Relief Corps Museum in Springfield, IL.

Here is a list of departmental activities since the August 2018 National Encampment:

September 22, 2018 - The Department of Indiana commander attended the Chartering Ceremony for the new John Auten Camp No. 8, in South Bend Indiana, and installed the new camp officers. Ceremonies took place on the steps of the old St. Joseph County Court House and at the grave of Private John Auten in the South Bend City Cemetery. Private Auten was KIA at Laurel Hill near Bealington, VA on 10 July 1861. He was the first soldier killed in the Civil War from St. Joseph County. The 27th Indiana, Co. D, S.V.R., two members from the Department of

Michigan, members of the of Arsinoe Martin Circle Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw were also in attendance.

October 6, 2018 - The David D. Porter Camp No. 116 (Valparaiso) and the Department of Indiana were the proud hosts of the 79th Annual Conference of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Central Region Association in Valparaiso Indiana. Over 40 members registered and attended this conference including Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw, three Past Commander-in-Chief's, and several Department Commanders and Past Department Commanders. I am pleased to report a most enjoyable tour of historic sites in the morning and a very productive business meeting in the afternoon, followed by a very nice evening banquet.

November 17, 2018 - Seven members from the department, as members of the 27th Indiana, Co. D, S.V.R., participated in the Remembrance Day ceremonies and parade at Gettysburg, PA.

December 15, 2018 - Nine members of the department participated in the local Wreaths Across America ceremony at Crown Hill National Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN. Eight members were in attendance representing the 27th Indiana, Co. D, S.V.R. and fired 3 volleys toward the end of the ceremony.

January 26, 2019 - The Department of Indiana held its Midwinter Encampment in Valparaiso, Indiana. Twenty members braved the cold and snow and were in attendance along with Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw.

I am pleased to report that all eight camps in the Department of Indiana have amended their bylaws for compliance with General Order #18, Series 2017-2018. As of January 26, 2019, all camp bylaws have been approved and signed. In addition, the Department of Indiana bylaws were also amended for compliance with General Order #18 and were approved by the Midwinter Encampment and signed on January 26, 2019. The Midwinter Encampment also approved the new language in the national C&R per instructions in General Order #7, Series 2018-2019.

February 10, 2019 - Eighteen members of the department attended the annual Lincoln Day ceremonies at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City, IN. Members of the 27th Indiana, Co. D, S.V.R. posted and retired the colors for the ceremony. In addition, the department and the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 (Evansville) presented wreaths in honor of President Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

June 1, 2019 - The 133rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana was held in Kokomo Indiana. Department officers were elected and installed for the 2019-2020 term.

## **6.10 Department of Iowa, Don R. McGuire Jr, DC**

The Department of Iowa held its 136th Annual Encampment on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa, with Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary, representing the National Organization. Don McGuire was elected Department Commander, Michael Carr elected Senior Vice Department Commander and Ken Lindblom as Junior Vice Department Commander. We were joined by the Department of Iowa, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who elected Mary Rittel as Department President.

The Department currently stands at 108 total members, which includes 9 Life Members and 2 Associates.

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, member of three camps (Dodge #75, Kinsman #23, and King #37) participated in two Last Soldier ceremonies in Black Hawk and Bremer Counties, Iowa. They were; Department Commander McGuire, Department Memorials Officer Tom Gaard, Department Historian Krock, Department Secretary Rittel, and Department Eagle Scout Coordinator Dave Thompson The first took place in Waterloo for Henry Bray, 76<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. The second



ceremony was in Waverly for Martin Stebbins, 1<sup>st</sup> Iowa Cavalry. The ceremonies were coordinated with the Cedar Valley Civil War Roundtable. The graves of fifty-nine of Iowa's ninety-nine "Last Soldiers" have been marked.

The Department issued seven ROTC/JROTC awards this year.

On April 1, 2019, we stood at 307,358 visitors to our website or 86,378 for the year (April 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019). This is an increase of 27, 898 over the previous year. This represents an average of 237 hits each day. The majority of our visitors found us using Google. The second highest number were redirected from the SUVCW National page.

In the past year, our Department Graves Registration Officer has added 3,937 names to the National Graves Registration. Iowa now has 38,733 burials listed. All known graves in seventy-four of Iowa's ninety-nine counties have been added to the National Graves Registration.

The Department GAR Highway Officer reports there are currently approximately sixty-six GAR signs posted along the highway, an increase of three from last year. All bridges named for Generals along the highway have their signs present.

Colonel William H. Kinsman Camp #23, Atlantic, Iowa had a busy spring. Along with Auxiliary #23, the Camp participated in several school programs that stretched over four school districts and involved over four hundred students. The Camp and Auxiliary also presented at Log Cabin Days in Harlan, Iowa. Members have also marched in several parades.

Curtis King Camp #37, Marshalltown, Iowa, performed the Service for Headstone Dedication on May 25, 2019 northwest of Laurel, Iowa. William C. Schermerhorn served as an ambulance driver for the 27th Illinois Infantry. For 132 years, only a GAR star marked his grave. A headstone was placed last September. Members of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 also participated. King Camp also conducted a Show and Tell presentation on Civil War infantry and cavalry to residents of the Iowa Veterans Home.

Robert Mitchell Camp #206, Marion, Iowa, participated in the dedication ceremony of a headstone for the Civil War veteran Hiram Davis near St. Olaf, Iowa. The grave of Davis, 68<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry, was unmarked, so the headstone was placed in the center of the cemetery. Five generations of descendants of Hiram Davis attended the ceremony. Members of Elkader's Lemka-Stendal American Legion Post 106 assisted with the ceremony.

V. P. Twombly Camp #2, Iowa City, is currently suspended for failure to submit Camp Annual Report Form 27 and required payment of per-capita dues on or before April 30, 2019.

## **6.11 Department of Kansas, Mike Todd DC**

### **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT REPORT - JULY 24, 2019**

The Department of Kansas provides the following information for our Department Report for Summer - 2019.

The Department of Kansas and its 5 SUVCW Camps have completed the following items for 2019:

- Submitted Form 49 – Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers
- Completed the SUVCW paper work to initiate a new SUVCW Camp in Kansas;  
*Cowley County Camp 10 in Winfield, Kansas*

- SUVCW Form 51 - Application for Permission to Form a Camp
- SUVCW Form 52 - Camp Organization Authorization
- Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Treasurer's Report presented and distributed to Camps
- Completed the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr issues of the Department News Letter – The Sunflower Picket
- Brothers participated in clean up and preservation efforts at Blackjack Battlefield National Historic Site in Baldwin City, Kansas and Mine Creek Battlefield National Historic Site in Pleasanton, Kansas
- Purchased additional gravesite Flags
- Placed of Flags in May at gravesites of our Brothers in Blue across the State of Kansas
- Participated in Fort Scott Good 'Ol Days Parade
- Camps continue to have presentations and speakers on various Civil War topics
- Conducted "Living History" events at schools

The Department of Kansas and its 5 SUVCW Camps continue their efforts towards the following items for 2019:

- Publishing the approved the Bylaws changed regarding he Under 18 considerations Camp distribution
- Publishing the approved the Bylaws changed regarding the 501(c) 3 changes for Camp distribution
- Establishing an initiative to have SUVCW Brothers in each Camp complete Web training for Under 18 considerations
- Working to enhance our social media presence for awareness of the order and recruiting new members – Facebook, Websites, etc.
- Continuing efforts to maintaining members, collect 2019 dues, and recruiting new members

I respectfully submit this report on behalf of the Department of Kansas.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty, I am;

Mike Todd, PDC  
Commander  
Department of Kansas  
SUVCW

## **6.12 Department of Kentucky, Robert A. Jones, DC**

### **Report to Administrative Council Summer 2019 Department of Kentucky Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War July 20, 2019**

I respectfully submit the following report on the activities of the Department of Kentucky from October, 2018 through July 2019. (D = Department activity; C = Camp activity. Note that not all camps provided a calendar of activities.) The Department of Kentucky now has an updated and totally refurbished website, thanks to PDC Bruce Fortin. Visit us at <https://sites.google.com/view/department-of-ky-suvcw/home>. Links to all our camps and other information may be found there.

The Department of Kentucky can claim a busy year. From the chartering of a new, award-winning camp to the celebration of our Civil War ancestors and the dedication of a forgotten Civil War monument, our members have devoted themselves to the mission of the Sons of Union Veterans

of the Civil War. During the Department's Annual Encampment, it was decided to try to catalog all Civil War-related Kentucky Historical Highway Markers and add them to the SUVCW database. Among the many events large and small, the following are the most memorable of the year. On October 27, after the successful application to add the Union Monument in Maysville, Ky., to the National Register of Historic Places, the Department, in conjunction with the Maysville City government, held a dedication ceremony attended by the mayor of Maysville and scores of Maysville residents, with the local media covering the ceremony. Reported in *The Banner*, Vol. 123, No. 4.

On April 14, 10 brothers traveled to Andes Cemetery, East Bernstadt, Ky., to dedicate the new grave marker for Pvt. Thomas Townsend of the 6<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Volunteer Infantry (US). Despite strong winds, the ceremony was attended by nearly 50 relatives of Pvt. Townsend. Reported in *The Banner*, Vol. 123, No. 4.

Memorial Day week was a very busy one for the Department, with four events stretched over five days. On Sunday morning, May 26, veterans of the 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Vol. Infantry interred in Cave Hill National Cemetery, Louisville, were memorialized. In the afternoon, new grave markers for two Union officers who never received any headstones, Col. Thomas Brooks Fairleigh of the 26<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Vol. Infantry and Col. Charles Pennebaker of the 27<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Vol. Infantry were dedicated. The ceremony was attended by relatives of Col. Fairleigh, officers of the Department of Kentucky, SUVCW, a color guard of Union reenactors, and the event was covered by WHAS 11 television station.

On May 27, members of the department and Camp 1 held a Memorial Day ceremony at the site of Fort Duffield, West Point, Ky. and at dusk on May 30, members of the department held a Decoration Day ceremony at New Albany National Cemetery, New Albany, In.

Other activities which the camps and department held or participated in are as follows.

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| Oct. 2018    | Assisted in successful application for grave marker for Thomas W. Townsend, Co. A, 6 <sup>th</sup> Tenn. Vol. Infantry (US), Andes Cemetery, Laurel County, Ky. (D)                               |
| Oct. 16-18   | Camp 2 members portrayed Civil War Soldiers at Fairmont Cemetery Central City, Ky. (C2)   |
| Nov. 9       | Members marched in the Louisville Veterans Day Parade (C1)  |
| Dec. 10      | Living history, U.S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Cavalry, St Francis School, Goshen, Ky (C1)  |
| Dec. 11      | Closure of Camp 7. Members transferred to Camps 3 and 5   |
| Dec. 15      | Dept. Commander Robert Jones and PDC Bruce Fortin attend Wreaths Across America ceremony and memorial to Civil War graves at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, Ky.                    |
| Feb. 2, 2019 | Ancestral Trails History recruiting event, Elizabethtown, Ky (D)  |
| Feb. 22      | Hosted a walk-through of West Point, Ky, and Ft Duffield for September Civil War living history event in conjunction with Afloat on the Ohio series. (C1)   |
| March 1      | Injured bald eagle released at Ft. Duffield, West Point, Ky, by Raptor Rehab.   |
| March 3      | Bradley Clement, Arthur McLaughlin, Alan Bivins and Spencer Brewer from Camp 2 at Whitaker's Gun Shop at West Louisville recruiting members for the Sons of the Union Veterans of Civil War. (C2) |
| March 14     | New Department website by Brother Bruce Fortin is shows success in advertising receiving many requests for applications. New application received 12 March 2019 from website visitor. (D)         |

- April 20 Dept. of Kentucky Annual Encampment at the James Young House, West Point, Kentucky. (D)
- April 20 White Plains Civil War Festival, White Plains, Ky. (C2)
- May 2 Br. Spencer Brewer awarded ROTC medal at Whitley County HS (C2)
- May 3 Living History/Recruiting event Richmond, KY Battlefield Park (C5)
- May 6 Camp Commander Br. David Jones awarded ROTC medal at Richmond KY ECU Colonels BN ROTC. (C5)
- May 20 Dept Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Fortin awarded ROTC medal to North Hardin High School (D)
- May 21 Dept. Commander Robert Jones awarded ROTC medal to member of Lee Corps, Ky. Brigade. (D)
- May 30 Second Annual Memorial Day service at the Camp Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, Ky. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans Camp Calhoun #2 and the Eli Murray Chapter Daughters of Union Veterans 61-65 paid Honor to the 150 Union Soldiers who died at Camp Calhoun (C2)

July 20, 2019  
 Robert A. Jones  
 Department Commander  
 Department of Kentucky  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **6.13 Department of Maine, Larry Bonney, DC**

2019 Report of the Department of Maine to the Council of Administration

The Department of Maine reports 3 Camps in good standing and 1 Camp under suspension. 56 Brothers in good standing were reported on our Department Annual Report in April, and 2 new members have been added since then. Unfortunately, 8 additional Brothers' memberships remain under suspension along with their Camp until a resolution can be achieved. The Department officers will be taking direct action in the coming months since the Camp officers have not.

After twelve years of fundraising, site searching, permit approvals, and stone preparation, PDC Steve Bunker realized his vision of having a monument placed in Virginia in honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry at the battle of Aldie and to those who lost their lives. This is the first monument to be placed in the newly created Mount Defiance Historic Park in Middleburg, VA, which is operated by Northern Virginia Parks. The dedication ceremony was held on June 22 and performed by the Department of Maine with Commander Larry Bonney presiding and PDC David Sosnowski serving as chaplain.

Department Graves Registration Officer, Howard Black, has been working diligently to catalog Civil War graves. He has become an administrator to the SUVCW database and has added 1,776 new graves this past year. In addition, he has been editing, correcting, and linking Find-A-Grave entries for graves also listed in our database.

Department officers also participated in at least four grave rededication ceremonies in Maine over the past year for Union veterans with new gravestones. Brothers of this Department have also attended several memorial events around the state with Sisters of the DUVCW.

Submitted in F, C, & L,

Larry B. Bonney, PCC, Department Commander  
Eric Boothroyd, PDC, Dept. Secretary-Treasurer

#### **6.14 Department of Massachusetts, Stuart H. Chambers, DC**

First and foremost, I'd like to say, it was great seeing and meeting you at the NERA friendship meeting held at Laconia, NH this past Saturday.

Being a novice regarding this report, I hope it will do.

Speaking of due.....I'm sending it, as to meet the 26th deadline.

I was elected Commander of the State of Massachusetts at the Encampment held from April 26th - 28th at Grotonwood in Groton MA.

On the 28th of April I was involved in a rededication of the monument in Charlestown MA.

On May 23rd I participated in the rededication ceremony at the GAR lot at the cemetery in Lynn MA.

On May 25th I was involved in a Memorial Day concert at the Springfield Armory in Springfield ma.

On May 26th I presented General Logan's address at the Bourne National cemetery, followed by ceremonies at Civil War unknown soldiers in two locations at the same location.

We held a recruiting table at Eastleigh Farms in Framingham MA on June 22nd.

And, to date, the above mentioned NERA friendship meeting on Saturday, July 20th.

I look forward to seeing you again at the National Encampment in Ohio.

I hope this report will meet the requirement. If not, please make recommendations.

Respectfully in F, C, & L,  
Stuart H. Chambers  
Dept. Commander, SUVCW,  
Massachusetts

#### **6.15 Department of Michigan, Robert Payne, DC**

July 10, 2019

##### Current Membership and Status

I am proud to report the state of the The Department of Michigan is good. We currently have 22 Camps and 459 members and associates. Our camps are continually involved in their local communities holding seminars, appearing in civic events, and locating and restoring graves of Civil War soldiers.

The Annual Department of Michigan Encampment was held on April 27, 2019. After which, the Department hosted a Testimonial for Commander in Chief Don Shaw. Our next Encampment will be held June 6, 2020, at The Okemos Conference Center, Okemos, Michigan.

### Camp Activities

Nash-Hodges Camp 43 assisted in the restoration of the Adrian, MI Civil War Monument. The Department Commander attended the re-dedication ceremony, laying a wreath on Memorial Day(Observed).

All Camps have been actively promoting Memorial Day by participating in local ceremonies and hosting their own ceremonies when the community may not.

Our Camps are steadily at work resetting gravestones and searching out unmarked graves to honor those soldiers.

All Camps have updated their by-laws to come into compliance with the directives from the National to help with attaining 501c3 status.

### Department Activities related to the National Organization

The Department of Michigan unanimously endorsed Paul Davis, PDC for Junior-Vice Commander-in-Chief.

All reports have been submitted to the National Secretary as required.

All 990N's have been properly filed.

The Department By-Laws have been updated with the required updates. They have been submitted to and approved by the C-in-C.

## **6.16 Department of Missouri, Dale Edward Crandell, DC**

26 July 2019

The Department of Missouri, covering Arkansas and Missouri, had a successful and productive year. Total membership reported on our Form 35 is 202. This is a net increase of 10 members, including the final muster and mourning of Brothers Jack Grothe, Perry Marks, and Oliver Pechmann. This small increase is a turning point from a decade of membership losses. The Department reports all eleven camps are in good standing: nine in Missouri and two in Arkansas. We are sad report that Abraham Lincoln Camp #2 is voluntarily closing with most members transferring to Phelps Camp #66.

The Department Encampment was held at St. Clair, Missouri. We were honored to have SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw and DUVCW Missouri President Dee Wolfe attend. The Francis Blair Award (outstanding member) was presented to Brother Edward Krieser and the James Eads Award (outstanding camp) was presented to Fletcher Camp #47 and Grant Camp #68.

Department officers elected or continuing terms for the 2019-2020 year are:

Commander – Dale Crandell

Senior Vice Commander – Sumner Hunnewell

Junior Vice Commander – Joseph Rainey

Secretary-Treasurer – Edward Krieser

Council Member (2020) – Randal Burd, Jr.

Council Member (2020) – Glennon Alsop

Council Member (2021) – Gary Scheel

It is fitting that the National Encampment is returning to St. Louis in 2021 which will be the bicentennial of Missouri statehood. We thank the National Encampment Site Committee and the many brothers that worked to secure our selection. Our five year effort to secure this selection provided some lessons learned and a recommendation for a more transparent process that is proposed in our resolution for the 2019 National Encampment's consideration.

Forty-eight ROTC awards were presented at 14 ROTC colleges and 34 JROTC high schools. Our award program grows stronger each year thanks to Brother George Shadman's efforts as the National Assistant Quartermaster/ROTC Coordinator.

The Department named its first recipient of the American History Essay competition: *Making Georgia Howl: General Sherman's March to the Sea* by Tyler Trickey, Liberty North High School. This award is part of the National History Day in Missouri program administered by the State Historical Society of Missouri.

The Department continues its many programs, issuing four editions of the Missouri Unionist –a quality publication, expanding its website ([www.suvcwmo.org](http://www.suvcwmo.org)) with historical archives, registering graves, monuments, and last soldiers, and participating or leading living histories, grave dedications, and Memorial Day services too many to list here.

In compliance with General Orders #18 (2018), #11 (2017), and #22 (2014), the Department and ten Camps have updated their Bylaws to include the requested IRS 501(c)(3) language and youth protection policy.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dale Crandell, PDC  
Commander - Department of Missouri

## **6.17 Department of Nebraska, Mark Earl Nichols, DC**

### **Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas: Mark Nichols, DC**

The Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas held our Department Encampment on April 27, hosted by Harrison Camp in Wisner, Nebraska. National Treasurer, David McReynolds attended the encampment and we enjoyed his company. We had a good attendance of brothers and held a smooth business meeting. Lunch was catered and we held awards presentation and had a guest speaker in the afternoon.

ROTC and Jr. ROTC Activities - Brother Steve Bauermeister handles the Omaha metro area and eastern South Dakota and kept busy this spring with handing out honors at schools and colleges. Brothers John Surman and Jim Atkins handed out four awards at the Chancellor's Review on UNL Campus and one Jr. ROTC award at Northeast HS in Lincoln.

Memorial Day kept our department busy attending and being involved in services in Lincoln, Omaha, Fremont and Wisner. Shiloh Camp adorned the GAR Circle in Wyuka Cemetery with flags on each grave.

Shiloh Camp member and scout Nathanael Harder completed his Eagle Scout Service Project in corporation with the SUVCW. This included recognizing the service of Anton Heintzelman of the 27<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia with a memorial plaque on the veterans grave along with an official ceremony honoring his service. Harder organized the research, funding, installation and ceremony. The recognition ceremony was held on June 9 at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery, near Avoca, Nebraska. In attendance were 13 descendants, Palmyra Boy Scout Troop 224, BSA Crew 21 from Lincoln, 1<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Volunteer Infantry re-enactors, SUVCW and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Above left, Anton Heintzelman grave with plaque attached.

Above photo (L-R), Judy From – DUVCW, Mark Nichols, Paul Hadley, Gage Stermenksy, Val Schmeideskamp, Eric Bachenburg, John Surman, Larry Angle, Triston Sohnholz, Nate Harder, Robert Cuevas, Logan Rowe, Josh Anderson, Marc Witkovski, Jim Atkins.

Left photo: Nate Harder attaching plaque to grave.

We mourn the passing of two brothers recently, Paul R. Eveland and Marvin Welstead, both of Welstead Camp in Fremont.

Brother Eveland, passed on May 2, at the age of 96. He was a charter member of Welstead Camp No. 3 and a Past Grand Master of the Masonic Lodges of Nebraska.

Brother Welstead, passed on May 25 at the age of 98. He provided good consul regarding finances and publicity, shared his love of history and patriotism and could still remember conversations he had as a teen with his Civil War veteran grandfather, James C. Welstead. Our camp in Fremont is named in honor of James C. Welstead and Marvin was a charter member.

As a department, we are currently in discussion and assessment of the Last Soldier Project, garnering ideas and recommendations on how we will carry out the project through the state. Nebraska has 93 counties which cover a wide area so a firm strategy is needed. We have a list of the last soldier of each county compiled by Brother Mark Nichols.

Our camps have been busy with a variety of events this summer from providing colors at Veteran dedications, parades and band concerts, to providing living history demonstrations, educational exhibits and recruiting.

We have several more events planned in the near future, including a couple of grave dedications and a ceremony for GAR window that is being restored in a historic church.



## **6.18 Department of New Hampshire, Michael C Shklar, DC**

**Memorandum for: National Commander-in-Chief**

**Subject: Department of New Hampshire Annual Report**

Dear Brother Commander-in-Chief,

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

This department has remained vibrant and active over the past year.

In August, 2018 DC Shklar and SVC/PDC Ward attended the annual encampment and assisted Fran Hanchett, who works closely with Major McKinley Camp #9 in presenting a summary of her project to install and replace headstones on unmarked graves of Union Soldiers. This project has led to markers being placed in various locations in New Hampshire and in Vermont.

In November the DC, SVC, and Department Secretary Wheeler all attended the events surrounding Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

Union Defenders day was observed in February, when we were visited by C-in-C Donald Shaw. The event was in part public as we worked together with the New Hampshire Humanities Council to have a presentation made by President Lincoln (Steve Wood). This brought us a large audience in the former residence of President Pierce (even if he was a copperhead).

The Department Encampment in April was pleasant and uneventful. Our stated goal of endeavoring to save the flags in the State house was reiterated.

A week thereafter the DC, SVC, and Dept. Secretary travelled to New York to assist Oliver Tilden Camp with their events commemorating the birthday of Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant. The Department laid a wreath on his tomb and a new Junior Member from New Hampshire was initiated by C-in-C Shaw.

With summer upon us, the various camps are participating in community activities, such as the observance of the tercentennial of the Town of Derry, which all of the Departmental Officers attended.

The Department leadership has not changed this year. We anticipate continuing all of our efforts to preserve and perpetuate the memories of the "Boys in Blue".

Humbly submitted, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dated this 12 day of July 2019, Newport, NH

D.C. Michael C Shklar

## **6.19 Department of New Jersey, Robert C. Meyer, DC**

No report submitted.

## **6.20 Department of New York, Richard E. Straight, DC**

Department of New York had a very successful 136th Encampment in beautiful Lake George.

In F., C., & L.,  
Richard E. Straight DC.

## **6.21 Department of North Carolina, Paul William Hess, DC**

### ***Department of North Carolina***

Paul W. Hesse  
Department Commander SUV  
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Oxford, NC 2756  
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July 14, 2019

Report for National Encampment:

North Carolina has five camps with a total of 103 members/brothers. The Department held its annual Encampment in May of 2019 with Bruce Frail representing National. Major Gen George Stoneman Camp # 6 hosted the Encampment with 22 brothers attending.

Our next Encampment is to be held April 25, 2020 hosted by Maj. Gen John A. Logan Camp #4 @ Historic Bennett Place in Durham, NC during the 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Surrender of the Civil War.

Camp # 1 Maj. Gen Thomas Howard Ruger. Report in the PDF file..

The following are Ruger Camp #1 activities.

- In conjunction with the DUVCW and the Auxiliary of the SUVCW represented the Union at the annual Fort Fisher ceremonies in January
- In conjunction with the DUVCW and the Auxiliary of the SUVCW represented the Union at the annual Bentonville Battlefield ceremonies in March
- Provided Delegates to the Department Encampment in May
- Memorial Day Services
  - Participated in Wreath Laying at the Wilmington, NC National Cemetery
  - Replaced flags at the Bentonville Battleground Union Monument on Memorial Day
  - Participated in Wreath Laying at the Raleigh, NC National Cemetery
  - Participated in Flag planting at Fort Benning, GA.
  - Played bagpipes at the Freedom Memorial Park in Fayetteville. NC
- Provided Delegates to the National Encampment in August
- Participated in High School JROTC programs in the area.
- Participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Fayetteville, NC
- Participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Wilmington, NC National Cemetery
- Updated Camp bylaws as required by National
- Successfully and correctly completed on time all forms required by National
- Current on all financial responsibilities to the Department of North Carolina and National

Camp # 2 Maj. Gen. John Gibbon-First Sgt. Daniel W. Burke

Camp # 4 Maj. Gen John A Logan

Camp # 5 NC Union Volunteers  
Camp # 6 Maj. Gen George Stoneman

All camps as reported participated in Memorial Day activities across the state.  
The Department handed out 4 Eagle Scout awards...

Camp # 4 participated (Memorial Day) at Bennett Place, Durham, NC. This camp participated in WAA, participated with 5 High Schools handing out Jr. ROTC certificates/ badges, supported an in State essay contest financially (\$200.00) topic Civil War. Installed a new Camp Cmdr., and participated in the Bennett Place Christmas Party and spring cleanup of the facility/grounds. Six members participated in the NC Encampment in May. Enrolled a new Member.

Maj. George Stoneman Camp #6 & Gibbon-Burke held a joint ceremony Memorial Day at the national Cemetery in Salisbury. Camp # 6 held an informational session @ the spring meeting of the Lexington CW Roundtable . Participation in the Confederate Memorial Day ceremony in Lexington postponed due to inclement weather. The camp handed out 1 Jr. ROTC badges.

Paul Hesse,  
With F, C and L always...

## **6.22 Department of Ohio, Shane Milburn, DC**

Department of Ohio, Shane L. Milburn, DC

Greetings Brothers, and welcome to Ohio. The Camps in the Department of Ohio have been very busy conducting the business of the order since the last National Encampment. We have 17 Camps with a total of 460 members in good standing (435 regular, 21 associates and 4 Juniors). A total number of 328 events were reported to the Department Patriotic Instructor, with 1,681 hours volunteered. The Department GAR Records Officer reported only two inquiries and the Department Historian continues to add Department and Camp activities, ceremonies and events to the history notebooks.

Our GAR Highway Officer reported that a sign had gone missing in the City of Vermillion, and the post had been cut off at the ground. The sign was later replaced. The Officer also reports resistance from some municipalities in placing signs. Our Department Graves Registration Officer reports that since our Department Encampment in 2018, that 2,157 new Ohio burials have been registered in the National Database, bringing the Ohio total to 76, 215. Our Department Eagle Scout Coordinator has issued 35 Eagle Scout Certificates.

Camps report participation in Memorial Day Ceremonies, Lincoln Birthday Dinners, Living History events, recruitment events, educational events at schools, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg and other various parades. Many also report headstone repairs and dedications, straightening GAR markers and placing flags on the graves of Veterans.

On August 22, 2017, vandals toppled and decapitated a statue of a Confederate Sentinel standing guard at the Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. We are pleased to report that as of April 30, 2019, the statue has been put back in its proper place.

On May 15, 2019, Ohio House Bill #155 was introduced at the Ohio Statehouse. The Bill is designed to: "prohibit a war relic located on public property or cemetery association property from being sold, disturbed, or otherwise disposed of, except under certain circumstances, and to designate this act as the "Ohio Veterans' Heritage Protection Act." This Bill replaces Ohio House Bill 48 that was previously introduced and reached expiration before adoption.

The Ohio Department Encampment was held at the Clintonville Woman's Club in Columbus, Ohio on June 8, 2019. I was truly honored to be elected Commander of one of the best Departments in the Order. Other elected Officers include Department SVC Michael Spaulding, Department JVC Richard Davis and Council Members Peter Hritsko, James Crane and Kerry Langdon.

Jonathan Davis was re-elected as Department Secretary/Treasurer. Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw was present and conducted the installation of Officers. Brothers present voted on updated By-Laws which included amendments and changes required by the National Organization.

On July 20, 2019, The Battle of Buffington Island Memorial Service was conducted at the Battlefield Memorial Park in Portland, Ohio. The Battle of Buffington Island is the only major battle to take place on Ohio soil and occurred on July 19th, 1863; one hundred and fifty-six years ago.

I would like to thank PCinC Ken Freshley and the members of the National Encampment committee for their hard work in organizing a first-class National Encampment. We hope that all Brothers present enjoy their stay in Independence (Greater Cleveland).

### **6.23 Department of Oklahoma, Jim C Baxter, DC**

No report submitted.

### **6.24 Department of Pennsylvania, Greg Kline, DC**

Greetings Brothers!

Although I was only recently elected Commander of the Pennsylvania Department on June 29, I am happy to offer this report on behalf of the Department.

The report on compliance for the Pennsylvania Department as to PC-in-C Mark Day's General Order # 18 (pertaining to our effort to secure group exemption status under 501c3) has been submitted to the Acting National Treasurer.

I have re-appointed the Pennsylvania Department Education Committee and instructed it to begin use of already purchased technology to develop an online video training and informational program for Camp Secretaries. This is obviously still in its developmental stage and will have more to report in the coming year. If the program proves successful, we will be glad to share it with other Departments as well as National.

At our June Encampment, the idea was proposed to consider the possibility of the Pennsylvania Department hosting the National Encampment in 2022 or 2023. I have appointed a committee consisting of three Past Department Commanders to explore this possibility and forward possible site suggestions to the National Site Committee.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gregory E. Kline, PCC  
Commander  
Pennsylvania Department  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **6.25 Department of Rhode Island, Scott Reese, DC**

Department of Rhode Island  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Report to the 2019 National Encampment

The Department of Rhode Island was very active following the National Encampment in Framingham, MA last August. Significantly, it continued on its mission to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic. With Past Department Commander McGuire's vision and leadership, the Department focused on highlighting the RIGAR 150<sup>th</sup> and completing the Last Veteran project. All four Camps of the Department participated in a successful cycle of honoring the last veterans interred in our State's counties. At each ceremony we placed a "Last Soldier" marker at each grave. Specifically:

- Camp #7, Governors Elisha Dyer: On September 29, in Wakefield, Washington County, the first ceremony honored Rodman Carpenter, US Navy, the last member of Sedgewick Post 7, RIGAR, and the last living Union Sailor in Rhode Island at 94 years.
- Camp #1, General Thomas West Sherman: On October 13, in Newport County, a ceremony for PVT Joseph T. Ray of the 118<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.T. Mr. Ray, a Newport resident, was the last African-American Union soldier in Rhode Island surviving to 96 years on May 1, 1943.
- Camp #12, General Zenas R. Bliss: On November 10, the last veteran ceremony of Providence County was made for PVT Edward F. Gillette, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> MI V. I. in Riverside. He was 95 years old and the last G.A.R. member and soldier interred in Providence County.
- Camp #3, Major Sullivan Ballou: The last soldier ceremony for Kent County was performed in Coventry, RI on March 17<sup>th</sup> for PVT John H. Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> R.I. Infantry. At 101 years old when he passed on May 7, 1943, he was Rhode Island's oldest and longest surviving Union Veteran.
- March 24, 2019 was the date for the Department's final graveside ceremony for Charles H. Bullock, 22<sup>nd</sup> MA Unattached Militia, as the last soldier of Bristol County. Attaining 97 years of age, he was the RIGAR's last duly elected Commander. A prestigious gubernatorial proclamation accompanied the ceremony, honoring the veteran and the service of the RIGAR to Rhode Island history.

The Department also provided a strong partnership with the Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy with an ongoing project to restore the very special Providence Soldiers and Monument. James McGuire, PDC has represented the RISUVCW to see this monument restored and protected, by providing several speaking engagements in the community, and by producing a short informational film about the project that features a statement of support from documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. RISUVCW will continue its strong desire to play a visible role in the rededication program upon completion of the project.

The Department received Commander in Chief Shaw and Senior Vice C-in-C Ed Norris, PDC during our February Lincoln lunch and meeting event. It was a pleasure to have them as well at our Annual Awards Dinner preceding our April Encampment. At our Awards Dinner and Encampment we also hosted Harry Reineke IV, Commander, Department of Illinois, and Michael A. Paquette, PDC and CoA member. To say this was the highlight of our year would be a severe understatement!

On April 6, C-in-C Donald Shaw oversaw our Encampment as our Installing Officer. The newly elected Commander praised Rhode Island's leadership as having five of its members represented in the National body in various offices and committees. As a relatively new member to the Sons (6 years), the new Commander demonstrated his desire to ensure continuity and excellence of service by adopting the motto: "Finish the Work." We look forward to improving our experiences and growing our Department.

Activity did not slow down after the Department Encampment. Due to a work assignment, the new Commander was sent to Indiana in April. Without hesitation, he was inspired to contact the Department of Indiana SUVCW. While there, he enjoyed the hospitality of Department Commander Tim Beckman and a welcoming committee of two other members from the area.

With connections made, future visits are being considered as well. Concurrently, the Department learned about significant damage to one of our State's Civil War Memorials. In Vicksburg, Mississippi at the National Military Park, severe weather dislodged the monument dedicated to the 7<sup>th</sup> R.I.V.I. Since late April, the Department has been proactive in raising awareness of the damaged monument to the public and elected officials in an effort to raise funding for the monument's restoration. As a result of public awareness, the Department received \$1000 in grant money to be used in the restoration efforts. We will continue to seek State assistance for this project. Originally erected on November 11, 1908, it would be exceedingly grand for us to see and be part of our memorial's rededication if it occurs on that special day.

Meanwhile, the Department through its camps conducted several Camp Memorial Day services and events in the month of May. Of special note, Camp #12 and PC-in-C Leo Kennedy received a State of R.I. citation and recognition by a State Representative for his ancestor Stephen H. Kettle of Co. D. 2<sup>nd</sup> R.I. Infantry. Incidentally, our highest annual civilian award is also named in Kettle's honor. When Camp #7 held its annual caravan, one stop involved a special ceremony. In October 2018 the Department lost one of its Life Members, Perry Denham of Attleboro, MA. Through the efforts of PDC McGuire, the family of Perry Denham was contacted and invited to witness a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War final ceremony (including cannon and rifle volleys from supporting members) as a tribute to a Life Member and American patriot. Several extended family members attended. Such events provide lasting impressions upon families while reflecting great credit upon us and our Order.

Additionally, some general Department information. We gained five new members for the year but that was offset by having three unplanned losses. Still, we anticipate prospective gains this year, and our goal is to add another Camp in southern Washington County soon. Our Eagle Scout Coordinator presented 16 awards to deserving troops. Regionally, we are looking forward to strengthening ties with our neighboring New England Departments, and with the recently formed Department of New England, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

As we approach the National Encampment, we look back with thanks and appreciation for Commander in Chief Donald Shaw for a successful year at the helm, along with his administration. Department of Rhode Island is very grateful for the time the C-in-C spent with us. We like to think there is "an epic" reason so many C-in-Cs enjoy visiting Rhode Island! To the Rhode Island "caucus" represented at National – thank you for your work! And although there are also many more Staff we could take time to thank for their intrepid work this year, I would like to personally thank Brother William McKone for his active role as National Patriotic Instructor. He welcomed opinions and opened communications, as he strived to improve that position! His articles were also very instructive. Bravo Zulu on a job well done!

In closing, we congratulate all incoming officers, elected and appointed, at the National Encampment in Independence, Ohio! Congratulations and Best Wishes for a Successful 2019-2020 year!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty  
Scott A. Reese  
Department Commander  
Department of Rhode Island

## **6.26 Department of Southwest, Gerald Bloom, DC**

### **2019 Department of the Southwest, SUVCW Periodic Report of activities**

The Department of the Southwest is a relatively new department, chartered 12/03/2015. Though small we are active and growing. Our membership currently stands at 111 (including dual and

triple members) in 3 Camps as follows: Picacho Peak #1-60, RHG Minty#2-25, and US Grant #3-26.

- We recently had a successful 2019 Department Encampment held in Tucson, Arizona with the National Commander, Donald Shaw attending to install our new officers.
- All 3 Camps participated in Memorial / Decoration Day ceremonies across the state.
- All 3 Camps active with presenting ROTC/JROTC awards to 24 high schools and 4 universities
- All 3 Camps are holding 1/4ly meetings and actively recruiting new members
- Department Graves Registration Officer is actively editing, adding, and correcting information re: Union Veterans
- The Department and all Camps are current with all required reports.

### **In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty**

Gerald Bloom, Commander  
Department of the Southwest, SUVCW

c/c: Dale E Enlow, Department S/T, Department of the Southwest

### **6.27 Department of Tennessee, Michael Downs, DC**

No report submitted.

### **6.28 Department of Texas, John A. Schneider Sr, DC**

**To: C-in-C Donald W. Shaw, PDC and Members of the Council of Administration  
Report of the Department of Texas with Louisiana**

**July 15, 2019**

The following is a report of the actions and activities of the Department of Texas with Louisiana and the individual camps of the since the 24<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment.

The past year has again, been a very productive one for the Department of Texas with Louisiana. The Department of Texas with Louisiana reported on March 31, 2019 a total strength of 185 Brothers in good standing, from four (4) Camps. Byrne Camp #1 reported 21 members, Lea Camp #2 reported 111 members, Bailey Camp #5 Reported 16 members and Ellsworth Camp #18 reported 37 members. The Department experienced a net increase of 4 (2.16%) over 2018. Between then and the 25<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment in June two more members were added raising the Department total to 187 members.

The Department boasts 13 Life members, an increase of one from 2018. In addition we now have 4 Junior members and one of our brothers, Robert Hites Jr., is currently serving in Iraq. In addition, I am pleased to report that all Camps have updated their EIN information. The Department Secretary completed the Form 11 and it was certified by Past Department Commander Tom Coughlin and forwarded it to the National Treasurer, as required, by March 15, 2019.

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

The Department of Texas with Louisiana conducted its twenty-fifth annual encampment in Houston Texas on June 29, 2019. I was elected Department Commander. Brother Paul Kendall was elected Senior Vice Commander and Brother William Pollard was elected Junior Vice Commander. The incumbent Secretary/Treasurer and Department Council were re-elected and I

appointed the rest of the staff. The Department and the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2, the host camp, selected The Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park in Houston Texas because of the exceptional facilities on the site. The Department invited the presidents and members of the allied orders to attend our encampment. They include the **Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary 1**, the **Latha Jane Boyd, Tent #1**, **Clara Barton Tent #3** and, **Sarah Emma Edmonds Tent # 4** of the **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War**. Only members of the Auxiliary were able to attend.

The Department of Texas with Louisiana has participated in numerous activities to fulfill each of the goals and objectives of the SUVCW, as well as the recruiting goals of the Department, and has been extremely active in support of its Allied Orders. Using funds they raised, the **Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp #1 in Ft. Worth, Texas** restored the headstone of Gen. James J. Byrne and the gravesite at the Pioneer Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth. Each year in November they rededicate Gen. Byrne's gravesite. They also participate annually with the **Latha Jane Boyd, DUVCW Tent #1** in the Massing of the Colors Ceremony in Fort Worth. On Memorial Day the Camp commemorated General John A. Logan's General Orders No. 11 with a salute by a battery of mountain howitzers, representing the 4th U.S. Cavalry's artillery section composed of youth members of the local Venturing Crew 1872, Longhorn Council, commanded by PDC Captain Beau Moore. The event was covered by two local TV stations and was well attended by citizens. The **Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2 in Houston, Texas**, along with the **Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary #1**, participated in the Wreaths across America event held at Houston National Cemetery and assisted in the laying wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried there. They also participated in the commemoration of the gravesites of two USCT veterans, the Allied Orders Banquet in Houston and the Auxiliary President's Tea. On Memorial Day the camp members participated in a color guard and fired musket volleys at the National Cemetery in Houston. The camp also provided eighty-nine ROTC awards of which forty -nine were presented by camp members. **Camp #2** also participated in the Battle of Galveston Commemoration and the Liendo Plantation reenactment. Next year the Department plans to support a program to rededicate the cemetery for Camp Groce, a Civil War Prison Camp, located on Liendo Plantation. The **General Joseph Bailey, Camp #5 in Shreveport, Louisiana**, Presented a flag certificate in October to Mark Porter, of Porter's Cleaners, who cleans and repairs flags free of charge for citizens in the Shreveport area, and proudly displays the American flag in front of his business. In March they also presented a flag certificate to the Tatum Independent School District in Tatum, Texas, in recognition of their proud display of the American flag. The camp sponsored an essay contest in February for students at Panola College and presented a certificate to the winner of the contest. The topic for the contest was "Presidents who Served the Union During the Civil War". The camp also presented of four ROTC medals in local high schools and universities in March and April. On Memorial Day camp members to laid wreaths at three different Memorial Day ceremonies. Camp members have been working diligently to catalog, inspect, and clean the markers of Union soldiers buried in the Shreveport and Northeast Texas region. In addition, **Camp #5** has been honored to have as a guest during at least two of our monthly meetings, the Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paul Gramling. **Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp #18 in Dallas, Texas** has also expended time and camp funds to restore the gravesites of Union Veterans in various locations in North Texas. The camp also provides a color guard and for the annual Medal of Honor Parade held in Gainesville, Texas in conjunction with **Co. K, 1<sup>st</sup> US Infantry, SVR. Camp #18** also provided a recruiting and information booth at a Civil War Reenactment in Canton, Texas.

All the camps actively support the annual Memorial Day ceremonies in Fort Worth, Houston, McKinney and Shreveport in conjunction with the local allied orders and SVR. The Past Department Commander represented the Department at the National Encampment in Boston. I plan to meet with the **Latha Jane Boyd, DUVCW Tent #1** and attend the **Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary #1** President's Tea in Dickenson, Texas. All Department Officers, Camp Commanders/Officers, and members from the Department are to be commended for their zeal and faithful adherence to the tenets of our order. The goals of service, recruitment, and retention of membership are primary to the continued success of the Department of Texas.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,



John A. Schneider Sr., P.C.C.  
Commander  
Department of Texas with Louisiana  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## **6.29 Department of Vermont, Dennis J. Devereux, DC**

On 22 October 2018 the Vermont Department, SUVCW, was notified that they are a part owner of Memorial Hall in Calais, Vermont.

The Hall was built in 1885 by the Stow Post, GAR, and is located on what is called No. 10 Pond. In 1916 the property was deeded from the Stow Post to Burnap Camp #39 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Women's Relief Corps. The Dept. of Vermont is the heir to the Burnap Camp #39 property. An organization named the North Calais Memorial Hall Association desired to purchase and renovate the property.

A special Dept. of Vermont meeting was held on 26 January 2019 with the other parties to gather information. The Sons members attending voted in favor of making 2 recommendations to the National SUVCW concerning the transfer of the GAR Memorial Hall to the NCMHA. One of the recommendations being to include the conveyances from the 1916 deed. The 2 recommendations were forwarded to CinC Shaw on 27 January 2019 who passed them onto the CofA for deliberation and a decision.

At the 13 April 2019 Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, Illinois a decision on #18 was made and messaged to the Dept. of Vermont Commander Dennis J. Devereux. Due to the legal issues they approved CinC Shaw spending up to \$500 to consult with a Vermont attorney, and gave Commander Shaw the authority to act without seeking additional approval – Passed.

On 12 July 2019 Dept. of Vermont Commander Devereux received verbal confirmation that the property was transferred without conveyances by the CinC Shaw.

The Dept. of Vermont requests that CinC Shaw and the CofA submit a written report to Commander Devereux detailing the transfer and information about the lack of conveyances. He also requests a copy of the deed and any documents concerning the property transfer for our records.

Other Reports:

The annual Dept. of Vermont Encampment was held in Milton, Vermont on 18 May 2019. Kevin Tucker, PRC, from the Dept. of Massachusetts and a member of the CofA, represented CinC Shaw and spoke about the National Sons efforts.

Department Officers were elected and installed into their offices by Kevin Tucker, PRC.

It was reported that the Vermont Dept. membership has increased by 10 members since the 2018 report. Much of this is due to our increased exposure through the National Website being linked to our Dept. site, and the recruitment efforts by our Dept. Junior Vice-Commander Liam McKone.

Yours in F, C, & L,  
Dennis J. Devereux, Commander, Dept. of Vermont

## **6.30 Department of Wisconsin, Jeffery Graf, DC**

## Department of Wisconsin Commanders Report

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the 136<sup>th</sup> annual, 2019 Department Encampment was hosted by Camp 49 in Boscobel, WI at the restored John H. McDermott GAR Hall. I was elected Department Commander and duly sworn in by NCoA Bruce Frail.

Personal note: I was awarded National Aide for recruiting 5 or more members in a specific year. This is my 4<sup>th</sup> of the last 5 years.  
From the beginning of 2019.  
All Camps attended the Department mid-winter meeting hosted by Pier Camp 1 and attended by NCnC Shaw.

The Department had an excellent turnout for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, comprising good contingents of the honor guard and wreath presenters.  
All Camps participated in their various Memorial Day observances, upholding the Sons of Union Veterans duty and legacy of honoring the brave fallen heroes.

The Department Encampment was well attended and well run. Despite Department Commander McManus' serious personal health issues and his wife's terminal illness, he personally published the past minutes and wrote the Encampment agenda. With help from his brothers, these were distributed to the attendees, and everything went smoothly.

All Camps in the Department are actively and diligently working on the Last Veteran Project, with great progress being made. Many services and ceremonies were held, many with other Veterans groups, the local press, and also with the descendants of the Union soldier honored. Many more are scheduled for the remainder of the year. Special thanks to Brothers Bob Koenecke, David Daley, and Sam Solberg.

Special mention and thanks to Camps 56 and 8. They have large swaths of area to cover (Colville Camp 56 has the whole State of Minnesota, Camp 8 the whole northern half of Wisconsin) for the Last Veteran Project. They have accepted the challenge set by National and are working diligently to complete the task.

All Camps in the Department are IRS compliant.

All Camps in the Department are compliant with the required By-Law changes as mandated by National.

All Camps are actively entering new finds in the grave's registration data base.

Camp 15, Wind Lake, WI acquired a Civil War era church at no expense and are beginning maintenance and restoration.

Camp 49 continues its efforts to restoring the John McDermott GAR hall. From what I observed at the Encampment, they are doing an excellent job.

Membership is down slightly from last year. To remedy this, I will implement a special genealogy program, with a contingent to aid Brothers in getting the provenance they need to get a prospect to membership.

I will forego the individual Camp reports in order to address a subject dear to me, my brother, PDC Brian McManus.

Brother McManus, although suffering from a myriad of personal health issues that would be insurmountable to most, and the terminal illness of his wife, continues to work to further the goals of our Order at the highest level.

His devotion to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is of the rarest kind. Combined with his knowledge of the Order's workings, he is always the one we turn to for advice and help.

Though burdened with his health and family tragedies, he showed his exceptional devotion and diligence in completing all our Camps in the Department's IRS and By-Law compliance, He is solely responsible for succeeding in both respects.

He has the sincerest gratitude of myself and his Brothers of his Department. Thank you, Brother Brian McManus.

I put this in my report because I want it in the record of the Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty  
Department of Wisconsin Commander  
Jeffrey M. Graf

### **6.31 National Department-at-Large, Matthew O'Neil, DC**

No report submitted.

## **7.0 Addendums**

No addendums attached to this report.

**APPENDIX 2**  
**General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief**



**Donald William Shaw  
Commander in Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



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**General Order #1  
Series 2018-2019  
31 August 2018**

1. To all the brothers in attendance at the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts, I thank you for your continued support and faith in me demonstrated by your trusting me with this high office and responsibility. I thank the brothers of the Department of Massachusetts, the Department Host Committee and our own National Site Committee for an excellent encampment.
2. The headquarters for the Commander in Chief is hereby moved from Lynchburg, Virginia, to 3914 Larchmont Street, Flint, Michigan 48532. Mail for the Commander in Chief should be sent to that address. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and may be made to [CinC@suvcw.org](mailto:CinC@suvcw.org). Telephone communications should be used for urgent or emergency matters only at 810-513-3362.
3. There are four major areas I would like to see substantial progress in this year, and on which I intend to work diligently. They are:
  - a. Membership growth and retention
  - b. Increased public awareness of the Order – We should no longer be the best kept secret in America.
  - c. Extension of 501(c)(3) status to the Departments and Camps
  - d. Visits to each Department at least once in my term. It may not be for the Department Encampment, but if not it will be for some other notable event in the Department.
4. Progress is underway to bring increased technological capability to our Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This area also needs to be pursued to completion.
5. I urge all members to visit our National Web page and to become familiar with the information that can be found there. It is a fine way to learn about how your Order works as well as to relay useful information. I further urge all Department Webmasters or in the alternative the Department Commander to see that their web pages are regularly updated so as to keep you membership informed of the happenings within your department.
6. My congratulations to the newly elected heads of the Allied Orders. I look forward to working with all of you so we may have a mutually productive year in keeping green the memory of the boys in blue, 1861 to 1865.
7. The National Headquarters continues to be located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, Phone (717) 232-7000. Communications to the Executive Director should go there. Email [Execdir@suvcw.org](mailto:Execdir@suvcw.org).
8. All financial correspondence should be directed to our National Treasurer, David McReynolds, at 4323 Near Shore Drive, Louisville, Tennessee 37777-5231. Phone (865) 981-2854. Email [Treasurer@suvcw.org](mailto:Treasurer@suvcw.org).

9. All other correspondence should go to the National Secretary, Jonathan Davis at 240 Merriman Drive, West Jefferson, Ohio 43162. Phone (614) 745-6079. Email [Secretary@suvcw.org](mailto:Secretary@suvcw.org).
10. The Commander in Chief's travel schedule will be coordinated by National Chief of Staff Terry McKinch. 3278 S. Duffield Road, Lennon, Michigan 48449-9407. (810) 553-3509. Email [terry.mckinch@sucwmi.org](mailto:terry.mckinch@sucwmi.org).
11. The National Chief of Staff shall also coordinate the collection and distribution of reports from elected officers, appointed officers, National Committee Chairs and Department Commanders so as to report their activities, any problems, and their recommendations to the Council of Administration for each of its meeting in November and April, as well as to the 2019 Encampment for its meeting in August, 2019. The Chief of Staff shall call for said reports which shall be supplied by the officer involved in a timely fashion.
12. National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley Ave, Elmhurst, Illinois, should be contacted to report a deceased brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union Ancestor and that individuals rank and unit. Brother Jerry's email is [paptom@msn.com](mailto:paptom@msn.com).
13. Requests for SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator) George Shadman, 99 Elizabeth Drive, Barbersville, Virginia 22923. His Email is [rotc@sucwv.org](mailto:rotc@sucwv.org). Email should be used if possible for this business.
14. All Camps and Departments should submit articles for the BANNER to Banner Editor James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple Street, Mason, Michigan 48854-1519. Phone (517) 676-1471. Email [Banner@sucwv.org](mailto:Banner@sucwv.org).
15. One of our brothers deserving of recognition for his recruiting activities who was not mentioned at the last National Encampment is Ed Ruger Gibson of Ruger Camp #1, Department of North Carolina. For his efforts I appoint him a National Aide, entitling him to wear the national ribbon beneath his members badge during my term in office, commemorating the effort he has made. Well done Brother Gibson.
16. Patriotic Instructors at all levels of the Order are encouraged to prepare and impart patriotic instruction to our members so as to inspire them to the continuation of the good works our Order does on nearly a daily basis. Also, to this end, Patriotic Instructors are encouraged to start a journal listing the good works of our members and camps. Remember, there will come a time when you will need to report the good works of your brothers and your camps to your counterparts at the Department and National level of the Order. Such a journal, compiled day by day and week by week, will make this reporting obligation easier and more complete when you are called upon to make it.

Ordered this 31st Day of August, 2018

*Donald W. Shaw*

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Commander in Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

*Jonathan C. Davis*

Jonathan C. Davis  
National Secretary  
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**General Order #2  
Series 2018-2019  
4 September 2018**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the lifting of the suspension of the Department of Connecticut. They have successfully met all required items and are reinstated effective this date.

Ordered this 4th Day of September, 2018

*Donald W. Shaw*

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Commander in Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**General Order #3  
Series 2018-2019  
8 September 2018**

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Marion Eggert Combs of Upland, California on August 31, 2018 at the age of 98 years. Sister Combs was a Past National President of one of the Allied Orders, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. I Order that the SUVCW National Web Site and the Charters of all SUVCW Departments and Camps be draped, and that all brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in honor of Sister Combs. This Order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 8th Day of September, 2018

*Donald W. Shaw*

Donald W. Shaw  
Commander in Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

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**General Order #4  
Series 2018-2019  
12 September 2018**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the lifting of the suspension of the Department of the Columbia. They have successfully met all required items and are reinstated effective this date.

Ordered this 12th Day of September, 2018

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**General Order #5  
Series 2018-2019  
5 October 2018**

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Barbara Anne Mayberry. Born July 7, 1924, Sister Mayberry was a Past National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 2007. She passed on Sunday, September 30, 2018, in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

Visiting hours for Sister Mayberry will be Monday, October 8, 2018 from 4pm to 7pm at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres, 21 Tintah Road, Springfield. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held in St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 1023 Parker Street, Springfield, October 9, 2018 at 10am. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

2. I Order that the SUVCW National Web Site and the Charters of all SUVCW Departments and Camps be draped, and that all brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in honor of Sister Mayberry. This Order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 5th Day of October, 2018

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**General Order #6  
Series 2018-2019  
5 December 2018**

1. As you are probably aware from the widespread media coverage, the 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States, George H. W. Bush, died on November 30, 2018. As a former President, having held one of, if not *the*, most difficult offices in government, he is entitled to respectful acknowledgment of his passing.
2. The United States has acknowledged today, December 5, 2018, as a National Day of Mourning as regards his passing. In conjunction with this National Day of Mourning, I now Order that the SUVCW National Web Site and the Charters of all SUVCW Departments and Camps be draped, and that all brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges. This Order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 5th Day of December, 2018

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**General Order #7**  
**Series 2018-2019**  
**5 December 2018**

1. At the 137st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Framingham, Massachusetts, in August, 2018, at which a quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend Article V, Section 2 b of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:

*Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of ~~the last~~ ~~preceding~~ any National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, and/or any State's Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.*

*NOTE: The paragraph as presented contains the current language of the Constitution. The stricken wording on line two of the paragraph is the wording elimination approved by the National Encampment with the insertion of the word "any" in its place, (herein inserted in italics). In voting to approve or reject the change, please read the paragraph with the indicated deletions and the insertion indicated.*

*FURTHER NOTE: This proposal clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's authority to take action to suspend or delay the implementation of an action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment, and includes State Laws as well as United States Laws. The process for taking such action by the Commander-in-Chief remains the same.*

2. As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50% of the Departments. Departments of the SUVCW are hereby directed to conduct a vote to ratify at their 2019 Department Encampments. The National Secretary is directed to provide instructions to Department Commanders on how to conduct and report the results of this vote.

Ordered this 5th Day of December, 2018

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**General Order #8  
Series 2018-2019  
7 January 2019**

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of a real son. Frederick M. Upham, a brother of our Order and member of the Col. John Bryner Camp No. 67, Department of Illinois, died on December 30, 2018. He was the son of William H. Upham, Sr. who was a member of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry from May, 1861 until May, 1862, when he was discharged so as to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from the Academy in 1866. William H. Upham would later go on to become a Governor of the State of Wisconsin.
2. We have been privileged to have our brother with us. Now, at the passing of this real son, we shall do him a final honor. I now Order that the SUVCW National Web Site and the Charters of all SUVCW Departments and Camps be draped, and that all brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges. This Order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 7th Day of January, 2019

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**General Order #9  
Series 2018-2019  
27 February 2019**

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Janice Mae Corfman, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. She passed on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Sister Janice served as National President for the LGAR in the 1985-1986 term. She was also active in that Order for a considerable number of years serving twice as Ohio Department President and for 28 years as National Treasurer of the LGAR, taking a break for one year to fill the presidency of the organization. She was preceded in death by her husband, SUVCW Past Commander in Chief Charles W. Corfman.
2. Out of respect for this dedicated Past National President of one of the Allied Orders, and as a well-deserved final honor, I now order that the Charters of all SUVCW Departments and Camps be draped, and that all brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges. This Order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 27th Day of February, 2019

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**General Order #10  
Series 2018-2019  
26 June 2019**

The National Treasurer, Brother David McReynolds, is ill. The nature of the illness has to do with the spread of cancer. The extent of the illness is such that it can be classified as dire. Despite this condition, Brother David has, with the help of his family and Assistant National Treasurer Michael Downs, tried to keep up with fulfilling the duties of the treasurer's office. Brothers McReynolds and Downs are to be commended for this devotion to the Order and to the duties of their offices.

The above described situation has been causing strain on both of these brothers. Additionally, there have been some questions raised that can only be dealt with by a treasurer who has full authority to act in that capacity. The use of an Assistant under these circumstances does not allow for that full independent authority. I have been observing these matter since the onset was first made known. Those observations include social media postings, emails, telephone conversations and a personal visit with Brothers McReynolds and Downs, as well as conversations with others doing business with our treasury. As Commander in Chief, it is part of my job responsibility to make observations and findings as to matters going on within the Order. This is my responsibility under Regulations Chapter III, Article VII, Section 1. Based on my observations, I have concluded that due to the serious illness brother McReynolds is suffering, he is temporarily unable to fully discharge the duties of his office. That being the case, I declare the office to be temporarily vacant due to circumstances beyond anyone's control. I am taking this step with the knowledge of Brother McReynolds and his agreement that we do this to allow for the appointment of an Acting National Treasurer, to serve until Brother McReynolds is once again able to take the responsibilities of the office back.

The Office of Treasurer now being temporarily vacant, it now falls to the Council Of Administration to name an Acting Treasurer. This is their responsibility under Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI, Section 4. For that position, I would suggest the appointment of Brother James B. Pahl. Brother Pahl is currently Assistant National Treasurer with signature rights on our accounts, is a Past Commander in Chief as well as a Past National Treasurer in his own right. He has agreed to do the job if appointed by the Council.

I now further call upon the Constitution and Regulations Committee to begin development of an amendment to Regulations that would directly address the temporary disability of elected national officers.



Ordered this 26th Day of June, 2019

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**General Order #11  
Series 2018-2019  
7 July 2019**

In response to General Order 10, the Council of Administration has elected James B. Pahl, PCinC, as Acting National Treasurer until such time as Brother McReynolds is able to resume his duties. Until further notice, communications for the Treasurer should be directed to Brother Pahl. His contact information is as follows:

**James B. Pahl, PCinC  
Acting Treasurer, SUVCW  
445 W. Maple Street  
Mason, Michigan 48854  
Phone: (517) 676-1471  
[Treasurer@sucwv.org](mailto:Treasurer@sucwv.org)**

This will allow Brother McReynolds to concentrate on his health concerns. When he is ready to resume those duties, the Council will take the appropriate steps in transferring those responsibilities back to him.

We thank Brothers Pahl, Downs, McReynolds and all who have assisted in bringing us through this difficult period.

Ordered this 7th Day of July, 2019

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**General Order #12  
Series 2018-2019  
7 July 2019**

Commander-in-Chief Leland J. Webb published his Decision #10, as reported in the Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment as follows:

*“A camp can carry no flag except those authorized by the C.R. & R”.*

This is found as footnote 68 in our National Constitution and Regulations on the bottom of page 137. (Chapter V General Regulations, Article XI Flags, paragraph 3).

I hereby Order this Decision be amended to read: “A Camp and/or Department may carry no flag except those authorized by the Constitution and Regulations. In addition, Departments may also carry their official State Flag and Camps may carry their official State Flag and the official Municipal and/or City flag of the city they meet in, if such flag has been officially adopted by that municipality/city.”

Ordered this 7th Day of July, 2019

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**General Order #13  
Series 2018-2019  
28 July 2019**

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother David H. McReynolds. He died Saturday, July 27, 2019. Brother McReynolds was the National Treasurer for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Elected to that post nearly three years ago, he would have completed his term in that position at our upcoming National Encampment in less than two weeks. He was a member of the William A. McTeer Camp #39, Department of Tennessee, and served as Past Commander for both his Camp and Department. To his wife Cindy, to his family, to the brothers of his Camp and Department who he leaves, we offer our sympathies at this difficult time.

I now Order that the SUVCW National Charter and the Charters of all SUVCW Camps and Departments be draped and that brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in honor of Brother McReynolds. This Order shall remain in effect for thirty days from this date.

Ordered this 28th Day of July, 2019

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**General Order #14  
Series 2018-2019  
10 August 2019**

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:

Section 1) Commander Michael Reither of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina has requested the revocation of the camp charter of the General James B. McPherson Camp #1. It is noted that this camp was suspended on May 19, 2018 for failure to file required forms and failure to pay dues. Though notified of this action the camp has failed to respond to the suspension or other communications from the Department as regards this problem. As of this date, it has been more than two years since this camp filed a form 27 or paid per capita dues. The Department Commander now recommends revocation of the Camp Charter per Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 13 of the Regulations.

Section 2) In accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, Commander Reither's request is approved and the Charter of the General James B. McPherson Camp #1, Department of Georgia and South Carolina is hereby revoked.

Section 3) In accordance with National Regulations, the officers and members of the General James B. McPherson Camp #1 are reminded that all camp property and money shall be turned over to the Commander of the Department in which they were chartered or to his duly authorized representative to be held in trust for the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 10th Day of August, 2019

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**General Order #15  
Series 2018-2019  
10 August 2019**

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:

Section 1) Commander Robert A. Jones of the Department of Kentucky has requested the revocation of the camp charter of the James H. Bridgewater Camp #7. The camp members have expressed the desire to voluntarily close and surrender their charter after many years of service. All camp members have been issued transfer cards and the necessary administrative tasks have been completed.

Section 2) In accordance with the National Constitution and Regulations, this request is approved and the Charter of the James H. Bridgewater Camp #7, Department of Kentucky is hereby revoked.

Section 3) In accordance with National Regulations, the officers and members of the James H. Bridgewater Camp #7 are reminded that all camp property and money shall be turned over to the Commander of the Department in which they were chartered or to his duly authorized representative to be held in trust for the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 10th Day of August, 2019

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**General Order #16  
Series 2018-2019  
10 August 2019**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother Michael Joseph Hammerson of the Department at Large, Ensign John Davis Camp #10, London, United Kingdom.

Brother Hammerson, a founding brother and key influencer in the first overseas camp of the SUVCW, has dedicated his copious talents not only the identification of Union graves in mainland Great Britain, but also to tracking down their living descendants, and a body of published work in the United Kingdom raising awareness of the Boys who wore the blue between 1861-1865. Brother Hammerson's work currently has yielded over 270 positively identified Union graves in mainland Britain, including 8 Medal of Honor recipients, 6 men of the US Colored Troops, 3 Civil War Nurses, and three Generals. In addition to this already impressive number Brother Hammerson's research has identified a further 1,137 Union Veterans Buried in the United Kingdom with new discoveries being made each month.

Brother Hammerson's exceptional dedication to telling the story of the Boys in Blue in the United Kingdom as well as his exemplification of the principle of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty reflect great credit upon him, his Camp, and indeed upon the entire Order. He is most deserving of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

Ordered this 10th Day of August, 2019

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**General Order #17  
Series 2018-2019  
10 August 2019**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC, of the Department of Michigan, Gov. Henry Crapo Camp #145.

Brother Lamphere has been a promoter of the Order and an active participant in its activities during his entire term as a member of this Order. He has assisted in the formation of multiple camps within the Department of Michigan, including his own, in which he has served in most of the posts which allow it to keep running. He served as Department Commander during a very contentious time, allowing the Department to move past some challenging situations. Of greatest note is his ability to organize projects within our Order which he has done on a number of occasions. He is one of the guiding members behind the revitalization of the SVR in Michigan. As head of that unit, he has helped it grow from a largely ineffectual entity, to a group that now responds to requests for honor guards, parade participants and like activities all over the state. It puts on the best face to the public of the SUVCW. Under his leadership it has gone on to win the SVR Unit Citation. Further, for years, he has been the primary organizer of carpooling, ride sharing, and accommodations that help brothers travel to Sons activities in Gettysburg and Springfield, thus enhancing the Sons experience for not only them, but providing a trained honor guard for those ceremonies. One of his greatest qualities is that he is there to serve when needed, even though such service is not always convenient. While this has happened many times and under varying circumstances. If a job needs to be done and done right in an urgent situation, this brother generally will see the matter through.

Brother Lamphere's exceptional dedication to this Order and his willingness to bring his formidable talents to bear in all manner of situations speak well of him. This service has not gone unnoticed. He is certainly deserving of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

Ordered this 10th Day of August, 2019

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**General Order #18**  
**Series 2018-2019**  
**10 August 2019**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother Eugene G. Mortorff, PCinC, of the Department of The Chesapeake and the Pennsylvania Department.

Brother Mortorff has served the Order in many capacities during his time with this organization. He has excelled in all the duties he has undertaken, from the duties of an ordinary member to that of having discharged the duties of the Commander in Chief. Above and beyond this, however, having completed his duties as Commander and having earned a well-deserved rest, he responded to a situation where the Order would no longer be able to man its National Headquarters due to illnesses of the Executive director and within his family. Brother Mortorff stepped forward and assumed those duties for a lengthy period which helped keep the Order's headquarters operations going. Though eventually a stipend was granted to cover travel expenses, the work was otherwise without pay, and voluntary to the Order. Even after the headquarters staffing returned to normal, Brother Mortorff stayed to assist in the running of the Headquarters operations. This situation has gone on for a few years as of this writing. Recently, this brother, due to health concerns, has had to end this activity. He stepped forward in an emergency situation when we needed him, he stayed until the crisis passed, remained on the job even longer than required because it assisted the Order for him so to do, and finally ended his service when that proved to be in not only his best interests, but in the best interests of the SUVCW.

Brother Mortorff has served this Order faithfully. When it was in difficulty, he stepped forward to help, did the job required and more, and never let us down. Such exceptional dedication commands the award of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

Ordered this 10th Day of August, 2019

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**General Order #19  
Series 2018-2019  
10 August 2019**

The Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, takes great pleasure in presenting the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award to Sister Denise Oman, PNP, Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sister Oman reminds me very much of the woman for whom this award is named. Like Dr. Walker, she has skills that she brings to bear in what she does. She uses those skills so as to benefit those around her. She is tough when she needs to be but gentle and accommodating when the situation calls for that approach. At all times she strives to be fair in what she does. These qualities serve her well. This year has been one of healing between the ASUVCW and the SUVCW. That is due in no small part to Sister Oman's activities and her approach to relations between our groups.

This award was presented to Sister Oman at the Banquet following the National Encampments of both the ASUVCW and the SUVCW. Rightfully, it occurred in full sight of members of both of our Orders. It is well deserved.

Ordered this 10th Day of August, 2019

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**General Order #20  
Series 2018-2019  
10 August 2019**

The following awards were presented at the 138<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Independence, Ohio 9-10 August 2019:

The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star – Michael Joseph Hammerson, (Ensign John Davis Camp #10, London, United Kingdom), L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., (Department of Michigan), Eugene G. Mortorff, (Department of the Chesapeake and the Pennsylvania Department).

Meritorious Service Award – Brian McManus, (Department of Wisconsin). Alan Teller, (Department of Indiana).

The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award – Denise B. Oman, (Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin).

The certificate of Recognition – Donna Sword – (Upon recommendation from the Department of California & the Pacific).

The Abraham Lincoln Commander in Chief Award – Most Outstanding Camp – Hans Heg Camp #15, (Department of Wisconsin).

The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award – Most Outstanding Brother – Michael Downs, (Department of Tennessee).

The Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award – Greatest number of new members – Department of Ohio.

The U.S. Grant Cup – Greatest percentage increase in membership – Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

The Under Forty Award – Greatest number of new members under age 40 – Department of Kentucky.

The Marshall Hope Award – Best Newsletter:

Camp – General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, (Department of Missouri).  
Department – Department of Nebraska

The Joseph S. Rippey Award – Best camp chartered within the last year – Thomas D. Osborne Camp #43, (Department of Colorado & Wyoming).

The National Aide Award – New member recruitment - Douglas K. Fidler, (Department of Tennessee).

The Horace Greeley Award – Best website

Camp – Col. James D. Brady Camp #63, (Department of the Chesapeake).

Department – Department of Nebraska

The Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award – Robert M. Petrovic, (Department of Missouri).

The Founder's Award – Gordon Shepard of Sangus, Massachusetts.

A special plaque is awarded to Chaplain Jerry Kowalski in commemoration of 15 years of service to the SUVCW and/or SVR.

Ordered this 10th Day of August, 2019

*Donald W. Shaw*

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Commander in Chief

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Attested:

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National Secretary

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**APPENDIX 3**  
**Attendees of the 138<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
138<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment  
Attendees by Department**

**Department of California and Pacific**

|                   |                     |                  |                |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Frank C. Avila    | Tad D. Campbell     | Stephen E. Doyle | Daniel R. Earl |
| Dean A Enderlin   | Thomas T. Graham    | Linn Malaznik    | Rick T. LaRosa |
| Glen L. Roosevelt | Rudy E. Velasco III |                  |                |

**Department of Chesapeake**

|                   |                     |                 |                    |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| D. Michael Beard  | Mark R. Day         | Kevin L. Martin | Timothy S. McCoy   |
| Wesley Mumper     | Michael A. Paquette | W. Faron Taylor | Lawrence E. Slagle |
| Andrew M. Johnson | Larry Vance         | Jay RA. Rarick  | Robert E. Heath    |
| Roger Leturno     | Brian Horgan        | Lee D. Stone    |                    |

**Department of Colorado & Wyoming**

Joseph R. Bouley

**Department of Florida**

Charles S. Reeves     James G. Ward

**Georgia and South Carolina**

|                   |                    |                     |                  |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| William H. Miller | MarK A. Hale       | Thomas A. Biederman | Brian C. Pierson |
| James Bryja       | Michael B. Reither |                     |                  |

**Department of Illinois**

|                   |                |                     |                    |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| John M. Bigwood   | James L. Lyon  | Jerome W. Kowalski  | Nicholas H. Kaup   |
| Terry R. Dyer     | Timothy Horn   | Harry W. Reineke IV | Steven J. Westlake |
| Charles E. Wright | Gary Gunderson | Wayne F. Wehrheim   |                    |

**Department of Indiana**

|                |                     |                      |                   |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| John K. Eger   | James M. Floyd, Jr. | Dennis C. Hutchinson | Thomas L. Schmitt |
| J. Alan Teller | Bruce R. Kolb       | Timothy J. Beckman   | Michael W. Beck   |
| Ronald Hyer    | James E. Wilson     | William R. Adams     |                   |

**Department of Iowa**

Don R. McGuire     Daniel Rittel

**Department of Kansas**

|                   |           |                 |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Robert D. Boyd II | Ryan Todd | Mark A. Britton | Mike Todd |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|

**Department of Kentucky**

Bruce E. Fortin     Robert A. Jones

**Department of Massachusetts**

|                  |                    |                  |                  |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Dexter A. Bishop | Stuart H. Chambers | Edward T. Knight | Iain Knight      |
| Nathaniel Knight | Charles W. Lewis   | Perley E. Mellor | Edward J. Norris |
| Peter M. Preble  | Albert Smith       | Kevin P. Tucker  | Daniel J. Geary  |

**Department of Maine**

|                 |                 |                    |  |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| James W. Bonney | Larry B. Bonney | David W. Sosnowski |  |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|

**Department of Michigan**

|                |            |                   |               |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Dale L. Aurand | Paul Davis | Richard W. Denney | Edgar J. Dowd |
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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ronald G. Shull   | James B. Pahl      | Lloyd D. Lamphere, Sr. | Loyd D. Lamphere, Jr.     |
| Terrance McKinch  | Robert R. Payne    | Donald W. Shaw         | Charles (Chuck) L. Worley |
| Keith G. Harrison | Steven A. Williams | Steven S. Martin       | William A. Brennan        |
| Bruce S. Gosling  | David C. Ingall    | David S. Smith         | Paul "Dave" D. Arnold     |
| Howard B. Lloyd   | Neal N. Zabicki    | Roy O. Richard         |                           |

**Department of Missouri**

|                    |                   |                     |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Dale E. Crandell   | John Palmer       | Sumner G. Hunnewell | Donald D. Palmer, Jr. |
| Robert M. Petrovic | Edward J. Krieser | Martin R. Aubuchon  | Walter E. Busch       |

**Department Of New Hampshire**

Gary A. Ward

**Department of New Jersey**

Ronald L. Brower William J. Locke

**Department of New York**

|                     |             |                  |                      |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Richard E. Straight | Leo McGuire | Danny L. Wheeler | Roland d. Neiss, Jr. |
| George A. Shadman   | Michael Erb |                  |                      |

**Department of North Carolina**

|                   |                  |                      |  |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|
| Henry C. DuQuette | James R. Johnson | Dennis C. St. Andrew |  |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|

**Department of Ohio**

|                      |                   |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Warren S. Doyle      | James T. Crane    | Donald E. Darby       | Johnathan C. Davis    |
| Kenneth L. Freshley  | Robert E. Grim    | Frank R. Hillard      | James H. Houston      |
| John M. Huffman, Jr. | James G. Hilton   | Peter J. Hritsko, Jr. | Fred C. Lynch         |
| Kerry L. Langdon     | Donald L. Martin  | Henry E. Shaw, Jr.    | Shane L. Milburn      |
| Robert J. Wolz       | Dennis M. Brown   | Michael A. Spaulding  | Kris D. Gunvalsen     |
| Ted E. Duda          | Burdell Waffler   | Robert Waffler        | Richard A. Davis      |
| Shawn A. Cox         | Donald C. Vogel   | Craig W. Keller       | Mark D. Britton       |
| Tim Graham           | Larry W. Collins  | Jared D. Robinson     | Jerome A. Lukachinsky |
| Randell L. Staley    | John Black        | Randy K. Snyder       | Scott Freeman         |
| Ron Beckler          | Daniel E. Brady   | Dennis Carter         | Brent L. Davidson     |
| Carl J. Denbow       | Fred Previts, Jr. | Fred Previts, Sr.     | Timothy M. Daley      |
| Cameron Lowery       | Jon B. Silvis     |                       |                       |

**Department of Oklahoma**

Kevin D. White

**Department of Pennsylvania**

|                  |                    |                     |                         |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| James P. Jones   | David W. Demmy Jr. | David W. Demmy, Sr. | William E. Fischer, Jr. |
| Gregory E. Kline | Timothy M. Ryan    | Lowell G. Alcorn    | John R. Gipson          |

**Department of Rhode Island**

|                  |                |                     |                |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| John A. Connor   | Bruce D. Frail | Joseph S. Hall, Jr. | Leo F. Kennedy |
| James P. McGuire | Scott A. Reese | Stephen E. Hackett  | Alan W. Head   |

**Department of Southwest**

|                |               |                 |  |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| John R. Conrad | John W. Lyons | Gerald N. Bloom |  |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--|

**Department of Tennessee**

|                  |                   |                  |              |
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| Darwin F. Concon | Douglas K. Fidler | Michael P. Downs | Chip Huffman |
| Samuel C. Gant   | Brent Goodwin     | Roger E. Tenney  |              |



**Department of Texas**

Donald L. Gates

**Department of Vermont**

Bruce Amsden            John H. Cogan

**Department of Wisconsin**

David D. Daley            Patrick L. Fallon            Robert Koenecke            Brian D. McManus

Jeffrey M. Graf            Kerby A. Scott            Stephen A. Michaels

**National Membership-at-Large**

Adam W. Gaines

Total Attendees            206

1 CinC            15 PCinC's            17 DC's            67PDC's            94 Delegates            12 Alternates

**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. Ireland      | 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            |
| <b>YEAR</b> | <b>NAME</b>           | <b>DEPARTMENT</b>   |
| 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        |

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|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1993        | Allen W. Moore      | Indiana              |
| 1994        | Keith G. Harrison   | Michigan             |
| <b>YEAR</b> | <b>NAME</b>         | <b>DEPARTMENT</b>    |
| 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 | Ohio                 |
| 2014        | Tad D. Campbell     | California & Pacific |
| 2015        | Eugene G. Mortorff  | Chesapeake           |
| 2016        | Donald L. Martin    | Ohio                 |
| 2017        | Mark R. Day         | Chesapeake           |
| 2018        | Donald W. Shaw      | Michigan             |
| 2019        | Edward J. Norris    | Massachusetts        |

### **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           |



| <b>NUMBER</b> | <b>YEAR</b> | <b>DATES</b>    | <b>LOCATION</b>              |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 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            |

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|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 114th             | 1995        | August 10-13 | Columbus, Ohio            |
| <b>NUMBER</b>     | <b>YEAR</b> | <b>DATES</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>           |
| 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        |
| 135 <sup>th</sup> | 2016        | August 11-14 | Springfield, Illinois     |
| 136 <sup>th</sup> | 2017        | August 10-13 | Lansing, Michigan         |
| 137 <sup>th</sup> | 2018        | August 9-12  | Framingham, Massachusetts |
| 138 <sup>th</sup> | 2019        | August 8-11  | Independence, Ohio        |