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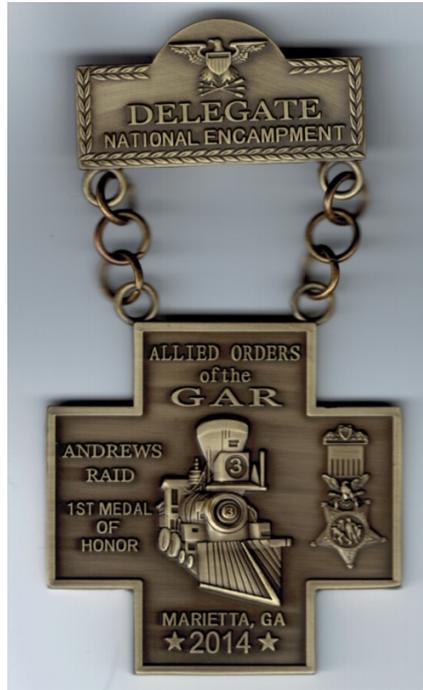
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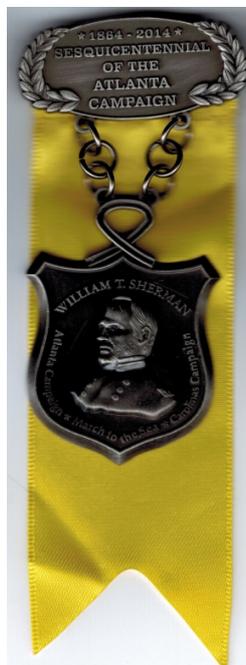
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Ken L. Freshley
Commander-in-Chief
2013 -2014

Past Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley has been actively involved in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; he has been a member in the James A. Garfield Camp 142, Cleveland, Ohio, for over 15 years. He was always interested in history, specifically the Civil War, and the turning point was when his son Mathew, who is a long time Civil War reenactor and that is when during a reenactment, Past Commander-in-Chief Freshley met members of the SUVCW, and the rest is history.

His wife Sue and daughter Rebecca are actively involved in the Auxiliary, and his son Mathew is a member of the SUVCW and in the James A. Garfield Camp #142. Commander-in-Chief Freshley is the great, great, great grandson of Pvt. James H. Maloney Co. I K of the 82nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, along with 10 other relatives that served during the Civil War.

He was elected as Commander-in-Chief at the 132nd National Encampment in Brookfield, WI. He has distinguishably served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the following ways: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Council of Administration, National Webmaster for 8 years, Department of Ohio Commander, Department Council, Camp 142 Commander; 2 terms in office, Camp 142 Council, and in numerous other offices at the Camp and Department levels.

He was the first to complete and graduate from the SUVCW Memorial University Course for SUVCW Officer Training, he has also received the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

He is currently the Adjutant of Ohio Naval Brigade of the 3rd Military District – S.V.R. He is currently serving as one of the Directors and Webmaster for the SUVCW – Charitable Foundation and a Silver Lincoln Fellow.

Past Commander-in-Chief Freshley served in the United States Navy Submarine Force on both the East and West coasts for 6 years and was awarded 2 Navy Achievement medals and honorably discharged in 1990 as a Sonar Technician Submarines – 2nd Class Petty Officer. He worked in the IT field as a professional consultant engineer. Within the community he is active in organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. He is also a Kentucky Colonel.

He grew up near Cleveland, but he traveled the world while with the USN, and a previous job, and has settled in a small but quaint town of Willoughby, Ohio.

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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
133rd National Encampment, August 15, 2014**

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Color guard, will you please post the colors?

[three raps, *]**

Posting of Colors by Color Guard

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

The officers and members of the 133rd Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. I appoint the following Brothers as Encampment Officers. Brother Cole Burris will be the Guard. Brother Eric Graff will be the Guide, and Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl will be the Parliamentarian. Guide, will you please determine if all present are entitled to remain? Color Bearer, please assist on the right.

Eric D. Graff, Encampment Guide

Sir, all are entitled to remain.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Secretary, will you please call the roll of Officers of the Encampment?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Ken L. Freshley.	Present.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Tad D. Campbell.	Present.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Eugene G. Mortorff.	Present.
National Secretary, Alan L. Russ.	Present.
National Treasurer, Richard D. Orr.	Present.
National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler.	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Ed Norris.	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Walter E. Busch.	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Donald W. Shaw.	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Steve Hammond.	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Donald Martin.	Present.
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Perley E. Mellor.	Present.
Banner Editor, Stephen A. Michaels.	Present.
National Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Sr.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Greenwalt.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Gordon R. Bury, II.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard O. Partington.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Lowell V. Hammer.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Elmer F. Atkinson.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Allen W. Moore.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Keith G. Harrison.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Krieser.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, George L. Powell.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Kent L. Armstrong.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.	Present.

Past Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo F. Kennedy.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, D. Brad Schall.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.	Present.

That concludes the Roll Call of Officers.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, upon what principles is our Orders founded and what duties do we inculcate?

Encampment (in unison)

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we meet again as Sons of the 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. Will the Chaplain please invoke the Divine blessing?

[three raps, ***]

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Our Heavenly Father, high and mighty ruler of the universe who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask Your favor to bless our native land and to preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order. Grant that it may long exist, and 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 objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them in all things with Your special mercy. Give us your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled, and so bless us that charity and justice, and peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. If you agree with me, say amen.

Encampment

AMEN.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we'll now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, please present the colors.

Encampment (in unison)

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

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

By the virtue of the authority invested in me, I hereby declare the 133rd Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business that may be legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have a prospective member to be installed so he can sit at the meeting. I've been requested to do that. If you bear with me for a minute while we go get him. In the meantime, I know the Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS was to be here, so when he does show up, we'll have him come up and give his greetings. I also know that the newly elected SCV Commander-in-Chief, Charles Kelly Barrow, will also be at the banquet and present his greetings at that time. At this time, I would like to ask Department Commander Mark Hale or anybody from the host committee to bring greetings and anything you need to present to us.

Mark A. Hale, Commander Department of Georgia and South Carolina

On behalf of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina, welcome to Marietta. We're really glad that you're here. We have been sweatin' this thing forever.

Encampment

(laughter)

Mark A. Hale, Commander Department of Georgia and South Carolina

In all honesty, there's been a few glitches but we hope with it we've provided workable solutions to all of you. If you do have any questions or problems, see one of my red shirt brigade. They look like that. They should have all the answers for you. I've been told I'm supposed to speak at the banquet for a quick warm welcome. So, I'm going to save some of my comments for there. Just a couple of things on housekeeping. If you need the facilities, out the door. Turn right. Go through the restaurant. Down the hill. Them wooden buildings with the quarter moon on the door?

Encampment

(laughter)

Mark A. Hale, Commander Department of Georgia and South Carolina

That's it. In all seriousness, there's one in the lobby by where they have the water. You can put it in; take it out same time.

Encampment

(laughter)

Mark A. Hale, Commander Department of Georgia and South Carolina

And there's one out the back door and to the right. That's all I have. Thank you, Commander.

Cole Harris, National Guard

Sir, there's an alarm at the door. A Jim Smith is requesting permission to enter, sir.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Please escort him in, please.

Cole Harris, National Guard

Okay. Sir, he says he's not ready.

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(laughter)

Cole Harris, National Guard

Sir, there's another alarm at the door. He said he's the National Guide, sir. He didn't give me any proof.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have anybody that will back that up?

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(laughter)

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

I rapped three times. He didn't recognize the code.

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(laughter)

Cole Harris, National Guard

Still waiting for Mr. Smith, sir. I'll let you know when he comes.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

For the Encampment, to help govern us for our deliberations over the next two days, the Encampment will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Tenth Edition. Rules may be suspended by 2/3 vote of the Encampment body present and voting. The officers and committee chairs shall not read their submitted reports, rather they should submit any supplementary items to the written reports along with reading their recommendations that require action of this Encampment. Officer's report are

not to exceed five minutes in length of time, and we have a timer.

Cole Harris, National Guard

Excuse me, Sir, there's an alarm at the door. Mr. Smith is ready, sir.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Guide, will you please escort him in? Escort him to the altar.

Cole Harris, National Guard

The door is secure, sir.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Guide. Brother Chaplain, I'm going to utilize you for a Short Form Initiation.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

You are now at the altar of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for obligation and I assure you that in taking this obligation, it will not conflict with any duty you may owe your God, your country, or yourself. If you are willing to proceed, place your left hand on the Bible. Color Bearer, Colors. Place your right hand on the Flag there. Pronounce your name and repeat after me.

I, James B. Smith, in the presence of the Great Creator and witnessing members of this Encampment, hereby voluntarily and solemnly pledge myself to support and defend the Government of the United State of America, to offer my life if need be to preserve the Flag from being lowered in defeat; to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same; to be faithful in all the duties of citizenship, to be obedient to the law of the land, to obey the Constitution and Regulations of this Order, and to promote actively its objects and interests always and everywhere. So help me God.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Guide, please present the candidate to the Commander's station. I now show you the Badge of the Order. The inscription says, "Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War." It reminds us of our high estate and our duty to our Country. We are the Sons of the Union Veterans. May we prove ourselves worthy of this title. This ribbon is a union of red, white, and blue; the colors of our Country's Flag. The red signifies the unstinted streams of blood that shed the blessings of a free government might be our heritage, and that our own blood is pledged to preserve the freedoms and responsibilities we so gladly received. The blue tells us of the true faith and allegiance which our forefathers held to their Country and to each other, and charges us to be mindful of their example. The white represents peace, which with honor, may our Country always enjoy. The motto, "Preserved by the grace of God," reminds us that without the over-ruling hand of all the wise Providence, the sacrifices of our forefathers could have afforded nothing, and that God's favor alone can secure the preservation of our liberties. Like the eagle, we may be quick to discover our Country's needs, strong in its defense and swift to carry out the objects of our Order. May you wear your badge long and proudly, and may it always be a guiding star to you, in the discharge of your duties in a private life and as a Son of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Whenever the United States Flag is being passed in a formal manner, as on parade, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, not in military uniform, will salute the Flag by removing their hat or cap, and the head dress being held in the right, opposite hand, opposite the left shoulder, right forearm against the breast. When not wearing a head cover, the right hand will be placed over their heart. This will not apply when the Flag is flying from a staff, but when supported by color bearer. When giving the pledge of allegiance, stand with the right hand over their heart. On all occasions when the National Anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner," is played or sung, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will stand at attention, with hat or cap removed. When seeking admission into a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in case the Camp is in session, you will present your membership card to the Guard at the door and when he responds your knock of three raps. On being admitted approach the altar and salute the Commander, and on return of the salute, take your seat. On

rising to speak, salute and say, "Commander." And in crossing the floor, always pass to the rear of the altar. One rap calls the Camp to order and seats the same. Two raps call the Officers and staff to their feet and three raps call up the entire Encampment. If deep in your heart there lies the love of freedom and patriotic devotion to the principles and institutions for which your forefather fought, then no personal danger, no selfish consideration, can quench that love and make you ungrateful or disloyal to the Flag of the United States of America. Let us then entwine each thread of its glorious fabric around our hearts, catching the spirit that breathes upon us from the battles and victories of America's sons. Let us resolve that now forever we stand for that flag and principles and institutions it symbolizes. It was waved over our cradles. Let us make the high resolve that unchanged and unstained, as it came from the hand of our fathers, shall it wave order our graves.

[three raps, *]**

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, I take pleasure in introducing Brother James Smith. Bound to us by the sacred ties of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, let's give him a Brotherly welcome.

Encampment

(applause and cheers)

James B. Smith

Gentlemen, and now comrades, thank you for the great surprise here this morning. I was unprepared and did not expect to receive this honor here this morning. I thank you for your patience while I retrieved Peter Guibert's drum from the seventy-fourth, that he used with the seventy-fourth Pennsylvania from 1861 to '65 and at the Gettysburg Campaign. The drum sticks we manufactured from witness trees that were on the battlefield in 1863. I had the honor last year of carrying Peter's drum back to Gettysburg for the third time. In 1913, Peter marched the two hundred miles, from Pittsburg to Gettysburg and used his drum entertaining people along the way. We found newspaper reports that May 26, he stepped off from the city hall in Pittsburg and another report from Gettysburg in the paper saying that he arrived on June 13th. So it took a while to find the spots in between where he had stopped and visited and entertained. But we were successful in eventually doing that. We hit all those markers, but unknowingly at that time we were doing exactly what you've talked about here as part of the principles of the Organization. The fellow who marched with me and portrayed John Conroy and actually John Conroy marched with Peter Guibert. He was a much younger man. He was only sixty-two. He was a veteran of the Indian Wars, but the fellow who marched with me and portrayed Conroy a Vietnam Veteran, served on a tin can as I did in the engineering department. We were both snipes and on different ships. The other veteran who drove the support wagon was an Air Force Veteran and his assistant who picked up a couple of times also was an Air Force Assistant. For a good bit of the trip, we had no idea what we would encounter. We had laid very little in the way of plans except for the known events in Chambersburg, Bedford, Schellsburg and Cashtown and then of course arrival in Gettysburg. Stepping off, we rendered honors at the monument to the Grand Army of the Republic, which now is in Pittsburg at the site of the Olds Allegany City Hall where Peter Guibert stepped off in 1913. At the beginning of the ceremony step off, of course, we beat reveille on Peter's drum and did a few entertainments. Then at the end of the day, we used road paint and marked a line on the road, put a "PG" and the date for Peter Guibert; the date that we were there and made a retreat from the 1862 Drummers and Fifer's Guide. The next morning came back to the same spot, beat reveille and acknowledged the crowd and things like that. And then stepped off, stepped back off. So that was the routine every day except every place along the route that we encountered the American Flag flying. We stopped. I beat the signal from the 1862 book "Attention to Colors," which in fact was used on the battlefield and we rendered honors and old veterans, Second World War, Korean War Veterans joined us. Would march with us then for a while and take us through their town. Boy Scouts in Everett, Pennsylvania joined us. They had never marched before. There was about twenty of them. It was

raining. We started at the west end of town at the American Legion and they were going to march with us for a couple of blocks. Nearly three miles later, they were all marching in step, swinging down the street. And we stopped at the cemetery at the edge of town and held honors there at their war memorial. So, it was quite an adventure to bring Peter's drum back to Gettysburg. Somebody had to do it. And it just seems since Peter was born in 1844 and I was born exactly a hundred years and one month later, unwittingly known only that this was Peter Guibert's drum for several years and a little bit about Peter. It took five years to put the details together. I've been playing the drum and using it in events and so now it's here and it will be on display at the International Percussive Arts Society in Indianapolis at their museum for a period of time starting Veteran's Day this year. It's a great honor to be here and I do thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

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(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, on with Encampment rules. Let's see. While speaking on any issue of this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice to an issue each time not to exceed five minutes. The exceptions being granted by a 2/3 vote of the Encampment. Except that person making the motion may answer questions or use up to two minutes to the close of the debate which privilege shall not be cancelled by action or order the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate on any particular issue, including but not limited to designate a 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 to alert to incoming calls. All phone conversations will take place outside the Encampment room. At the sound of the gavel prior to the election of officers, anyone outside will not be allowed to enter until the session is completed. All discussions shall be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. In general voting, please use your voting card. Commander-in-Chief 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 typing errors shall be in writing for the minutes of the National Secretary and for the final reading before the Encampment votes on that matter. The Encampment committee also shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving those items on the floor of this Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendations to adopt, reject, refer, or any other appropriate action. When rising to address the Encampment to be recognized by the Chair, use one of the available microphones. There's two in the middle. And we also have some up here. Upon being recognized, salute the Chair and announce your name, Department, or National Office. Please, this is very important as it provides the information that's needed for the Encampment proceedings. And it's easier for the transcriber to convert that from the digital recorder. Any requests for funds of the Special Projects Fund or other funds from the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to noon tomorrow with the complete information as to what the project is, who's chairing the project, and address for which any award may be mailed. All such requests will be presented to the National Encampment for considerations. One last item. We do have two National Photographers here, Brother Paul Zion and Brother Greg. They have priority over pictures. I'm not going to stop other people, but they have priority. Please give them the space they need. You're going to just see them bouncing around. Any other questions?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ, National Secretary. If anyone has any requests for announcements to be made, please get them in to me preferably in legible writing. These would include such things that might need to be announced such as where dinner will be, special meetings, photo opportunities, etc. If I do not happen to be sitting here when you bring it, please just lay it here where I will see it. And then

we will make the announcements, probably at the opening of the next session.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

At this time, I'd like to take the opportunity to distinguish the Brothers who have previously stood here at this station. They deserve our respect and our recognition of thanks. I would like to introduce our Past Commanders-in-Chief. If you are present, will you please stand and be recognized when I call your name? Now I know there are some that are not here, but I'm still going to read their name out of respect. 1978-1979 Richard Greenwalt. 1986-1987 Gordon R. Bury II. 1987-1988 Richard O. Partington. 1992-93 Elmer F. Atkinson. 1994-95 Keith G. Harrison. 1997-1998 Richard D. Orr. 1998-1999 Andrew M. Johnson. 1999-2000 Danny L. Wheeler. 2000-2001 Edward J. Krieser. 2001-2002 George L. Powell. 2002-2003 Robert E. Grim. 2003-2004 Kent L. Armstrong. 2004-2005 Stephen A. Michaels. 2005-2006 Donald E. Darby. 2006-2007 James B. Pahl. 2007-2008 Charles E. Kuhn. 2008-2009 David V. Medert. 2009-2010 Leo F. Kennedy. 2010-2011 D. Brad Schall. 2011-2012 Donald D. Palmer. 2012-2013 Perley Mellor. Your service and advice has been invaluable so we would all thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

[three raps, ***]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, I would like to request a moment of silence to remember those Brothers in the Order who have passed on to their eternal reward. I want to give a special one to David R. Medert, who served during '95 to '96. He was a great mentor and was not afraid to assist or direct you in the right direction. One, I'll never be able to thank him enough and he will be missed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

It is also my desire to honor those in our assembly who have honorably served our country. Will everyone who has served or is serving in the Armed Forces please rise? Could we give them a round of applause?

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(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Busch, do you have a preliminary report for the Credentials Committee?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Walt Busch, Chair of the Credentials Committee. Right now it's kind of hard to say. We have 149 registered, presenting credentials. However, there is currently at least one person sitting at the front desk that hasn't registered.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Appointment of Encampment Committees. Constitution and Regulations: Bob Grim, Chair; Tad Campbell; Don Palmer; and Don Darby. Resolutions: Mark Day is Chair; James Pahl and Alan Teller and Tim Graham. Officers Report: Ed Norris, Chair; Steve Michaels, Mike Paquette, and Don Shaw. Rituals and Ceremonies: Steve Hammond, Chair; Don Martin; Perley Mellor; and Adam Gaines. For Fraternal Relations: The Auxiliary is going to be tomorrow right before lunch so we'll do it here. Brother Andy, would you please give your responses because I will tell you, you do a phenomenal job. In fact, I was listening to the recordings as I was doing the clean ups. My wife heard your voice and she says, "Who's that?" She says, "He's got that radio voice." I'm always impressed in you're so eloquent. So, would you please? Thank you. If there is an LGAR visit, it will be myself and Don Martin. Again, if you would do the response for the LGAR. Okay. Report of officers. It's time for the report of our National Officers. And I guess I get the honor to go first. Here's the State of the Order and my annual report. It's only about eight pages. Senior Vice, I turn the gavel over to you. Okay. First and

foremost, it has been my great honor that you have bestowed on me when you elected me to this office of Commander-in-Chief. I tried my best to fill the shoes of the Past Commanders-in-Chief that stood here before me. I'll tell you that's one enormous task. But I was willing to attempt this. A Commander's nothing without all his supporting National Department and Camp Officers who performed the majority of the work of the SUVCW. Without all you, this job would have been a lot harder. I've received encouragement from many Brothers from all over the Orders. And that really does make a difference, knowing that you have a great support structure behind you. I'm not going to sugar coat my report. It has been one challenging year with all the normal trials and tribulations and the more difficult issues that arose. We had to make some changes; issue General Orders; and create new policies. But we, yes we, were able to overcome these obstacles and maintain order. We continue to improve our marketing image with more advertising in Civil War related publications and completely redesigning the National Website. This is where I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to recognize Brother Joshua Claybourn of the Department of Indiana. Brother Claybourn contacted me when he seen the advertisement on the National Website for our Webmaster. Now mind you for the first four months of my term, I was also the Webmaster. So, I was constantly yelling at myself to put my own General Orders up. He's a brand new member of the SUV. He just started a camp in the area of Evansville, Indiana. He has taken this task to heart and has done a miraculous and superb job in this redesign of the Website. Please keep in mind, this is still a work in progress and it's still ongoing, as there's over 6,100 pages to convert. Being one of the previous Webmasters for over 8½ years, I fully understand the scope of this ongoing project. The Olustee Battlefield Monument continues and it will continue. But there has been some positive advances and I hope they continue in that direction. We'll all have to watch and see how this plays out. We have also had some issues with procedures not being followed and some detrimental things have developed from this. On the good side, it has opened our eyes and reminded why we have certain policies and procedures in place. We are glad to report the clarification and proposal of a new policy that you will all have the opportunity to review and approve. This policy is basically a common sense outline for us to follow in the management of Members, or Associates under the age of eighteen years of age. Please note, this is not a punishment or a way to cause police action to the Members. It's just a way to protect our youth and our organization. We are still continuing to support and monitor the legal battle against Ohio cemetery that was trying to sell two canon tubes that were placed on a GAR Memorial. An injunction was filed and legal proceedings are still in process with the cemetery and the local city government. There are also two Brothers that will be meeting with State Legislatures. They're drafting a bill that hopefully will make this federally illegal and then set a precedence for the rest of the States to use in protecting the rest of the GAR and the Civil War Monuments. I've travelled to many States to attend many different Encampments and events. I also have to commend all of them for the wonderful hospitality that afforded me and my wife. I also would like to thank all the National Officers that offered to represent me in the office of the Commander-in-Chief at the Encampments that I was unable to attend. I'll tell you one thing, being Commander-in-Chief and working full time is a difficult and delicate balancing act. It does help to have a very understanding business owner that was very flexible with my time when I requested time off. I just started this new job less than two years ago, so I can't thank him enough. Brothers, I've been humbled by your trust in my judgment and decisions that empowered this office to make. While it was all not flowers and cherries, or scotch and beer, there are many memorable times, such as the National Encampment, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, and one of the most humbling was placing the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. As a military man, that really hit to the core. But I do recommend to Brothers if given the chance, please attend one of these events. It will be worth your time. In closing, I again, humbly but proudly thank all the Brothers for all that you have done for the Order. And for electing me to the honor of this office. I close stealing a phrase from Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby and the U.S. Navy. Bravo Zulu to you all. This is the highest

verbal award you can give anybody in the Navy. I give this to all the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. I salute you and thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

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Alan Russ, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ, National Secretary. I move the Commander-in-Chief's report and all subsequent officer's reports be referred to the Committee on Officer's Reports.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There's a motion on the floor.

Several

Second.

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and second.

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Second. Any discussion?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Amendment. Amend the motion because if there are recommendations that involve the Constitution and Regulations, they do not go to the Committee on Officer's Reports. They go to the Committee on Constitution and Relations. The amendment should state "to the appropriate committee," not just the Committee on Officer's Reports. And I would make that amendment.

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Russ, is that acceptable?

Alan Russ, National Secretary

That is acceptable.

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Do you want to restate the motion with the amendment?

Alan Russ, National Secretary

Yes. it is moved the Commander-in-Chief's report and all subsequent Officer Reports be referred to the appropriate committee.

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Any further discussion? All in favor, please raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes. And I hereby return the gavel to you, sir.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Don't sit down there. Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Tad Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. My report can be found on page three and four. And I do not have any recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

That was too easy. Thank you. Junior Vice.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander Eugene Mortorff. My report can be found on pages four and five of the packet. Just a couple additions to that. Since the report was sent in via the internet, we had an additional seven applications come in from Colorado, New York, Wisconsin, the Department of the Chesapeake, Texas brought in two more, and New Jersey. That's the complete report. I am running for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the Encampment tomorrow so I hope that you can find it in your heart to support me. I would really like to serve you. I have no recommendations at this time.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Pa...Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief through you to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. A question. Can we have the breakdown for the ages so that part of your report is also brought up to date?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I do not have the ages on the update. I just hand wrote them on here. I do not have the breakdown for the ages of those seven. The average age I think is in the report.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, then I would move you that the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be permitted to file a post Encampment final report so that he can update that and we have the right statistics.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

That's no problem. The average age right now on this was 53.7. I would recommend to you though that even with the addition of these last seven since we had such a high number, it will not significantly change that. But I can definitely redo the numbers. But it's not going to be within probably any more than, you know, a half of a percent.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I realize it's not going to change the average age. My concern is that you've got a difference in number where you have the age count compiled versus the total number...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I can do that. It's no problem.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Then I'll withdraw the motion.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Secretary.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ, National Secretary. My report is found on page five. I have no changes. It does contain two recommendations concerning forms.

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

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. My report begins on page nine. I don't have any recommendations in the report. Financial reports are also included in your packet and there is a couple of things I would like to note on there. On the second page of the consolidated balance sheet the permanently restricted was not carried over into the combined total only on that line. Because if you go to the very bottom line, the \$212,000.00 is included in there and it's included in the net worth. It's simply when the spreadsheet was done and because this isn't printed out of QuickBooks, this is a spreadsheet the cell wasn't filled in. I do have one copy of the 990 and one copy of the audit if anybody wished to see it. The 990 will be posted on the Website at some point. We have to do it now because we told the IRS that was how we would make it public because our tax return is available for public scrutiny minus the names of any donors who donate more than \$5,000.00. We are allowed to redact that. One thing that I did want to point out on here; bring to your attention. In April of 2013, the CofA approved an investment program because we weren't earning anything on CD's. Nobody is. In the year that has been in place, dividends paid on the mutual funds that we hold, I got to get on the right sheet, are on the consolidated income statement, under investments. In one year, we've returned \$17,000.00 plus.

Encampment

(applause)

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

That's compared with \$2,000.00 in interest the previous year. So, it's made a major change. We still do have some CD's that are earning 3% or more interest so we kept those at the advice of our financial advisor. Our net worth is now in excess of a million dollars. That doesn't mean everybody can go out and spend like drunken sailors because more than half of that...

Unknown

...Hey! (laughter)

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

All right. Drunken Marines. What difference does it make?

Encampment

(laughter)

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

You know, they just work for the Navy anyway. You know, I'm digging myself in a real hole here. Because more than 1/2 of that's in restricted funds. So, we do have money. There is a budget. I don't think the proposed budget was printed because it's subject to change here and subject to final approval by the Council of Administration on Sunday. It's not very different from last year. I have it here in electronic form if anybody who wants to see it. If there are changes made by the Encampment as we go along, it will be amended. And then the final budget if Brother Michaels has space, can be printed in the BANNER if it's the wish of the Brothers. Another thing, update on the 503(c)(3), Mid-stream the IRS changed regulations on us last December. We had to completely resubmit our application. After the IRS had already been sitting on it for about eighteen months. As a result of the fallout from the differential treatment of conservative organizations, the IRS did away with the quick streamline version of being assessed for 501(c)(3) and reverted only to the long, lengthy form. It meant instead of providing three years' worth of tax records, we had to go back and provide five years' worth of total tax records. Even though they have the tax returns, it didn't matter. We also had to go back and recoup and print five years' worth of minutes from the Council of Administration to support the changes in the budget that were made. That's all been documented and the final packet went off. One of the reasons why the end reports are so important, if I don't have a valid number for you, you are not included in the application for group exemption. Those all had to go with that packet. It totaled ninety something in pages by the time it was all put together. We're now back at waiting for the IRS. On another front with that, we have located a copy of the original 1941 determination. Our attorney has looked at it and he says that the IRS screwed up in 1954 when the current tax code was passed and went into effect because we should have been 501(c)(3) all along. Instead, they classified us as a 501(c)(4). So what we have on the back burner, if they deny the 501(c)(3), is appealing a sixty year old ruling of the IRS. If they will even accept the appeal. So, that's where we are with that. We're still playing a waiting game. That is everything I have.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Quartermaster.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Commander, Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. It's in the report. It's on page 11? And it's pretty complete. Just to let you guys know. There is a \$5.00 table. It's an inventory reduction sale; first of we've ever had. It's only good this weekend. After that, the prices will go back to where they were. That's one table you do not need any forms for that table. The other table of course you have to come and see me and fill out the form for the rest of the tables. As far as the auction goes, we have one medal left, which is the Peace Medal from Gettysburg. It's a very limited edition and we have one left. We also have the Widow's Badge. So, I would say when it comes up put up your hands and enjoy the medal. There is another one, a Christmas present to someone from Davis and it's a very rare badge. Maybe Rich Orr can tell you a little more about that one. Thank You.

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

Brother Wolz is donating and maybe he can describe what it is. It's from the 1913 reunion of the GAR. It is a badge that was presented to the Boy Scouts who assisted the veterans at that reunion. Correct, Bob?

Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

Pretty much. When it comes to the auction, I'll explain it.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Council of Administration. Brother Ed.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. My report is on page 11. No additions. No recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Walt Busch.

Walter E. Busch, Council of Administration

I got nothing else.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thanks. Donald Shaw.

Donald W. Shaw, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, my report is on pages 11 and 12. It's item #9, starting on page 11. I have no additions to the report and no recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Steve Hammond.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

Steve Hammond, Department of the Chesapeake, Council of Administration. My report is on page 11. No additions. No recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Don Martin.

Donald Martin, Council of Administration

Commander, Don Martin, Department of Ohio. My report's on page 12. Nothing to add.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Perley E. Mellor.

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief

Perley Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts. My report's on page 12 and 13, I believe. No additions or recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. BANNER Editor, Steve Michaels.

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

My report's on page 13 and I have nothing to add.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Two recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yea, there's two recommendations. Correct.

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

That goes to the Council of Administration because they appoint the BANNER Editor.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Executive Director, David Demmy.

David W. Demmy, Sr., National Executive Director

David Demmy, Department of Pennsylvania. My report's on page 13 and 14. I have nothing else to add at this time.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Chaplain.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain. My final report is on page 14. I have nothing to add.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. My report is on page 20. No changes.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Chief of Staff, Leo Kennedy.

Leo F. Kennedy, National Chief of Staff

Commander, Leo Kennedy. Nothing to change and I'm on page 15.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Do we have a report from the National Patriotic Instructor?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Page 21.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have a report from the National Patriotic Instructor, John Bates. It's on page 21. National Civil War Memorials Officer. Sorry, I have to bounce back and forth. That's Walt Busch.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorial Officer

Since I made the report Skip Riddle from North Carolina has submitted eight additional monuments. That's the only addition to the report. On Page 16.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

National Signals Officer. National Color Bearer. Okay. Same with D.C. Representative?

Lee Stone, National Color Bearer & National Washington D.C. Rep.

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Lee Stone, National Color Bearer and National Washington D.C. Representative. My reports are on page 15. I have no additions and no recommendations to either report.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Counselor.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, National Counselor. My report goes from page 22 to 26. As you're aware, we've been busy little campers. While I have no recommendation, there is a requirement for opinion 5 to be transferred to the C&R Committee for their input. The rest of the opinions that I offered are covered by General Orders by yourself. That's it.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

Commander.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I'm sorry. Go Ahead.

Loran Bures, Department-at-Large

Loran Bures, Delegate, Department-at-Large. I challenge the opinion of the National Counselor that was endorsed by the Commander-in-Chief General Order 19.

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

Which opinion?

Loran Bures, Department-at-Large

The one dealing with the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

This is one where they wanted us to proceed to set up a hearing council?

Loran Bures, Department-at-Large

It deals with that subject but the way the opinion is written, it has far greater impacts than just that.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Can you please explain those impacts?

Loran Bures, Department-at-Large

If you read the opinion closely, it can be construed easily that no Brother can serve as a counselor to a local Auxiliary or to a Department or even the National Organization. Since their opinions offered when requested does affect the internal operations of the Auxiliary at those levels. And there, Constitution and Rules and Regulations indicates that Brothers of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War can serve in those positions that in fact historically it has been Sons that have hold those positions. So that is the reason that I've raised it because the opinion is not clear on that point and I want to make sure it's not misconstrued. That's the reason for the challenge.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do you have a response?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. The Brother's well within his right to challenge that. I would move that rather than take it on at this time, that he be allowed that the C&R Committee that you formed can deal with it at that time. If you wish to deal with it now I can tell you even in this recommendation that is not the case cause I put in there that Brothers could, if they were members of the Allied Orders, which we have members of this group that are Allied Orders.

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

There's only one Brother who's a member of an Auxiliary. That's Jim. I checked with the Past National President. There's only one Brother who is a member of the Auxiliary.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Okay. But there's not a prevention for any other Brother to join that organization. Is that correct? Any Brother in here can apply for membership to that Order.

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

No. It's an honorary membership.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Okay. The only thing that I'm stating in this is the Brother can be on that trial commission if they invite him. He just cannot say that he is representing the Sons in that opinion. They can put whoever they want on their trial commission. The big thing in this issue is that they're misinterpreting their own regulations because we do not have jurisdiction. How many Brothers in here are married? Raise your hand.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Okay. I assume that some of you have a relationship with your spouse. Right?

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

How many have that? Raise your hand. Keep your hands up. How many of you Brothers think you have jurisdiction over your wife?

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Okay. Two misguided souls.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

I just wanted to let you know I'm calling your wife to get verification. We have a relationship but we do not have jurisdiction over the Allied Orders. That's the whole crux of the matter.

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

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Don, as I made the argument at that time, it is our Auxiliary. By that very nature, it is auxiliary to us. We exercise some control over them, and they agree to that.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Do they pay dues to us?

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

No.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Do they fall under our IRS code? No.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Do they have their own charter? Do they have their own charter? Do they have their own EIN Number? They are a separate entity in and of itself.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. The Auxiliary has in their by-laws and provisions that at the camp and department level, their counselor is to be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I therefore move you that this Encampment endorse the proposition that this Opinion #1 as endorsed by General Order #19 be construed as to not impact the ability of Brothers to sole serve the Auxiliary if the Auxiliary so chooses to ask them. That is a motion.

Several

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any discussion?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Can you repeat that?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. That the Opinion and the following General Order, I believe it's General Order #19, not be construed to prohibit Brothers from serving the Auxiliary at the camp, department, or national level in the office of Counselor as called for by the Auxiliary's by-laws.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

My question is how do we fix that?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

By my motion, this Encampment interpreting and declaring that this does not impact that.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So basically, we're just clarifying it so that way if we're asked at the department and camp level, they can serve as a Counselor.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

Loran Bures, Department-at-Large

I don't have a problem with that.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, we got a motion and we had a second.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Do you want me to reread it?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Okay. Brother Pahl moves the Opinion Number 1 and General Order Number 19 is not to be construed to prohibit Brothers from serving the Auxiliary as Counselors at the Camp, Department, or National level.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

No, I just heard Camp and Department.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

No, my motion did include National. I have served as the Auxiliary National Counselor in the past as a member of the Sons. I'm limiting my motion to Counselor.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, I just have one question to Brother Pahl.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Sir.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief Department, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. When you made that statement that you just made, does that mean that that Counselor is representing the Sons of the Union Veterans or he is just serving as their Counselor as someone to provide counsel to them? That he is not speaking for the SUVCW.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl again my motion is limited to make sure that this does not be construed to prohibit Brothers from serving in that capacity as called for by the Auxiliary by-laws. Brothers of the Order are Brothers of the Order. Because they're Brothers of the Order, it's an advisory capacity only.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Okay, which shows no jurisdiction.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

No jurisdiction. No authority. Counselors are advisory only.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

We're good to go.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have agreement.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Perley.

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief

Perley Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief. My other job right now is Counsel for the Auxiliary. That's what I've been doing right along for the past year. I've been Counselor to the Auxiliary National President.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, we have a motion and then a second. Any more discussion?

Loran Bures, Department-at-Large

Commander, Loren Bures, Delegate Department-at-Large. That motion achieves exactly what I was hoping to do with this challenge. So, I support it completely and would clarify a relationship. One of the reasons though for the Counselor is when the C&R of the Auxiliary does not cover a subject as you mentioned in your opinion, then they turn to the Son's C&R for guidance.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

But the key word for that is they refer to our Constitution.

Loran Bures, Department-at-Large

Right.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Not defer. Unfortunately, they were trying to defer.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

Right. And that's the reason they want knowledgeable Brothers as Counselors who are familiar with the Son's C&R because when their C&R is silent then they refer to the procedures used by the Sons. Because most Sisters are not familiar with the C&R. So I just wanted to state a reason why Brothers have traditionally served as Counselor at the Auxiliary Department, and National level. Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Let's go ahead and vote. All in favor raise your card. Opposed? One, one opposed. It passes.

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

Commander-in-Chief, while we're on this subject, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. I would like to move you that this Encampment from your General Order #19, the second to last paragraph strike the phrase "with the understanding it is as a ASUVCW member only" because we know that there is only one member. If they ask for assistance, that a Brother is free to do it but he is not an official representative of the Sons.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

And which paragraph was that?

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

Second to last paragraph, General Order Nine, The paragraph reads, "Therefore unless such Brother is a full ASUVCW member, that Brother can take part in the disciplinary proceeding with the understanding it is as an ASUVCW member only. As the SUVCW we will not and cannot interfere with ASUVCW or any other Allied Orders' internal affairs." I think that really needs to be simplified and just say any Brother voluntarily serving any of the Allied Orders in an unofficial capacity is not a representative of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to that effect.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

I'll second that, if you're making that a motion.

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

I'll make it as a motion to change General Order 19. It simplifies it somewhat and it allows any Brother that wants to volunteer if they ask for help, to help. That's my whole point in saying they are our Auxiliary and when they ask for help, we should have some capability of providing that.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, National Counselor. That is exactly why I wrote this up. There's nothing to say we can't help them. It's just we cannot help them and say we have jurisdiction. They were actually wanting to defer rather than refer to our C&R. I second Rich's motion.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So we got a motion and a second. Any more discussion? All in favor, raise your card. Opposed. Passes. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I have to go back. National Counselor of Blue Book.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor of Blue Book

James Pahl, Assistant National Counselor, Chair heading the Blue Book or the annotated Constitution and Regulations. My report is in here somewhere. I just had it, and lost it when we were in the last debate.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

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Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor of Blue Book

No recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

National Secretary for Proceedings, Ed Krieser.

Edward J. Krieser, National Secretary for Proceedings

My report's on page 26, no additions and no recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

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(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Assistant National Secretary, Department-at-Large, Brother Pahl.

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

James Pahl. Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large, Secretary/Treasurer. We have three Camps-at-Large: one in Oregon; one in the State of Washington; and one in Arizona. Two of those Camps are represented here today. They came all this way to be with us. Where they at? Go ahead, stand real quick. Members of our Camps-at-Large.

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(applause)

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

Nothing further to report. No recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Do you anything for Assistant National Treasurer?

James B. Pahl, Assistant National Treasurer, Department-at-Large

No.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

National Eagle Scout Coordinator, Brother Petrovic.

Robert M. Petrovic, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Commander-in-Chief, no additions and no recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National GAR Highway Officer, Peter Hritsko. I know he's here. National Webmaster, nope. National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce Frail.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Our report's starts on page 50. There's nothing more to add. There are recommendations. And I would like to submit with what we discussed at the Council of Administration meeting last evening to remove recommendation #2. If these are all being referred to a committee, I'd like to make mention that #3, the review of the three year plan in which was submitted in 2012, that what I talking about the

recommendation for that would be the ability to make sales for items that represent Graves Registration, which would be like coffee mugs, hats, little incidentals like that which would benefit the Graves Registration budget so that any expenses for the database could come out of that source of income.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Please stand by. Okay. National GAR Records Officer, Brother Enderlin.

Dean A. Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer

Commander, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. My report appears on page 20 and I have no additions or recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Historian, Bob Wolz.

Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

Brother Commander-in-Chief, the National Historian and History Committee's report is on page 27. There are recommendations to Refer to committee. Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Ready for communications? Brother Secretary, communications? Or reading of resolutions.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ, National Secretary. The communications received for the National Encampment consisted of the three categories and I will report them in that manner. The first is resolutions in support of candidates for National Office. I will not read the actual resolution unless it is requested. The first was a resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania dated for July 15, 2014, in support of Brother Eugene Mortorff for the office of National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The second is a resolution from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina dated June 13, 2014, in support of Brother Don Martin for the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. And that's all for that category that I received. The second category is resolutions regarding changes to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. By our Regulations, these 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. It is my understanding these met that requirement. The first is a resolution from the Department of New York to amend the National Regulations. Second was a res-resolution from the Department of New Jersey to amend National Regulations. The third is a resolution by the Department of Colorado and Wyoming dated July 8, 2014, in support of a resolution by the Department of Missouri to amend the National Regulations. I did not receive the actual resolution that's being supported. Then we have the other resolutions. A resolution from the Department of California and Pacific dated May 5, 2014, concerning the posting and publishing of all currently licensed SUVCW merchandise. I will read this resolution submitted by the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War "providing for the direction to the National Webmaster requiring him to establish a web page on the National Website containing a detailed listing of all currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales items and further providing for direction to the Editor of the BANNER to at least once annually publish a listing of all currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales items in the BANNER and for other purposes. Whereas, the Council of Administration of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has the authority to grant and renew licenses for production and sales of SUVCW merchandise by camps and departments; and whereas the Council of Administration maintains a listing detailing all SUVCW licensed sales merchandise; and whereas SUVCW camps and departments produce and sell SUVCW licensed merchandise as a fundraising activity to support their activities; and whereas awareness of licensed merchandise is essential to facilitate efficiency and prevent duplication with

production and sales amongst camps and departments; and whereas knowledge of SUVCW licensed sales merchandise produced by camps and departments is generally only by word of mouth or by an initial advertisement in the BANNER; and whereas only the initial advertisement for SUVCW licensed sales merchandise is published free of charge in the BANNER; and whereas the expense for subsequent advertisements in the BANNER may be cost prohibitive for camps and departments; and whereas at August 15, 2004, Council of Administration meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, then Council of Administration Member, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, suggested that a list could be created and maintained detailing all SUVCW licensed sales merchandise; and whereas that at 15 August 2004 Council of Administration meeting, then National Secretary Bennett was charged with exploring this concept noting that it should be a simple matter to start such a listing adding items as their licenses are approved. Now therefore, be it resolved that the Delegates assembled at the 133rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Marietta, Georgia direct the National Webmaster to establish, maintain, and keep updated a webpage on the National Website containing a detailed listing including images and/or photographs as appropriate of all approved currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales item including the names of the camps and departments selling the items. And be it further resolved that the delegates assembled of the 133rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Marietta, Georgia direct the Editor of the BANNER to publish at least once annually a listing of all currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales items including the names of the camps and departments selling the items. And be it finally resolved that the delegates assembled at the 133rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Marietta, Georgia direct the Editor of the BANNER to publish in each edition of the BANNER the Website address for a detailed listing of currently licensed SUVCW merchandise items may be found on the National Website.” And that concludes or the communications.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We go into unfinished business.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, National Counselor. I regret to say on the communications that the Secretary received, I only received the one from I believe it was the Department of New York. I did not receive copies of those other three. And Jim if I didn't get 'em, does that mean that they can still move forward on those requests? You're the Parliamentarian.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Those are requests to amend to the Constitution and Regulations?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, Parliamentarian. If they're not filed properly with the C&R Committee and the National Counselor at least thirty days prior to the Encampment, we cannot take action.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Well, I'm just saying that I did not receive those other three. The other thing I'd like to say, last time after Jim, and Rich, and I agreed to something, I left the room because I thought the ceiling was going to fall in. You guys got to be aware of these things. They're kind of quick so if us three agree, head for the exits.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Amen.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So that means those first three resolutions?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Brother Don, you said you only received the New York one. Bob, what did you receive?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I only received the one, the first one you read. Was that for New York?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Good question. First one was Department of New York to amend the National Regulations. Then there was New Jersey and then there was one that was in support of a resolution by Missouri.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

I only received the first one that you read which would have been the Department of New York.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, it looks like legally we can only accept the resolution from New York because they weren't filed properly. I was told that the C&R Committee already received those and have reviewed them. So it's going to be on the report anyhow. We can only accept and refer the one from New York. Okay. Unfinished business. Let's see, what time is it? Ten minutes. Let's do unfinished business.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. There cannot be any unfinished business when a meeting only is held once a year. Any unfinished business left over dies when the meeting is adjourned. So we can never have it. I don't know why it's in the ritual. We can never have unfinished business at the National level.

Kent M. Melcher, Department of Kansas

Commander-in-Chief, Kent Melcher, Department of Kansas. I'd like to move to suspend the rules concerning the last item that Brother Secretary read concerning the publication of the items in the BANNER and on the Website.

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

Jim's thinking. Commander-in-Chief, I would just point out this is in the Constitution and Regulations and there is no provision contained in that document to suspend it.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. For this can we suspend the Robert's Rules of Order.

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

You can suspend Robert's Rules of Order. There's no provision contained in the C&R to allow us a suspension other than to allow the Commander-in-Chief if something there violates Federal or local statutes. Brad.

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief. To all our distinguished lawyers...

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(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

...I believe, sir, that you could accept those on your own.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I'm not a lawyer.

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(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Come on, it's already been run through the mill with the C&R.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Parliamentarian. Robert's Rules of Order in motion to suspend the rules allows an assembly to act on business prohibited by rules but not in conflict with constitution and by-laws or in our case regulations. So we cannot act in conflict of our Regulations. A motion to suspend the rules allows suspension of Robert's Rules of Order.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. So, I'll rule that motion out of order. Well, we got nine minutes. I don't think I want to get in to all these reports, so at this time I think we're going to break for lunch.

[Three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

[break for lunch]

[Three raps***]

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Ready? I'd like to call on Brother Demmy. You brought up an issue with the Department of Iowa. Can you please expound on that one? The issue is we did not receive a Form 35 from the Department of Iowa.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, act as Parliamentarian. What that means and I think Don would concur, is that their delegation cannot be seated. However, their Past Department Commanders and their current Department Commander can be seated by virtue of office, but their delegates cannot be seated.

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania. I question that because how do we know if they haven't filed a Form 35 if those Past Department Commanders have paid their per capita due and their dues for the year unless they are a life member?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Brother Kuhn, I'm actually relying upon your decision as a Commander-in-Chief published in the 127th Annual Encampment Program...

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(laughter)

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That said, they could be seated.

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

Short-term memory loss. That's all I can write it off to.

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(laughter)

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

C.-R.-S. Can't remember you know.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So who is here from the Department of Iowa? Department Commander and Past Department? So we're okay right now. But if any of your delegates show up, they cannot vote. Brother Eugene, you had a clarification.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Eugene Mortorff. I'm back up here again about my report. Because Brother Orr wished to know a little bit more about the age thing so let me go ahead and update you on the age things here. This is on page 5. The ages 6-13, there were three. That's no difference there. Ages 14-19, there was an increase by one to twelve because of the last seven. 20-29, remain twelve. 30-39 was twenty-four of those. 40-49, we had twenty-seven. There was an increase of two. 50-59, there was an increase of one to forty-seven. 60-69, with seventy-three. And the most interesting one of all is the 90+ where we had one actually who joined via the Internet, at ninety-six years of age. That changed the numbers down at the bottom where it says average age once 53.7 to 54.01 because of those

changes. I also wanted to make a comment, because a member came to me and asked me, he thought the numbers for his Department was skewed too small because he didn't see his reflected in there because there was none. I told him that and many people might also be wondering about that too. This only reflects Internet applications. Someone who goes online, gets the form, fills it out, and sends it directly to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Then the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief does some processing to it and refers it to the Department. The Department then finds the appropriate Camp within the Department. It's a little bit longer but actually, that's got two hundred and some people who join, I mean, a hundred and 226 new members that way. So, you know, I think it's worthwhile keeping to do that. Those people who join through camps would not be reflected on this. This is only Internet applications. Thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Walt.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Walt Busch, Credentials Committee, Chair. Referring back to the Iowa issue, you do have a delegate here from Iowa that has been issued a blue voting card.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, it's being resolved. So, they will only have two votes.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yea, he can stay in the meeting but he just can't vote.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Actually, according to our record, there's three votes here besides the delegate, Department Commander and two Past Commanders.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I'm saying is right now there's only two in here.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

...Okay...

David M. Lamb, Commander, Department of Iowa

Commander-in-Chief? David Lamb, Department Commander, Department of Iowa. I have myself and three Past Commanders who have registered. Now, we have one gentleman who was a delegate. He has left for the day, but we are here. I'm assuming we'll be allowed to stay?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

David M. Lamb, Commander, Department of Iowa

And I just would ask if this ruling is going to apply to the other fourteen States that have not filed their paperwork as well?

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

Commander-in-Chief, where is he getting the numbers fourteen? Because as far as I know only Iowa has not filed Form 35.

David M. Lamb, Commander, Department of Iowa

On the bottom of page 2, it lists fifteen States have not filed written reports. Iowa's one of those.

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

Page 2 is the written reports that are contained within this document. There's no requirement in the C&R for those to be submitted.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Right before we begin to get into the reports of the different committees, I just want to let you know that we actually have four of the Ladies Allied Orders represented here at the Encampment. We have Sister Ellen Higgins of the Daughters. We have Cindy Zerkowski of the Women's Relief Corp., Judy Rock of the LGAR, and Diane Mellor of the Auxiliary. So I just wanted to let, you know. I just wanted to

acknowledge that they are all being represented here. We will get into the reports of committees. These are standing committees. Americanization and Education. Okay, we'll move on to Civil War Memorials.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

A confused Walt Busch. Am I on the Civil War Monuments or the Memorials Committee? I thought Memorials was Form 62 and I'm Form 61. And I gave my report earlier.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I just have Civil War Memorials. And yes, you did give your report before. And I have you as the Chair of the National Committee of Civil War Memorials.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Okay. Which is separate from Monuments then?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, The other committee is a sub-committee of the CofA for the awarding of grants.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

I'm done.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

He has a recommendation for the committee.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, yea. Okay, we have a recommendation on that. Let's see. The recommendation is Council of Administration should decide the appropriate placement of the Form 61's and the Form 62's on the National Website so that this information is available to at least those officers needing access or the public at large.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ, National Secretary. I move to you that where there is no objection, the recommendations of the committee be taken up ad seriatim and approved at the sound of the gavel.

Unknown

I'll second that.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

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

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, then I'm going to object to the recommendation for a simple reason. This committee, combined with the Communications and Technology Committee, has been tasked with developing a database for this purpose. They have yet to develop the criteria so that the database can be written. That was a joint project, four or five years ago assigned to those committees. They have yet to do it. And it was with the intent that we would obtain another Website as we've done with Graves Registration for Memorials.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

But couldn't we use this recommendation as a trigger to re-establish that joint committee, or joint venture?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

This is, that the Council of Administration decide where you're going put these on the Website. That means scanning all the forms and posting the PDF's on the Website. That's the raw forms. That's not putting the data in a searchable format. The Memorials and Communication and Technology was supposed to be joint because Communications and Technology sets the criteria and the standards for the database. Then this committee was to determine what information needed to go in to the database and then presumably we would contract with someone to write the software. That was probably before Walt was chairman.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials

This is Walt Busch. I can write a database. The forms are already in PDF. All the PDF's are attached to pages of html that can go on to a Website as is. If you're saying that it's searchable, it's searchable by State, by town, and then by monument, and location. So, we have the set up there. It is not in an access or another type of dbase format like that. It is searchable by the Web. So, depending upon what you want to call it, database, it might be up for issue.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Then I guess we need to obtain another Website.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We can do that.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

'Cause it was to be done like Graves Registration with an independent Website linked from ours so that we weren't dumping this all into one huge file.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, do we push this to the CofA.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

You can send it to CofA.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to refer this one to the CofA because it will be acquiring another Website domain and spending some money.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

I'm Steve Hammond. I'm on the CofA. I was on this committee this past year, in fact two years. And I think Brother Martin is not here right now and you may need to speak to him.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

He's back there.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

I'll defer to him.

Don Martin, Department of Ohio

Don Martin, Department of Ohio. Can you repeat the question please?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I was going to defer this to the CofA meeting because it's going to require another domain which is going to spend some money. It's not a question.

Don Martin, Department of Ohio

Okay. I just heard it said it might need me.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I'm confused.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. I keep forgetting to say that. Our Website is "suvcw.org." The Website for Graves Registration is or was "suvcwdb.org." This would be "suvcw" something else ".org" as a totally separate domain. It may or

may not reside on the same server but it's independent from our primary Website, with a link from that website to the database for the monuments. It's in order to keep everything from being in one place.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

Steve Hammond, I don't want to speak for Don but I think what we're really talking apples and oranges.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

This has nothing to do with the grants.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

Well, that's what he addressed originally. You're again talking apples and oranges. There's grants and there's monuments.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

Do you want to put the information on the grants on the monuments page?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

No.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

No. Okay. That's fine. Then, like I said, you're talking apples and oranges at this point. They're two very different things from what he was putting in his recommendation and what you're discussing.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

You do not want to put the grants in a public setting other than the extent that they're required to be put on our 990. They are required to be reported. We only need to specify on the 990 who they go to if it's more than \$5,000.00. Because otherwise you're throwing private information for other organizations in the public domain that they are not required to provide.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

And the request was to provide the form that we were using for grants.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

No. That's a totally different committee.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

That's exactly what I am saying. You're talking apples and oranges.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. What we have here is a failure to communicate.

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(laughter and applause)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, here's the deal. That guy in that pretty shirt, he is the Monuments Chairman. Do we see where we're going here? Okay. The guy in the pretty shirt says he wants to make recommendation sixteen and seventeen is for monuments request fund. So you've got two different committees requesting two different things. And at this moment in time, the guy you're voting or actually Commander-in-Chief has sent the thing to the CofA Committee was the recommendation of the guy in the pretty shirt. Okay?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

And actually, his recommendation is incorrect. It should just be the Form 61, not 62.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials

Can I clarify that for a second? That committee has been sending me their information for the past three or four years. Everything's been digitized so I got Form 61's and 62's. My recommendation is as it stands that the CofA needs to decide this because it does involve 61's and 62's. And I see no reason why we should be splitting them up.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I'm still going to refer it to CofA.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials

Okay.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Let me get back to my page. Communications and Technology.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Who's the chair?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

That's what I'm looking. Kent Peterson. Only you are here for it?

Richard L. Orr, Communications and Technology

Commander-in-Chief, as the only member of the committee... Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. I have had no communication from the chairman for the whole year regarding that committee.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I haven't seen a whole lot either. Okay, next one. Constitution and Regulations. Brother Grim.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Commander, can I give this report from the podium?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Most certainly.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

The C&R report is on page 36 of your booklet. The changes made to the regulations at the 132nd National Encampment had been received and reviewed and incorporated into the C&R and should be published when the proceedings of the 132nd National Encampment are approved and published. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the regulations for consideration by this Encampment. Proposal number one on page 36. This is a resolution from the Department of New Jersey that would affect Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 6 and apparently the Commander-in-Chief earlier ruled it out of order because the Counselor did not receive notice of this on time. Is that correct?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Don Darby Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. Is this is the one from New York?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

New Jersey.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Oh, from New Jersey. I've talked to the National Treasurer about this. Last year, this same resolution came before the Committee. Everyone got a copy but it arrived too late and the option at that time was to carry it over for this administration. So, in all actuality, it was delivered to everyone last year albeit late and the Encampment last year agreed to have it carried over this year. So, your Committee is well within its rights to act on it.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Thank you. If this proposal is adopted, dual members would pay National dues only for their home Camp. And they would pay Department and local Camp dues to each Department and Camp they belong to. The C&R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposal. A similar amendment was presented two years ago by the Department of New Jersey and it was rejected by that National Encampment. Section 6 would be affected. "Applicants, who are Brothers of the Order" and we would strike out "another" and put in "one Camp or a Member-at-Large may become a dual member of another Camp." "The applicant" and the new wording would be "is not subject to the National Per Capita

assessment for Camps which he joins as a dual member. He pays National Per Capita assessment only for his primary or home Camp. Dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new Camp.” And then the last four lines would be stricken from the existing section. The Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Is there any objection to their recommendation of rejecting this?

Ray Wozniak, Commander Elias Moon Camp #2, Department of Georgia

Yes. Ray Wozniak, Camp Commander for Camp Elias Moon Camp #2 here in Georgia and South Carolina. We have three Camps here in the Atlanta area. I'm a member of two Camps. We have one Brother who joined all three Camps. We find that this is an excellent way to promote inter-Camp cooperation and communication. We support each other's events. It helps us grow. The Officers in each Camp are supposed to receive each other's newsletters. Sometimes that happens. Sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes a newsletter doesn't get published. But we find that when we're members of each other's camps and we attend each other's meetings, it really helps the organization to function as a tight Brotherhood. I see no reason why as long as we're paying Camp dues, why this amendment should not pass. Thank you.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain, Department of Illinois. I belong to two Camps. It would be a lot nicer if the National dues were only charged by one Camp. If this is purely for an economic reason that the C&R Committee is saying that they don't approve of it, I don't think that's a justifiable reason. Just to get the money in the house, I don't think that's a good reason. I think a good reason to keep it as this amendment recommends is to promote Brotherhood. And for that reason, we should pass it.

Rocky L. Bartlow, Department of Kansas

Commander Rocky Bartlow, Department Commander of Kansas. I'm also a dual member with the Lytle Camp in Ohio where my ancestors came from. I find that that it has been a great enhancement to me and to others that I know that feels the comradery not only within our Department but between other Departments. It builds a link to where my ancestors came from. I will be in favor of waiving the National dues to encourage that kind of action in the future. Thank you.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm against it. Why. Because, in New York I have seen many times people join Camps just to join Camps. It doesn't help the organization one iota. If we pass this, it will have in every Department, everybody being dual members, everywhere. The bookkeeping will be terrible. Thank you.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Also Secretary/Treasurer for the largest Department in the National Order. It's going to be a flippin' nightmare. That's all I got to say. I echo Danny's words. If you want to participate with another Camp, there's no reason you can't visit their Camp meeting and participate with their Camp as a visitor. There's no Camp that I've ever visited anywhere where they've turned me away because I'm not a member of their Camp. I just don't get a right to vote on their decisions there. It doesn't mean that I can't come and visit with their Camp and do things with them. It's a nightmare for those people who have to take care of the bookkeeping. It really is. You don't know who's paid what dues or what's going on.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana, Past Department Commander, currently Secretary. All of our dual members are from out of State. What State is their home? As a Secretary, when I'm making out that Form 35, when I'm reading those Form 37's, there's nothing to tell me where they're paying that per capita. So, they should pay it every place.

Michael Downs, Sr., Department of Tennessee

Mike Downs, member of Camps in Indiana and Tennessee and Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Tennessee. I really have found being a member of both Camps in Indiana and Tennessee to be quite useful. I manage to keep my close contact with the my old Camp, which was my home Camp for years. But at the same time, I have managed to encourage some cross-fertilization between the two Departments, if you will. I think this amendment should be passed. I think it would be very useful to be structured that way. If we can't trust our members to declare what Camp is their home Camp, who can we trust? Thank you.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. I'll admit, I'm a little loose in my understanding of the wording on this proposal. However, I will say as someone who plans to go to graduate school out of my current home State in a year, it would be rather nice if I didn't have to pay the National dues twice since it is a different Department I would be more than willing to pay the Department dues in both Departments. Now, if I were a dual member in two places within my same State, it would really be nice to only have to pay the Camp dues because I'm not a dual member of the Department. I'm a dual member of two different Camps. So, I think if someone is a dual member in a State other than their home State, they should pay those Department fees but only be hit once for the National dues. Likewise, if they're within the same Department and only once for the Department dues. I don't think the bookkeeping would get too out of hand.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

You've never done the bookkeeping.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

Commander, George Huttick, Delegate from Tennessee. Unfortunately, I pay dues in two different Camps right now and two different Departments. I'm in favor of this simply because I have always been a member of Tennessee. I'm now living in Georgia and I'm having to pay for both. And what National does not provide me for both fees is I don't get two copies of the BANNER. I don't get everything else comes along with paying that fee in duplicate, so why am I paying it twice? Thank you.

Robert Wilhelm, Department of New Jersey

Robert Wilhelm, Department of New Jersey. This resolution was proposed because we do have members with dual memberships with several Camps. They have actually saved Camps from foundering, brought them back to existence. I was a dual member of a Camp that just got started. I helped it get started. Once it got on its own feet, then I dropped out of that. But others continue. As previous gentleman said, we don't get a second copy of the BANNER but we're paying the same fees. It's just an extra burden of expense that is a burden when you try to help somebody else out, help another Camp out to get back on its feet. It worked well for us and it's cost a lot less. That's all.

Roger Tenney, Department of Tennessee

Department Commander, Brother Tenney, from Department of Tennessee. I would have to say that we're a fraternal organization just as the Sons of the American Revolution is a fraternal organization. I belong to two separate Chapters within the Sons of the American Revolution, the one I originally joined and the one I helped to charter and as the Charter President there. We pay a dual member fee and that's all we pay. We do not pay \$53.00 for each of the Chapters that we belong to. We have a dual member fee that allows us to have that membership in the other Chapter. There is a form that we fill out in order to have that. That would make the bookkeeping fairly simple or straight forward as I see it. I propose that we adopt this proposal.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander, Eugene Mortorff. I am a member of three Camps. I pay for three Camps. I'm a member of two Departments. I pay for two Departments. I am not a member of three Nationals and I don't think I should have to pay for three Nationals.

Eric D. Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Eric Graff, C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Wisconsin. I understand the people that have to do the paperwork, it's a thankless job. Perhaps we could make a special committee to address this issue of who's doing what or left hand right hand situation where we might be able to streamline the paperwork so that the gentlemen that are making sure that people are current and able to vote at National don't have a headache added by this. So, I don't know how to put that in a formal matter, but that's my suggestion.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Alan Russ, National Secretary. Let us not forget one other item that is in this. That is that dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish new Camp. A lot of times that is currently the case, where they are. That would eliminate that provision. It would also mean that portion of the form could be deleted on the Form 55.

Ray Wozniak, Commander Elias Moon Camp #2, Department of Georgia

Yes, sir. That's a very valid point. Also, the point is that if a Brother is generous enough to support other Camps of the SUV like the Brother who's in three Camps or myself who's in two, it helps the other Camp financially if the Brother who is about to speak the one right there who was saying that this was a nightmare as far as paying Camp dues, you just got to have your Secretary make sure that people that are members pay their dues. I mean, I don't see where that's a nightmare. As long as a person is not an officer in two Camps or it's not counting toward the formation of another Camp, I just don't see the problem.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Just real quick. That's the end of the debate after who's at the microphones now.

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

I just have a question. It's based on what Alan had said. Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. You said that they will not count towards forming a new camp. Correct?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

That that is how the proposal that was submitted by New Jersey reads.

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

Okay. So in other words, if you need five members to start a new Camp and three of them are already a member of another Camp, they would need to get five totally brand new members.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Or they would have to transfer.

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

Or they would have to transfer into that Camp and drop their membership in the other Camp. That would mean the same as if they have Brothers join other Camps in order to revitalized a Camp. So that would be the same there. They couldn't come in and assume offices in the other Camp. Correct?

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

Okay. I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you.

Chuck Poland, Department of Chesapeake

I'm Chuck Poland from the Department of Chesapeake. I happen to also be the Registrar of the State of Virginia for the Society of the War of 1812. We allow dual members. And the dual members from other States do not pay an additional National fee. They only pay a state fee. Nothing else. And it is not that difficult to manage. I as the Secretary, I manage it. And as Treasurer, our Treasurers manage it. We pay only one National fee. There's only one National organization. So it is manageable.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I'm going to call this to vote now.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Parliamentarian. There's nothing to vote on. There's no motion on the floor. We've had an objection to a committee report and no one's made a motion.

There's nothing on the floor to vote on.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I would move you we concur with the committee.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Would you agree to a modified to the motion to strike the section about shall not be counted toward the required number of members to be required to establish a new camp.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, my motion is to concur with the committee's recommendation, which is we just throw this out.

Unknown

Second that.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I am moving to concur with the committee for a number of reasons. As the maker of the motion, I would like to address some of the issues that were raised. First of all, the only thing that paying for dual membership gets you, is the right to vote in another Camp. You can go to that Camp. You can participate in all their activities simply because you are a member of the Order. So you are in effect paying dues for the right to vote. There's nothing else prohibiting you from participating with any Camp, in any Department, anywhere in this Organization. The second, it is a bookkeeping nightmare. I don't care what other organizations do. Ask the Boy Scouts of America. At one time, they allowed you to register free if you paid your dues as adult volunteer in one organization. They found after a period of years, that you literally had thousands of volunteers who weren't paying dues anywhere because they simply went from one Troop or one Pack or one Explorer Post, this was before Venture Scouting, and said, I paid here. I don't need to pay you. And it will happen. I don't care how trusting you want to be of the Brothers. It will happen. You will have people who after a period of time, they'll take their time to do it over a two or three year period. They will pay dues nowhere. And yet, claim to be a member. So from that point, it is a financial issue when that happens. Further, we do not have in place membership tracking at the National level. We don't have it in place at the Department level. Membership is held in the Camp. It is approved by the Camps. It is tracked by the Camps. You are asking that the Department Secretaries, and I'll just start tracking each and every member as to where they've pay their dues, if they've paid their dues. You're asking the National Organization to track every member in the Order, have they paid their dues and where have they paid it. That is a bookkeeping nightmare. It can't be successfully done with the way we are structured. We are bottom up, not top down as most organizations. This is, from my perspective, and holding the office of National Treasurer, this is not workable. I'm sure if you want to ask Brother Demmy how he feels about having to track 6,800 members and who's paid their dues and who hasn't, he's going tell you the same thing.

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

Brother Commander, since this is a new motion, I take it this is discussion time now for the new motion? I agree with Brother Orr on this immensely. Here again, it's back to the tracking issue. If this organization would have been established that we had one dues membership for National and then each Camp and Department had their own separate thing, that would be a different ballgame. But we were set up one way a hundred and thirty some years ago and we've evolved through that period of time. Now we have all these members that are paying dues jointly and to try and separate that out now, how you going to know which Camp this guy belonged to or which one he didn't belong to. I'm a member of two Departments and two Camps. I was a member of three Camps and two Departments, but I've reduced that to two and two now. They can say well okay, he's a Past Commander-in-Chief, how do you know that he's a Brother for should I go set on Maryland and vote with Maryland today? Or should I vote with Pennsylvania? Well, There's a question. I paid dues in both. So, you know, if you get two

votes, do I get to hold two cards up? We were set up differently. For us to change this right now is going to be very difficult. If this is voted in, I really think that the Brothers should consider that we be given a year or so to implement this program rather than just say off the bat it's going to happen now. There has to be some sort of a system set up to come up with a way to track this.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

Commander, George Huttick, Department of Tennessee. I'd like to correct a Brother. The Boy Scouts of America does allow joint membership and you only pay one dues. I'm an Assistant Scout Master in Troop 500 Clarksville, Tennessee. I am a Venturing Crew Leader in Crew 109 Dawsonville, Georgia. I am in very different Councils and very different Districts. So, forgive for disagreeing with you but it's the reality. The Boy Scouts of America have a whole lot more members than we do. My son is now currently a member of the SUVCW. He is a member of three units within the Boy Scouts of America and has paid only one National dues. It is doable. I understand the concerns about the bookkeeping. That's fair. Maybe there's some things we need to work out, but the reality is you've heard from the SAR. You've heard from the 1812 Society. The Boy Scouts of America can handle it. Everybody else can seem to do this. Are we really that far back in time that we can't figure it out?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander, Gene Mortorff. There's the issue of the money and then there's the issue of the paperwork that we're talking now. More and more I'm hearing this of your home Department or your home, I mean, you know, I'm all for that. I think you should have a home Camp. One that administratively is your primary. It is the same thing with the Department. The one listed as your primary should be the one and it should be indicated someplace. But that's just a matter of changing the forms and maybe in the computer adding another column on the spreadsheet. I just don't see that this is a problem that we can't figure out. This comes up over and over. Let's not bring this up again at another Encampment. Let's not pay what we should not have to pay and just get it done with now.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. I've been listening guys and I don't think a lot of you realize Brother Orr's trying to tell you something. I've been in this organization over thirty years. And I watched these guys work. And when a guy starts working in the morning and he's still working for this Organization at night before he goes to bed, he has enough to do already. Let's give 'em a break cause they deserve it. And the Organization deserves it too.

Eric D. Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Eric Graff, Wisconsin. What you're basically doing by voting this down, is penalizing the people who are active and interested in multiple areas who take time out of their day to drive to different parts of their State or even other regions of the country, who are obviously active enough or interested enough in the Order to help out financially with another Camp or start up new Camps. We've always been pushing for new membership. It seems like you're penalizing people that want to grow this Organization because it's too hard.

Charles D. Buck Custer, Department of Florida

Commander-in-Chief, Buck Custer, Past Department Commander, Florida. Florida has the distinction, I guess, of having in the Order a number of what we call snowbirds. They're with us for three or four months and then they leave and go back to places where it isn't so hot and humid. At least not so hot. So this is a concern for us. We have these people that are paying twice. They really don't just go back and forth like across the street or in the same county. They're traveling three and four thousand miles, some of them, just to come and be with us for a few months. So, for them to pay, I'm not one of them, by the way; I can't afford a house up north. They really don't get anything for what they're paying. They've like several people have mentioned, you don't get two BANNERS. You don't get two of anything, you know. You don't get two membership badges. You don't anything, really, except the ability to go from one Camp to another and participate.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

Brother, Commander. Just so I need some clarification. We've talked a lot of stuff here. If we vote to accept the recommendation we veto this change. To not go with the committee but to in fact vote the proposal in. All right. I want to know is that part where it says you can't be a dual member and count towards a new camp required number, is that going to be part of that, what we're voting on.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

Then in that case, if that part remains, because I find that to be difficult. In fact, so many times Camps are in really distress and we like to do these dual member things to try to keep those Camps afloat and that would pretty much put that do away with that where we'd be diminishing our own Camps by transferring people into them. I want to vote to do away with the National per capita. But I can't vote for this if it's going to do away with the dual part.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, as Parliamentarian. A no vote will not adopt any language to change regulations. We're merely voting whether or not to uphold the committee's recommendation. A yes vote will uphold the committee's recommendation and can this. A no vote is to not adopt language but merely to vote no on following the committee's recommendation. So if the no vote prevails, the regulations will not be changed. It will require another motion to change regulations. A yes vote concurs with the committee and will can this. A no vote leaves us where we are at right now with nothing. A no vote will not change regulations.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

Parliamentarian?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

I was confused. On your point of order, a no vote does leave it open for further modifications, further motions, which might, for example, amend this.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

Thank you.

Douglas McMillan, Department of Pennsylvania

Douglas McMillan, Commander, Pennsylvania Department. I Just wanted to say since we're talking about this whole thing has brought up a lot of things. You have to remember that whenever we start dealing with the issues about dues paid, dual membership, that sort of thing, there are many different facets to this issue that have to be considered. Voting rights in a Camp come up as being at risk. We have an issue in Pennsylvania right now where we have on ladies side of the fence. They have an Auxiliary that is trying to close. They're claiming that five dual members who came in to save that Auxiliary do not have the right to vote to save that Auxiliary. C&R doesn't matter. But we have that fight now over there. We also have a question of, "Do you have a vested interest in that dual membership?" I personally am a dual member in a Camp in Carlisle. My primary is in Gettysburg. I'm in Carlisle to save that Camp because it is dying. It's one of the oldest Camps in the State and we're trying to save it. We have a member at Camp that is trying desperately to kill it. He believes that the Organization has outlived its useful purpose and should die, and lobbying hard. If I were put in a position now where I have no vote in that position of trying to save that Camp, we lose a Camp. We lose one of the oldest Camps in the country. We have a lot of different things to consider here. I think this is a very dangerous and touchy issue. If we act on one aspect of it, we are going to create a crack

that puts fragment and just goes out in every direction and will open up several other new issues which will cause much bigger problems than a couple of bucks to National.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Past Department Commander, Department of Indiana, Secretary. I've been Secretary of this Department for twelve years. I've been a member for fifteen. The first year I was not a Secretary. I served two years as Department Commander. No one else wants this job, gentlemen, because of all the complications. This is just one more complication you're piling in on top of everything else. And if you've ever set there with a bunch of Form 27's trying to balance them in to a Form 35, you know what the hell I mean with all that paperwork in front of you. And I think that we need to stop and think about this thing and back off of it because you're just piling ten more pounds in that five pound bag.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Last one. No, you're the last one.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. I do believe that the committee's recommendation needs to be put on hold. I disagree with the National Treasurer because of something he said. If we are a bottom up Organization, it's the responsibility to do it from the bottom up. Now I understand there are places where some of our members wear three or four hats. But there are also places where some of our members can't get into some of those hats because guys won't give them up. If it's a bottom up problem, then one Camp Secretary sees someone joining as a dual member, he calls the other Camp Secretary. Did he pay his dues and would he amend the form accordingly. I'm not in favor of adopting the proposal as is. I know we'll get to that at some point. The only thing I am not in favor of is dual members not being counted toward a new Camp. Dual members should not be charged twice on the Department and National level if they are within the same Department and National, which many times in fact they are. It's penalizing people who want to be active. It's penalizing new people who want to come in. It's penalizing people who want to go from one place to another even if only temporarily for a few years and actively join a Camp to help out. I don't know if I were in that situation I'd be able to afford it and if it maintains the status quo as is, I wouldn't be willing to.

Encampment

(applause)

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

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn. I guess this is a question to the Parliamentarian or to Rich or somebody who might be able to think this thing a little bit more clearly than what I am. We can't dictate to a Department if they're going to charge per capita for everybody in the Department. The only thing we can affect is what the National charges. So in other words, if the Department wants to charge everybody if they're dual members in three different Camps, the Department's going to charge them per capita for the Department in three different Camps so they'll pay three different Department per capitas.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's correct.

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

So all we're doing is talking about National right now. Correct?

John Kogan, Department of Vermont

I'm John Kogan, a delegate from the Department of Vermont. The only person here from Vermont. I'm very new here. Probably the only one that's newer than me at this gathering was the drummer that we had up here. I've only been a member for a few months. I only decided to come down here to this Encampment a few days ago. And I drove down from Vermont. I actually prepared, one of the few

things I did, I prepared coming down and I read the various motions. And when I read this one, I got really excited because I didn't even know about the possibility of dual membership. When I joined a few months ago, I had to kind of figure out which Camp I was going to join and now the possibility of me being a dual member with another Camp that I really like is very exciting. I agree with all the people that are for this proposal. I don't think that we should concur with the committee. I think we should vote down, and then bring this up on the floor and tweek it. That's my take as a new member.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

You're the last one.

John Conrad, Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1

Commander, John Conrad, Picacho Peak Camp #1, Camp-at-Large. I just want to point out to the membership that the proposal #7 which the C&R Committee recommends refers to primary or home Departments for Council of Administration. Obviously, to determine whether or not somebody's not or is eligible for the Council of Administration assuming that we're tracking that some way. You can't have it both ways. Under proposal 1, you can't say you can't track that and under proposal 7, you can say well we got to track that otherwise you're not eligible for election.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're going to vote on this, but I'm just going warn you, please really consider what you're going to do because we make this change ultimately it's going to require a lot of effort, planning, and execution. Okay? It's not going to be snap our fingers and magically it's there. You know, there's going to be a lot of planning that's going to be needed to make this happen.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

A yes vote means you concur with the recommendation of the Committee and the Committee is rejecting the proposal. If you vote no, that means you do not agree with the Committee's recommendation and it allows this to go through and then you guys can place a motion on the floor to adopt this as an amendment to the C&R. That's the second part. First part is whether you agree or disagree. Here we go. All in favor, raise your cards. Yea, it's going to be close. All opposed, yea. We need to do a count. Leave opposed up and Okay. Now, is for the yeses. You can put your cards down.

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

The yea's have it.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

What's the numbers, please?

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

61 to 57.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

61 yea's, 57 no's. So the motion means you guys agree with the Committee and reject this.

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Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. We're ready for proposal #2 on page 36. This is a proposal from the National Treasurer and his Officer's Report at the 132nd National Encampment and was referred to the C&R Committee for action. This affects Chapter 1, Article 6, Section 4. This change will add a new paragraph to Section 4 of this Article of the Regulations. This change calls for the automatic suspension of a Camp's charter if the Camp fails to file its Form 22, Form 35, or EIN Report on time. C&R Committee recommends approval of this amendment. This adds Section 4(c), "Any camp which fails to file Form 22, Form 35, or EIN Report by the dates specified herein shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension."

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Please note that because this was an agreement to the resolution, it requires a 2/3's vote.

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

Clarification. Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. What were the forms again? 22, 35, and the EIN? EIN Report and the 35 is Department. What 22 I thought was the Camp installation. It should be 49 if we're dealing with Department. Shouldn't it?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There's another one dealing with the Department.

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

It then should be 22, 27, and EIN. That's correct.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. This says any Camp and it says Form 22 which is correct for the Camp. Then it says Form 35 which is only correct for the Department. If you're talking about the Camp, that's Form 27. And then the EIN. So, if this is for Camps, one of those needs to be changed.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. The Committee will a-adjust that to Form 27. 22, 27, and the EIN on time.

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

Point of order, sir. Sorry. I forgot to carry the one. Thank you to our Color Bearer. And I was double-checking my work too because of my math teacher taught me that. But, it was a vote of 67, not 57.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Which one? The last one? We've got a problem.

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

So the no's had it. 'Cause I didn't carry the one. My apologies. So, if you'd like to take a revote just to double check. But, I didn't carry the one. I apologize.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

How do we handle that? Should we discuss this? 'Cause I've got a visitor. There's been a motion to reconsider. Well, let's take care of this one first. And then we're going to go back to that 'cause we need to do some discussion. But we also have a lady visitor outside.

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

All right. Also, too, in Section C(4) the Camp does not file an EIN Report with the Department. They file all that information on the Form 22. EIN report is filed by the Department with the National Order.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It is but, the Regulations also require the Camps to file an EIN Report.

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

What they file, what they give us is 990 EZ.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's only in Pennsylvania, 'cause Pennsylvania required them to file that. The EIN Report for the Camp is part Form 22, but it is specified separately in the Regulations.

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

Well, what EIN Report would that be for a Camp to file with the Department?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It's on the Form 22. The problem is Regulations specify it as a separate report when it's not. It's a combined Form 22 and EIN Report.

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

Okay. Very good.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bruce.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Bruce Frail, Past Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island, National Graves Registration Officer. I just have a question. It says that it would be an automatic suspension. Right now, does the Commander-in-Chief have the ability to weigh what may be the reason why there's a problem and this would be taken away from him? Basically, the reason why I'm asking is because the educational program that we've been trying to get through is being cancelled because it circumvents the Commander's control. This would be doing the same thing.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

The way this is proposed automatically suspends if the report's not filed on time.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Correct. But does that mean that currently the Commander-in-Chief has the ability to weigh a situation which may not be able to be handled, if it's automatic? Whereas, the Commander-in-Chief would be able to work out a situation prior to an automatic suspension.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

I would think so.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Remember, Commander-in-Chief doesn't have the authority to suspend a Camp, the Department Commander does.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

But this specific language which is for a Camp.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Exactly.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

So, how can we even vote on this if the Commander-in-Chief doesn't have the right to do that? The National doesn't have the right to automatically say what a Camp can do, that would be Department like you just said.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The National Organization absolutely has the control over a Camp charter.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Correct.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The issue, and this is the National Organization saying if you don't file your reports, we're suspending your charter.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

But by doing this automatically, aren't you circumventing the Department Commander's authority?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No. We're supplementing it.

Encampment

(laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The problem is there are too many Department Commanders who just totally ignore it. They're not doing their job. This was voted on and approved last year. And all the Encampment approved it and simply told the C&R Committee to write the language to be inserted.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Then why are we voting on it if it...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It requires another vote. That would have to be determined by the Parliamentarian because it was approved at the Encampment last year.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

'Cause if this is just a matter of language.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It was approved with instructions to the C&R Committee to write the language to be inserted in to the C&R.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Do we have the minutes to last Encampment so we can refer back to them.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

They have not been published yet.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Commander, I'm not sure if it would be proper for us to vote if there's the question of whether or not we should be voting, like Brother Orr is stating. It seems like if we're voting on this and it's already been approved we may be changing what happened last year.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

The Encampment can always change anything that happened last year. That's not a problem. James Pahl, Past Com-Commander-in-Chief, Parliamentarian. The problem is last year's Encampment proceedings have not been published. We don't have any official record to say whether this was done or not. Specific language which was not approved last year. I think it's appropriate for this Encampment to look at the specific language and approve whether or not it should be inserted.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Okay, so what we're really voting on is the language of this, not how it's presented.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Not the concept, but, the specific language.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Okay, so we're not voting basically to approve the recommendation of the Committee or to reject the recommendation of the committee. We're actually deciding how the language should be.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Right. A no vote would send it back to the Committee for further drafting.

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Okay, thank you.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. I have a question of how the Commander-in-Chief will know if a Camp has not reported in time when there's a delay in between Camp reports being moved up to the Department levels.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I get a request from the Department Commander.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander-in-Chief, Don Gates, Past Department Commander of Texas, current Secretary/Treasurer. The Brother Counselor took part of my question. But the other half of my question was since this is an issue that would be come up between the Camp and the Department Commander, then, his authority in the Department is reduced by this because it gives him no discretion as to whether he can allow this Camp to continue or whether he must eliminate it. Isn't that contrary to the concept that is generally been provided of giving the Commander always the final authority?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief and National Treasurer. It acts in some respects it is taking away the authority of the Department Commander to let a Camp continue to function when they are not meeting their obligations. What you need to realize is these reports contain information, every one of these, that must be reported to the I.R.S. The I.R.S. gives us no leeway for the

deadlines as when that information is required to be reported. Right now, the information, particularly the EIN Number, it has to be to the Departments by the 15th of February. It has to be to the National Organization by the 15th of March and the report has to be compiled, listing every EIN of every subordinate of the National Organization and submitted to the I.R.S. by the 1st of April. So, we only have fifteen days to put that together. And that's not just the Camps, and Departments; and every SVR unit as well. That report is ninety some pages long because it has to contain the name and address of every responsible person who is the contact in that Organization for the I.R.S. This is nearly impossible for the National Organization to compile because it doesn't come in electronically half the time. And it has to be taken out of other reports. So, that's one of the big issues. We are up against deadlines imposed by the I.R.S. When a Camp doesn't comply and the Department doesn't take action, it really it hurts us because the I.R.S. is now in the process of developing regulations that will make the National Order responsible for subordinates not filing their information on time the 990N which we'll get to in the next proposal. We'll be held responsible if the Camp doesn't file it. Which means the National Order is subject to being fined and penalized because a Camp doesn't file on time, unless we disassociate from them. The only way we have to legally disassociate from them is to suspend their charter. When a charter is suspended, the Camp does not go out of existence. It simply can do nothing except correct the problem which caused them to be suspended. They can't hold any activities. They can't vote. They can only hold meetings to allow them to complete and file the necessary reports. When it is filed, then the suspension will automatically be lifted.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I need to suspend this for a minute. We actually have a visitor. I didn't realize it ran over an hour. She's been waiting to come in and do visitation. I need to suspend this so we can bring her in. Please, have a seat. We'll resume this.

Unfortunately, the address from the Women's Relief Corps Women's Relief Corps ladies did not get recorded. The recording picks up with the response to them.

Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Representative, from the Women's Relief Corps. We're just delighted to have you with us today and thank you for your generous expression of best wishes for us and your presence here with us today. For more than a century, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War has marched hand in hand to honor the Boys in Blue, who saved our precious Union from disunity. How good it is to walk with the like-minded Sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long and it's been fruitful. But the march continues. Our tasks become even more difficult in this 21st century, as fewer Americans feel that a central bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors, whose memory we honor. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new century and beyond. The spirit of the Boys in Blue march with us. Thank you.

Cindy Zerkowski, National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

And thank you for your kind words. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

[one rap, *]

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, in response to the question there was not a vote last year. There was a lengthy debate that time. The Committee concurred with sending it to the C&R Committee to write the language and bring it back. There was no vote. It was simply sent by the Commander-in-Chief to the C & R Committee. I do have the rough draft of last year's proceedings here. The unedited version with all the uh's and ah's and e-i-e-i-o's by Charlie.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Everything is transcribed. Everything.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Every noise you make.

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

I know. I know. I read mine. I remember what it was.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander, Don Gates, Past Department Commander of Texas. Continuing my comment, I completely concur with the National Treasurer and Secretary in that it is absolutely essential that these items that are being talked about here be complied with, not just in a timely manner, in a very efficient and timely manner. I have no problem with that at all. My only concern is, and my only belief is, is that this Organization is built on what I believe to be a military structure of Commanders and command. And, I believe that the Camp Commanders are the ones who are directly responsible for making sure that their Secretary/Treasurers are performing properly. And that the Commander of the Department should be receiving information from his Secretary/Treasurer when there is a Camp that's not complying so that he can elevate the Commander of those Camps to get his job done. And if he doesn't do that job, then he in fact should bear the burden of the impact on the Department. And, I agree that not without talk to bring up another proposal, but I agree pretty much with the way it's written as far as the Department is concerned. My only concern was the interruption of the chain of command and the fact that practically speaking, how would you ever know unless somebody at the Department level came to you and said, "Hey, I've got a Camp that isn't complying." And, in that case, I would not had a problem with them being automatically removed on these grounds so long as the Commander of the Department has the authority to ignore that and deal with it himself if he can. Thank you, sir.

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

Brother, Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief Department of Pennsylvania. Two things. One, there's not been any motion made has there?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes. The recommendation counts as a motion.

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

But I didn't hear anybody object to that. We just got up. First thing was I asked a question whether the form numbers were correct.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

There's been no objection. It requires affirmative vote because it changes the Regulations.

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

That's correct. Or somebody else can make a motion to change the wording here. Correct?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

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

I make a motion that this wording be changed to read, "Any Camp which fails to file the Form 22, Form 27, or EIN Report by the dates specified herein, shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension."

Several

Second.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. You now have a motion and a second. You need to open it up for discussion on that motion and second. And then we

can go where we need to go.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

The Committee accepts the recommendation that's been made changing it to Department Commander.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So the wording will be as follows. "Any Camp which fails to file the Form 22, Form 27, or EIN Report by the dates specified herein shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension." Discussion.

Douglas McMillan, Department of Pennsylvania

Well, Brother Charlie pretty much stole some of my thunder there. I did want to make a point. This is Doug McMillan, Pennsylvania Department Commander. As it had been worded prior to this motion, it was a usurpation of power. I understand the reason behind it, complying with the I.R.S., particularly in the past few years, has become crucial. It's something that we cannot afford to not comply with or our entire Organization can be shut down, essentially. It is however, incumbent upon the Department Commander to ensure that any Camp that has not gotten their paperwork in complete, and correct by the set deadlines they already have, it is their duty to suspend any Camp that is not in compliance. This is not a personal thing. This is not something where we don't like that Camp or we're picking on them or we're trying to make life difficult for them. We are simply saying that the Department, that we are in command of, is more important than dealing with letting these guys slide a little bit. We cannot do that. It's not personal. You suspend them. They fix the problem. You reinstate them. It's that simple. Any Department Commander should know that when they are standing in that office as a Department Commander, if you are not in compliance, it is incumbent upon the Commander-in-Chief to suspend your Department. Again, it's not personal. The Commander-in-Chief has to protect the National Organization. I believe, that as it was worded, it was a usurpation of power. If we are to change anything, if it is becoming so difficult to comply in time and get the reports filed with the I.R.S., maybe we need to be looking at adjusting the dates that our forms are filed rather than trying to reorganize the chain of command.

Albert Smith, Department of Massachusetts

Good afternoon, my name is Al Smith. I'm Camp 5 from the Massachusetts. I'd like to just reiterate the point about bypassing the authority given to the Department Commander. As far as the records not being supplied, it is up to the Department Commander to make sure that the files are properly filed. In other words, Commander gets after each Camp, "Get the forms in to me." If there are circumstances beyond the control of the Department Commander, then it's up to that person to request it from the National to say, "I need an extension of time." Speaking on the subject of an extension of time, the I.R.S. requires that the forms be submitted by a certain date. But that does not prohibit us from requesting an extension of time to file the forms, which the I.R.S. will grant. As far as the suspension itself, there has to be a space for circumstances beyond the control of each Camp. That would be up to the Department Commander to submit that request to the Nationals and say "I need an extension of time to file because the person responsible has died, or sick, or is away in Europe" or whatever. And again, previous speaker, change the due date of the necessary forms. But, to bypass the Department Commander is not the way to go. They should have the full authority of the National, full authority of the Department, and authority on each Camp level. Do not pass the authority given to each person. Thank you.

Kent M. Melcher, Department of Kansas

Commander-in-Chief, Kent Melcher, Department of Kansas. Point of order. I thought I heard the National Treasurer say earlier that the National Organization charters the Camps. Therefore can the Department Commander be authorized to suspend a charter?

Kent M. Melcher, Department of Kansas

It's in the bylaws to do that? All right. Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, before you take the vote because there's some misinformation that was stated there. There are no provisions in the tax code for an extension to file a GRS100, which is the EIN Report. It's a group report of subordinates. It must be filed by April 1st. There are no provisions for an extension. There are no provisions in the tax code for an extension beyond the 15th of May or the 15th of November to file the 990N. It's not like file...it's not like...it is not like filing your 1040, where you can apply for an automatic six month suspension or filing our 990 where you can get an automatic three month suspension. There are no extensions. There are no automatic extensions or even provision for extensions for those two reports.

Albert Smith, Department of Massachusetts

Al Smith from Camp 5 Lynn, Mass. If there is no ability to grant an extension by the I.R.S., then change the due date required by the National. Instead of March 15th, make it February 15th and allow every level to make sure that the request is being applied to. If the Department Commander has not received the forms by let's say February 15th, then he notifies the National Commander, "I don't have all the forms," then what do you think the National Commander is going say? "Get after them. Find someone who will fill out the forms and get it into us 'cause we need it by April 1st." But to bypass the Department Commander, to say the National has the right to suspend you and we will do so, is wrong. You're bypassing rank. I'm sorry, but there is certain jobs that are bestowed upon each level. You, as a Department Commander, have a certain responsibility. You, as the National Commander, have a certain responsibility. So do it. Change the due dates of the forms to an earlier date, that way you can give a little bit more leeway.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, National Treasurer, Past Commander-in-Chief. First, the wording as it currently stands doesn't bypass the Department Commander. It does compel the Department Commander to suspend a Camp. He has no option. Second, in order to change those due dates, we have to change the required election period for Camp officers. We have to change the latest that you can install new Camp officers. Because right now, you can install Camp officers up until the 31st of January and be in compliance with the C&R. Which means, it's possible that you cannot mail the report to the Department Secretary before the 1st of February. He's got to compile them and get them to the Executive Director and to myself by the 15th of March, so he's got a month to put them together. That is the month leeway for a for a Camp that doesn't have its act together, to get its report in. So there's already a thirty day leeway built in there. But, yet, they still don't comply.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, National Counselor. We've already made changes to the wording that does not get rid of the power of the Department Commander. And to be honest, I've been in this Organization a long time and it doesn't matter what date you put down there, some guy's going to be late. I can set there and say it has to be Christmas, and there'll be somebody is late. They do it every time. They come in here, I'll give you a prime example. Sons of Veterans, the SVR is going to have a breakfast tomorrow. I sent out, I thing back in April. I have to receive it by the 1st of August. Then why do I get a call on the 8th of August for a reservation? Okay? We've changed the wording to put the Department Commander in the loop. Changing the dates are not going to change anything other than we're going to have more people late because they can't figure it out. So, I just want to vote.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Last one.

Merle Rudebusch, Department of Nebraska

Commander-in-Chief, Merle Rudebusch, from the Department of Nebraska, Past Department Commander and current Department Secretary/Treasurer. Reading this amendment, there's a lot of confusion here because we got both the Department and the Camps involved in one phrase. There needs to be a delineation of responsibility. The Department has to file the form EIN Number as well as the Camps. So, you're saying if the Camp fails to file, that Commander-in-Chief will issue the automatic suspension. That's what it says, "Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order..." So, the question is, why do we not rephrase this whole sentence so we have each level have their own level of responsibility? That way the Camp reports to the Department and Department reports to National and this is the way it's been operating in our State for a number of years. So, each one has their own level of responsibility. That way, the Commander-in-Chief, then if the Department's not functioning properly, then they are suspended.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I call the previous question.

Several

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we have a motion to end the debate. All in favor.

Encampment

Aye.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Opposed.

Encampment

(laughter)

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Now we're going to reread the motion.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Okay. A motion by Brother Kuhn and seconded to change the wording to say Section 4(c) "Any Camp which fails to file the Form 22, Form 27, or EIN Report by the dates specified herein shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension." And the C&R Committee accepted that amendment.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes. Next.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Someone has to make a motion to reconsider.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Commander-in-Chief, In light of the fact that the people counting the vote on item #1 miscounted and the no's won, I move that that item be reconsidered.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, from you a question to Brother Jerry. Did you vote yes or no?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

What difference does it make?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Whether or not you can make that motion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Only someone who voted on prevailing side.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

We all voted one way or the other and if there was a miscount in the vote, we want the correct count to be issued.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

But it's limited as to who can make the motion.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Well, I voted against it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Only someone on the prevailing side as the vote reported can make a motion to reconsider.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

On the prevailing side, which was incorrectly counted?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's right.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That's right.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

So somebody has to change their vote.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Nope. Nope.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I voted a yes vote, which means, I am now allowed to say that I request that the original vote be reconsidered.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

A motion to reconsider.

Several

Second.

Encampment

(cheering and clapping)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion to reconsider the previous... #1. Any discussion? Good. All in favor. What? To reconsider the vote. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes. Okay, now what do we do?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It's a motion to reconsider which means, well, actually, we can debate the whole thing again.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Can you reread that original motion? We're going to reread the motion that we're reconsidering.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I just want to ask one question. Are we going to rehash this whole thing or are we just going to revote?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Re-vote.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

The resolution was to change Section 6. “Applicants who are members of the Order in one Camp or a Member-at-Large may become a dual member of another Camp. The applicant is not subject to the National per capita assessment for Camps which he joins as a dual member. He pays National per capita assessment only for his primary or home Camp. Dual member shall not be counted towards the required number of members established or required to establish a new Camp.” The Committee did not concur. Brother Orr moved to concur with the Committee. Brother Kuhn seconded it.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

A yes vote means you agree with the Committee which is to not concur with the recommendation. Okay. Ready? Here we go.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, National Parliamentarian. A yes vote means you agree with the Committee and the matter dies and we do not amend the Regulations. A no vote means you disagree with the Committee and the matter is still alive. We do not amend Regulations, but we can make additional motions to do something else. So, a yes vote agrees with the Committee and the matter’s dead. Regulations are not amended.

There was a problem with the recording and some of the conversation on this did not get recorded, however, everything that was missed by the recorder was noted by the National Secretary. Following is from the Secretaries minutes.

The vote was 60 For and 72 Opposed. Did not receive the necessary 2/3 vote to change the Regulations.

PC-in-C Charles Kuhn moved and was seconded, “That the incoming C-in-C appoint a committee to work this out for implementation and bring it back to the Council of Administration, with the CinC authorized to forward this to the C&R Committee and/or P&P Committee.”

The recorded proceedings takes up from here.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

Can I say that I would like instead of the way it’s worded now, that it would say that “the Committee will report back next year for the implementation?”

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

That’s what I said.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

That’s not exactly, it sounded a little more ambiguous, Charlie. I’m sorry.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, you can’t do that.

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

I intended for the incoming Commander-in-Chief to have a way to implement this next year this time.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

All right. So I’m just trying to clarify. We are making a Committee that will report back next year and that we will have implemented this motion next year. We’ll have implemented this plan.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

...No...

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Charlie, should we just add the words “to work this out for implementation?”

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

Right, the incoming Commander-in-Chief establish a Committee to figure out how to implement this next year.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I don't want to let the impression that this Committee report is going to be in implementation. There will still need to be a vote because you have to amend the Constitution and Regulations to implement it.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

And will then those have to go out to the Departments for approval? If we change the Constitution and Regulations next year, by that 2/3's vote, does that conclude it or will that have to go out then to the Departments to be ratified?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You've asked two questions. If you're amending the Constitution, yes it has to go out to Departments for concurrence. If you're amending the Regulations no.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

So, we're basically just amending the Regulations.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Regulations. That can be done by this Encampment, or the next Encampment.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

Well, can we today do something with this motion that's on the floor? Change it or change the wording of it, so that we're making that change and we're saying that change is being made and it will be implemented next year?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No. You can't do that.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

That's what I wanted to know.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Because we don't have the specific language in front of us to approve or disapprove.

Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake

All right. So the next year's Encampment will have to approve whatever the Regulation change is. That's fine.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

If you want to implement it, yes. By 2/3's.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, National Counselor. With this special committee that's being appointed, or at least requested to be appointed, there needs to be something in Charlie's motion that they work with the C&R Committee to come up with this because you're changing the C&R. And all changes to the C&R goes through the C&R Committee. Either it's going to go to this special committee who will then turn it over to yet another year for the C&R Committee to review, or this special committee will work with the C&R Committee to approve the thing for implementation.

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

Can I just change it to make the C&R Committee do the change to the wording? Because this body told them to make the change.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, may I? Charlie, since you're standing there you may accept this or not. I would offer an amendment that this committee report to the Council of Administration no later than the meeting in Springfield next April and that the Council of Administration and the Commander-in-Chief have the authority to forward this to either the PandP Committee or C&R for additional action as needed to amend the Constitution and Regulations and develop the program.

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

That a reasonable amount of time for them to come up with this.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

So you are accepting that as a friendly amendment?

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

Yes, yes I am.

Chuck Polan, Department of Chesapeake

Commander-in-Chief, Chuck Polan, from the Department of the Chesapeake. In the discussion of this before the prior set of votes, there was considerable sentiment that the portion of this original proposal that talked about not allowing dual members to participate in the formation of a new chapter was inappropriate. Is it possible to make a modification to the directions to this committee to delete that portion of the proposal? Can I propose that as an amendment? I'd like to make that motion. Is that Parliamentarily allowed?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

Chuck Polan, Department of Chesapeake

Okay. I'd like to move that that portion of the proposal be stricken from this and that the Committee be directed to deal with the proposal without that portion, the last sentence that says "dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp." I'd like to see that deleted from this and that the Committee deal only with the first portion of the proposal.

Several

Second.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Okay. The amendment is the sentence, "Dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish a new Camp," shall be deleted.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor. Opposed. There's three opposed. So, the amendment passes.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Now we have the motion as amended.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We're still debating that.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

That's what you're voting on, with all the amendments.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Do you want me to read the whole thing?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do you want it read again?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I make a substitute motion to simply adopt the language minus the last sentence.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I don't hear a second yet.

Unknown

Repeat the motion.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The motion is to adopt the language as presented minus the last sentence.

Several

Second.

Unknown

Well, can we do that with the other motion...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It's a substitute motion.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, substitute motion. So this is a substitute motion to replace what we just did. Please restate the substitute motion just to be absolutely clear.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It's a substitute motion to approve the language as proposed absent the last sentence dealing with dual members in multiple used on charters.

Chuck Polan, Department of Chesapeake

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief, Chuck Polan, from the Department of the Chesapeake. Doesn't the originator of the motion have to agree to the substitution?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No.

Ed Krieser, Department of Indiana

Ed Krieser, Department of Indiana. In other words, what you're saying is this motion can take his motion and shove it out the door, its gone. Because they know that there's not 2/3's here, so they want to bring it up now so it's voted down.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Harry, Reineke, Department of Illinois. I just want to clarification from the Parliamentarian. If a substitute motion fails, does this gentleman's motion still get a chance to vote?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No. It's done.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

I recommend we reject this substitute motion.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. This is the motion that we voted and failed with sixty votes. We need to vote against this motion and not give them 2/3's and the issue is dead.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right. What I did was made a substitute motion on the same topic that we approve the language as is as an amendment to the regulations. A yes vote approves it. A no vote doesn't approve it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Because this is an amendment to the Regulations and the Regulations that say an amendment must take a 2/3's vote.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I just want to go to vote on this. We're going around in circles on the debate

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No. A motion to substitute replaces the motion on the floor with a substitute. Which we vote on directly. A yes vote adopts the substitute motion. A no vote rejects the substitute motion. But in this case, because it is amending National Regulations, a yes vote has to have 2/3's to pass the motion. A no vote kills the issue all together.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We're going to reread the substitute motion.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Okay. The substitute motion is Section 6, "Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in one Camp or Member-at-Large may become a dual member of another Camp. The applicant is not subject to the National per capita assessment for Camps which he joins as a dual member. He pays National per capita

assessment only for his primary or home Camp.”

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. No more debate. All in favor, raise your card. It’s definitely not 2/3’s.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Ask for no votes.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

No votes. Yea, it’s about 50-50 Motion fails.

[one rap, *]

Kent M. Melcher, Department of Kansas

Brother, Commander-in-Chief, Kent Melcher, Department of Kansas. We just rejected a substitute motion which puts the previous motion back on the floor. Does it not?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No.

Kent M. Melcher, Department of Kansas

According to Robert’s Rules of Order that we just read over here, it does.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Where does it say that?

Kent M. Melcher, Department of Kansas

If you have a motion on the floor and a substitute motion comes up, that only negates the previous motion if that motion passes. That’s Robert’s Rules of Order.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Can you cite me the section, please?

Kent M. Melcher, Department of Kansas

He lost it on his phone, but we’re trying to get it back. But that is Robert’s Rules of Order, folks. I’m sorry. I’ve been doing this a long time also.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Well, I’m not arguing with you. I just don’t find that yet. And it would help me if I knew where you are at. So I can read it for myself.

Larry Slagle, Department of the Chesapeake

Larry Slagle, Department of the Chesapeake. Right now we have a question on whether or not Brother Kuhn’s motion is still alive. So, I make a motion that we table the discussion until that’s worked out.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. This motion to table this...

Unknown

I will second that motion.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

No debate. All in favor. Opposed. It’s tabled.

[one rap, *]

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

Commander-in-Chief, for those Brothers who don’t know, if this subject is not removed off the table by the end of this Encampment, it dies.

Joe Rainey, Department of Missouri

Joe Rainey, Department of Missouri. Every member will have to have a membership card. Correct?

Why can’t person be a dual membership only if he has a membership card from his primary Camp, which would prove that he paid his National dues?

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell. Point of order. I don’t believe we have anything on the floor now to discuss.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

He didn't know what he was standing up for. So it's tabled. No more discussion 'till it's untabled.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. We're ready for proposal #3 on page 37.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

I hope this one moves a little quicker. This change will add a new section to Chapter 1 Article 7 of the Regulations. This change calls for the automatic suspension of a Camp's charter if the Camp fails to file its I.R.S. Form 990N on time. The C&R Committee has made an adjustment in this so that it should read Section 5, "Any Camp which fails to file its U.S. Internal Revenue Service I.R.S. Form 990N or any future replacements for Form 990N by the date specified shall be automatically suspended and the Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension." In your handout it says, "Commander-in-Chief." We've changed that to "Department Commander." The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. In the past, the National Treasurer has stated that he does not want the 990's coming to him.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's right.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

There's no rules about 990's going to the Department Treasurer or Secretary or any level there, so are we assuming here that we'll get a report from the I.R.S. of who has not reported and at that point get suspended?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We're looking that up, but...

John Conrad, Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1

Commander, John Conrad, Picacho Peak Camp #1, Camps-at-Large. I think it's a friendly amendment, but I believe there's a typo and as read after the first comma where it says, "or/and future amendments," it should say, "or any future amendments."

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. The Committee makes that adjustment.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana, Past Department Commander, Secretary. As the Secretary of my Department, I require all Camps to send me a copy of the acceptance that the I.R.S. issues them after they file the 990N. That's how I know they've done it.

Craig E. Dunstan, Department of Kansas

Craig Dunstan, from the Department of Kansas. I would like to make a friendly amendment that we insert somewhere in there that the "receipt be received by the Department Secretary" by that date.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, we've already adopted that amendment to the Regulations. It's one of the ones that wasn't published yet from last year that required the Camps to submit it through the Departments.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Let's vote on this one. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, Proposal #4 on page 37. This change will add a new section to Article 1 Chapter 2 of the Regulations. And this change calls for the automatic suspension of a Department's Charter if the Department fails to file its annual report and pay its per capita dues on time for five consecutive years. And the Committee recommends approval of the amendment. The new Section 10 reads, "When a Department fails to file the 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 revoked. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic revocation." Committee recommends approval.

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

I object. Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania. Why do we gotta wait five years?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Because that's what we voted on last year.

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

If they haven't paid it in two years, why don't we get rid of 'em? The Camp...the Department is actually failing to function.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, the original proposal last year was for three years and the Encampment amended that to five years.

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

Well, if the Brethren said that five years is what they want, I just don't understand why we got to wait...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

You can amend it back to three if you can get it adopted at three.

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

I say two years is plenty. If the Department hasn't filed their paperwork and paid their dues in two years, they aren't really a Department.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Then by two years, come on. Charlie, don't forget this is not a suspension. This is a revoking the Department charter.

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

Yea, they've had been suspended at the end of the first year, and they've had a full year to get their act together and they still ain't got their act together? They're gone.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That means if they file it late two consecutive years, you would revoke the charter for the Department. It's not that they didn't file it at all. It's that they filed it late two consecutive years.

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

I withdraw my objection.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Daniel Murray, Department Secretary/Treasurer for the Department of Massachusetts. My question is if you're late by one day for five years or two days, you're going to pull the charters? You're going to pull the charter for that Department and do away with it? Revocation means you're going away with the Department.

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

Right.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

It doesn't mean you're suspending it. Last year, what they talked about was after five consecutive years, the members of that Department would not be allowed to vote at the next annual Encampment. Said

nothing about revoking their charter. And if you pull the minutes, I'm almost positive of that if you pull the minutes. It has nothing to do with revocation of the charter.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, the proposal is as it was presented. Which is the revoking of the charter after five years.

Eric D. Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Point of order. I don't remember but that was young Eric's amendment. I made that amendment. I also wrote it down after I said it and this is what I gave. I put it forward so it was in writing. "When a Department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the Regulations for five consecutive years, the Department loses the right to vote at that year's National Encampment." That was the original, young Eric's amendment. That's very different. It was an incentive to get your stuff in on time so that you can participate at the National level, not kick these people out after they've spent all this time.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Well, that proposal was submitted to the C&R Committee for consideration and we revised it.

John Conrad, Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1

Commander, John Conrad Picacho Peak Camp #1. A point of information, if the Department Charter is revoked, does that make the Camps, Camps-at-Large or how does it affect the Camps?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

They become Camps-at-Large.

John Conrad, Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1

And I ask that because the charter comes from National, not from the Department.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

They become Camps-at-Large.

Steve Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

Steve Hackett, the Department of Rhode Island. I don't know what we're talking about. We have the motion from last year. I voted for it last year. Either we change it or vote it down. End of discussion.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, we have to vote on this one first. If somebody else wants to bring that motion to...

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. First, I'd like to say, I do remember Eric's motion and we did vote for it. Second, if you look at the note above that, it says here the change calls for an automatic suspension of a Department's charter, not being revoked.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Well, that's simply a note from the C&R Committee and they misspoke there.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Again, we still have to vote on this recommendation.

John Conrad, Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1

Is the motion the same or did the Committee misspeak on what they're...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'm still trying to find it

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Motion says automatic revocation

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Is there a motion on the floor right now?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

The motion is from the Committee?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, then I move for a substitute motion to change the word “revoke” to “suspend” and vote on that.

Several

Second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, that’ll accomplish nothing because right now the Commander-in-Chief can suspend if they’re one day late. This was the result of a problem of habitual lateness. Suspending them again isn’t going to do anything and this was the whole debate last year. Suspending some Departments, now I’m not going to sit here and name them but there’s three of them, doesn’t mean anything because they ignore the suspension.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, in this case, it’s the word automatic is inserted in there it doesn’t give the Commander-in-Chief the option.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That’s correct. After five consecutive years they’ve filed late, they’re done.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So there’s a substitute motion now.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

There’s no second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we have a substitute motion. Seconded. Basically replacing the word “revoked” to “suspension.”

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, that puts us right back where we’re at.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

But, it’s there on the floor, so all in favor. On the substitute motion changing the word “revoked” to “suspension.” All in favor. Opposed. It definitely was 2/3’s. Okay, so it was definitely yes has it.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, we’re back where we are currently at where it is suspended not revoked.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past National Commander-in-Chief, I guess. I’m going to call for a division of the house. I’m not sure that passed by 2/3’s. Because it is permanently amending the Regulations. It was a substitution motion to amend the Regulations. It requires a 2/3’s vote to pass. I’m not sure it passed by 2/3’s vote with a declarative vote. I’m asking for a division of the house, which is basically recount the vote.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Let’s do this again. All in favor, raise your cards and keep them up.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. You guys have to count.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

No, there’s definitely a lot more...

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

That’s definitely 2/3’s but you called for a division so...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It’s got to be counted.

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

The count is 75.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Now, the no votes.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

No votes. Raise your cards.

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

58. The vote was 75 to 58.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, that's not 2/3's so motion fails.

[one rap, *]

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That brings us back to the original motion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Brother Orr pointed out earlier and I've now confirmed in Robert's Rules of Order if there's a substitute motion and it fails, the main motion is back on the floor.

Encampment

(cheers and applause)

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts, Secretary/Treasurer. I would like to make the amendment that after five consecutive years, that the Department in the next National Encampment, be suspended from voting. That was the original intent last year. In other words, if you're late for five years, at the next National Encampment you can't have a vote.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I've got the rough draft. I don't see...

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Well, it wasn't to revoke the charter, I know that. Cause I got up and argued with you last year about this, Richard.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, what I'm going to do with this one cause it's 4:30. We have other things happening. We're going investigate this.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

I'm still making that motion anyways.

Several

Second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There's a referral to his motion but the motion itself isn't here.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, can you get what the motion was?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Was that a substitution or a motion to amend?

Chuck Polan, Department of Chesapeake

Point of order, Commander-in-Chief. This is Chuck Polan from the Department of the Chesapeake. Since the item that was previously tabled was improperly removed from consideration, I'd like to have it brought back up again.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Not tonight. I have to go into recess. We have programs after this.

Chuck Polan, Department of Chesapeake

But it needs to come back up again.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, as long as you do it before the end of the Encampment tomorrow.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Okay, I'm lost on where we are on that motion to amend.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We'll just leave that and go and we'll revisit it. We need to break. Brother Chaplain.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

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[three raps, ***]

[One rap*]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I'm not going to seat you because we're going to bring the ladies right in. Brothers, time's of the essence today. We have a lot of stuff to cover. I am going to be invoking a new rule. Three for, three against, and that's it. We can't have what happened yesterday. We're so far behind. We'll be here 'til Monday. Brother Guide, Guard, will you please make sure we have escorts for all the ladies.

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

Commander-in-Chief, may I introduce Ellen Higgins, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Guide, will you please escort her up please?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, thank you for your visit. And I hope your Encampment last week went really well, and I see you were elected. Do you have any words for us?

Ellen Higgins, President, Daughter of the Union Veterans

Yes, I do. Good morning gentlemen.

Encampment

GOOD MORNING.

Ellen Higgins, President, Daughter of the Union Veterans

Thank you. My name is Ellen Higgins. I'm the newly installed National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. It is an honor for me to be here to represent our organization and to bring greetings from all my Sisters to you and we are hoping that you are going to have and are having a harmonious and joyful Encampment here. That your business at hand is going smoothly and will progress in a steady pace and you will be able to fulfill all your obligations today. I look forward to the banquet this evening and spending more time with Brother Ken as we have in the past. It has been a great pleasure for me living on the East coast over the past couple of years to represent the Daughters at different events up and down the East coast, as our National President at the time was from California. So I kind of got stuck, joyfully, with the East coast responsibilities and I spent a lot of time with Brother Ken and Brother Perley in the years past. We've had great times together. I'm proud to be a member of this organization of the Allied Orders. I have two ancestors that fought in the Civil War. One was a casualty of Ft. Fisher, which I really liked that book last night, he

was a casualty of Ft. Fisher in January of 1865. The other one survived the war and carried on in Philadelphia. I am proud to honor my ancestors that go before me and it's a pleasure to be here in the company of so many gentlemen. Looks like you have a great crowd here.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Andy.

Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief

Welcome President Higgins. All the Brothers are grateful for your attending here today and for your generous expression of your best wishes for us. For more than a century, the Daughters and the Sons have marched hand in hand to honor the Boys in Blue, who saved our precious Union. How good it is to walk with the likes of the Daughters in unity and in harmony, as we have for so many years. It's been a long march. It's a more difficult march today as fewer Americans feel that essential bond of blood to those brave Americans who fought our Civil War, and then to the Boys in Blue, that we remember. But, we're resolved here today to continue our warm and cordial association with the Daughters in this new century. The spirit of the Boys in Blue are marching with you and with us. Thank you.

Ellen Higgins, President, Daughter of the Union Veterans

Thank you.

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping)

Cole Harris, National Guard

Commander, we have another visitation.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Please bring them in.

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

Janice Corfman, National Counselor of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Past National President.

Unknown

Sir, may I present to you Mrs. Lynn Bury. She is the Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and current Historian.

Unknown

Sir, I present to you Miss Phyllis Houston, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Unknown

Commander, I have the honor to introduce Barbara Tyler, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Sisters, thank you for your visitation. I hope your Encampment is going well, and with less problems. We know how all that goes. We are busy. We have a lot of work ahead of us today. We'll definitely be crunching. Do you have any words for us?

Janice Corfman, Counselor and Past National President, Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic

Good morning.

Encampment

GOOD MORNING.

Janice Corfman, Counselor and Past National President, Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic

I'm sure that quite a number of you did know my husband, Charles Corfman, who was Commander-in-Chief. I forget the years. I'm doing good to remember my own years. But, thank you for having us. We always enjoy coming in to greet the gentlemen of your organization. I hope that you are having a good convention and getting a lot accomplished. This is what we're for, to iron out a lot of things and

I'm sure you will be doing that. Well, it's always good to be with the group at least once a year. I'm so glad to see so many of the Sons here because when I first started in these organizations way back, I won't mention dates or years, the Sons were struggling at that time. I can see that you're no longer struggling. You are doing a wonderful job in recruiting. I just wish that our Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will eventually, hopefully get into that situation where we have a room full like this. Thank you so much for having us.

Encampment

(applause)

Janice Corfman, Counselor and Past National President, Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic

Brother Ken, I have been made the spokesperson by default. Sister Judy Rock asked me to express her appreciation for all your kindness and comradery this year. She's had a really good time traveling with you and getting to know you. She's asked me to present you with these gifts and of course a ribbon from her convention.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Lynne Bury, Past National President, Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic

And then, I am cleaning up some business here real fast. I know you're busy and we need to open our sessions too. Three things. First of all, I will set the rumors to rest. We will not be meeting with the Sons of Union Veterans next year at Richmond, Virginia. There are various and sundry reasons and their not secrets. If anybody wants to talk to us about the situation, we'd be more than happy to share what's going on with you. I only hope that you do and are concerned enough to consult us rather than just bashing us on the Internet without even talking to us first. Secondly, I do need to see somebody regarding the challenge coins and possible purchase of some for our organization. Thirdly, We need to see somebody about the Stevenson Project in Illinois. I wanted to be brief because I know we're all busy, we do need to finish up some unfinished business from the last couple of years on some of these projects. I thank you and I hope you're having a really successful convention.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Phyllis Houston, Past National President, Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic

Good morning.

Encampment

GOOD MORNING.

Phyllis Houston, Past National President, Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic

I'm Phillis Houston and I came all the way from Oregon. I enjoy our convention and so it's good to come and see all these gentlemen. But, please, we're not LGR. We're Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thank you.

Barbara Tyler, Past National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Good morning. I'm Barbara Tyler. It's good to be here with the Boys in Blue because we're all here to preserve our Civil War heritage. And that's what it's all about. I hope you have a successful Encampment. Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Andy.

Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, lovely Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thank you for your generous expression

of best wishes for our convention and we express the same for you. For many years, we marched hand in hand remembering the Boys in Blue. It's good to walk with you Sisters and keep alive the memories of the men who fought the American Civil War. More and more difficult to do that as fewer and fewer Americans feel that essential bond of blood. We resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association. It sounds like we have some repair work to do. In this century we'll march hand in hand, once again I'm sure. Thank you for being with us.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping)

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, let's get back to where we were at. Just a couple quick notes. As you've noticed that there's tables instead of chairs. There was a lot of give and take with the hotel to get certain things to happen at certain times. Well, unfortunately, there wasn't going to be enough time to completely break down the theater style before going to the banquet and so on and so forth. There was just a time restriction. Also, we're trying something new because sometimes it's nice to have a table to sit and write on instead of trying to write on your lap. This was a combination of give and take plus we're trying something out. So that's why there are some tables here now. Again, I am reminding you, when we talk about these items, three for, three against. No more. We have a lot of work to do. So, Brother Secretary, will you please read where we left off?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Well, let me try and get that pulled up. We were on proposal four of the substitute motion that had failed for lack of a 2/3's majority, taking us back to the original proposal which, hold on, let me get it back over here, which is the recommendation of the committee. Proposal four is Section 10, "When a Department fails to file the 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 revoked. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic revocation." And I'm not sure. Was there a motion to amend about to be made?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I believe there was an issue afoot where the National Treasurer was going to consult the draft of last year's proceedings to actually tell us what was the actual proposal that was supposed to be sent to the C&R Committee 'cause I believe the young Brother up here on the front wrote it down and said there was a disparity between revocation and suspension. I think that falls to Brother Orr to let us know what exactly what was said.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts, Secretary/Treasurer. There was a motion on the floor when we recessed yesterday. I made the motion and it was seconded by three or four people. So, we still have a motion on the floor. The motion was that, "When a department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the Regulations for five consecutive years, that they will not be seated at the next National Encampment." And I believe it was the same one that was put in last year. That was on the floor and it was seconded before we recessed.

Unknown

Brother Rich, can you read that, what you've pulled from the proceedings?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I did go through the transcription of the proceedings of last year. There were a number of amendments and motions and a lot of comments being made. Taking what was evolved there this would now read, "When a Department fails to file their annual report and the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the Regulations for five consecutive years, the charter shall be automatically suspended. The Department shall lose all voting rights at the succeeding National Encampment, including Past Department Commanders and Department Commander. The Department may not be reinstated until the succeeding National Encampment has occurred." That's the combination of all the amendments that were voted on last year and passed.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, we have a motion and second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I will move to amend that motion that's currently on the floor so that the proposal reads, "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 Past Department Commanders and Department Commander; the Department may not be reinstated until the succeeding National Encampment has occurred."

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And as was stated last year, the reason for that is so that there's no question about them being able to be seated at the Encampment, because if they're reinstated then an argument could be made that they could ask to be seated.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, we have a motion and it was seconded by Brother Eric. Discussion. Remember, three and three. there's no discussion. All in favor, please raise your cards. All opposed. I see three.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, now we're going to vote on the motion with the amendment.

Okay. All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed. I see one.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

That has passed.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, on page 37 of your booklet, proposal number five. This is a change to Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 1. This change reflects the will of the 2004 National Encampment to create the office of Department GAR Records Officer though someone inadvertently forgot to include the motion in the C&R. So, the C&R Committee recommends approval of the amendment. The amendment is listed in the middle of the page for you there. The dark part says, "The Grand Army of the Republic, the GAR Records Officer is added to the list." And the committee recommends adoption of the motion.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections? Well, that was easy. All in favor? Opposed. Unanimous.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number six. Page 38 of your handout. This is a change to Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 3. This change will add two new paragraphs at the end of this third section of the Article. And the change calls for the automatic suspension of the Department's charter if the Department fails to file its annual Consolidated Report or EIN Report on time. The C&R Committee recommends approval. Section 3(c) would be, "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." And Section 3(d) would be, "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."

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections? All in favor. Opposed. You got two.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

It passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, on page 38 of the packet, proposal number seven. This is a change to Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 1 of the Regulations. This change will require a dual member seeking to change his primary or home Department in order to seek a seat on the Council of Administration, to make that change at least eighteen months prior to running for office. It has no effect on a Member not attempting to change his primary or home Department. The C&R Committee recommends approval of this change and of course you will see the dark section (a) there on Section 1 which would change that Section title. Then Section (b) the new Section says, "The dual Member who seeks election to the Council of Administration must be a candidate from his primary or home Department." paragraph (c), "A dual Member for election of the Council of Administration wishing to change his primary or home Department must have that change in effect for a period of eighteen months prior to seeking election to the Council of Administration." Committee recommends adoption of this amendment to the Regulations.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I move division of the question, into two parts.

Unknown

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

It's just these two?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

In other words, take "b" and "c" up separately.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion to divide and I heard a second. All in favor. Opposed. I see four.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

It passes, so it's divided.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, the new Section (b) would be, "A dual Member who seeks election to the Council of Administration must be a candidate from his primary or home Department." And the committee recommends adoption.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections? All in favor, raise your cards.

Chuck Poland, Department of Chesapeake

Chuck Poland, from the Department of the Chesapeake. As I understand it, we have no primary or home Department defined. So how can we possibly vote in favor of this proposal?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It is defined.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I thought we covered that yesterday. We did find reference to home Camps and home Departments.

Chuck Poland, Department of Chesapeake

I'm sorry, Mr. Secretary or Mr. Treasurer, can you tell me whether I am right?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

I agree with the Commander-in-Chief.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There is reference to primary and home Department in several places in the Regulations.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Yea.

Chuck Poland, Department of Chesapeake

Okay, but do we have something defined in our Regulations?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And it also refers to primary Camp.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, National Counselor. If you look on my Opinion 5 on page 25, the last paragraph C&R page 14 National Regulations Chapter 1, Article 2, Membership Section says, "Dual members shall only be counted in their primary or home Camp in the Department for the total membership of the Department, but listed on each Camp roster." So, there is a declaration you have to declare which your home Camp is and if you extrapolate that on to Department, the same thing applies.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Did you object or was that a question?

Chuck Poland, Department of Chesapeake

That was a question, sir.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any objections? All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed? I see two.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, now we're on Paragraph (c), "A dual Member for election of the Council of Administration wishing to change his primary or home Department must have that change in effect for a period of eighteen months before seeking election to the Council of Administration." And the committee recommends adoption of the amendment.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

You should always shake hands with your Brothers in the morning. My only concern here is the what seems to me to be arbitrary period of time of eighteen months. I don't see anything else in the Constitution and Regulations specifically has anything like this. I'm not so sure it's necessary and that's really all I have to say about it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. I'm objecting to the time period as well. I think it's patently unfair to a number of Brothers who potentially could move from one Department to another. For example, if they live in the North and decide to retire and they want to move to Florida, and they want to change their primary Camp to Florida, and then run for the Council of Administration, they have to wait eighteen months after they move before they can run. I just think this is disenfranchising Brothers and I think it's patently unfair to those Brothers. To be honest, and I told Don this, I thought he was overreacting to a situation by making this eighteen months. I don't see any reason why any more than three months is necessary. I would move to amend this to three months.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I'll second that.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay we have a motion. We had a second. To amend that to three months. Is there any more discussion? Okay, we're going to vote on the... Yes, Jim.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief from Michigan. I speak in opposition. I don't think there should be any time limit and I intend to vote no.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Alan Russ, National Secretary. My only comment is I do not believe we have any place where we even require a Brother to be a member of the Organization for a certain period of time before running for those offices.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Don Darby, National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief. If you gentlemen would refer to page 25. Let me explain why. On my opinion it was three years. Okay. I can live with three months. The only reason I said three years is I wanted to spin Rich Orr up. And it worked. Let me explain to you why I wrote this opinion. And I'll be very brief. Back in the day, the Council of Administration used to have three members. Then we went to five. As soon as it went to five, the Encampment at that time, said that no two members were to be from the same Department to prevent loading up to control the votes of the Council. All right? What I'm about to say is not to be construed in any manner attack on any Brother or any Department. I would just give you an example. Hopefully, Gene Mortorff will be Commander-in-Chief next year, from the Department of the Chesapeake. The second part of that is if a Brother who is on the Council of Administration from that same Department decides to run for Junior Vice, you now have two votes. If the Brother who basically caused this opinion to be written, if he stays and says okay, I'm from the Department of Pennsylvania, but a rose by any other name is still from the Department of Chesapeake. Then yet another Brother from the Department of Chesapeake comes up and says, I'm going to run from the Department of Chesapeake because it's now vacated. Now, of the ten votes, the Department of Chesapeake controls four. They have to have one to have a majority. The next year, if this happens, then Gene becomes Past Commander-in-Chief. He gets a vote. The one gentleman moves from Junior Vice to Senior Vice. He has a vote. The other gentleman that caused this, he moves to Junior Vice. His seat is vacated. A person from the Department of Chesapeake fills that. And yet we still have the other Brother from the Department of Pennsylvania albeit really from the Department of the Chesapeake, that allows that Department to have five voting members on that. Which means they, for two years, have a way to control the entire voting of the CofA. That is the only reason and really for this, and I would say I'll even say in January, you have to declare your primary Camp or Department. You cannot change it until the following January. Okay? And that means that in August, September, July, you don't go, Oh, I'm going to switch horses in mid-stream. That is the only reason for the time period. I am sorry if I went over my five, but once again I am not attacking the Department of the Chesapeake or any of those members because they got my vote. Okay? But, that's it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Point of information. There's eleven votes on the Council.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

C in C, Senior Vice, Junior Vice, Secretary, Treasurer...

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Who was the first one you called?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

You have eleven votes. Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice...

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief only votes if there's a tie.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

He's a vote. He has a vote.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

If there's a tie.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster, five members of the Council.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Okay. Shoot me for one vote, but it's still a controlling interest.

Encampment

(laughter)

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

Commander, George Huttick, Department of Tennessee. I'm going to ask the obvious question about the elephant in the room. Yesterday, and I'm neither for it or against, but yesterday we pointed out that we have no way of tracking what a home Camp is. Therefore, how can we set a time limit?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, National Counselor. They're in the Regulations which I just read to answer that Brother's question. There is a requirement for you to declare a home Camp. Whether this Organization has a way to do that or not is not at issue. There is a requirement to declare the home Camp.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. I just want to point out back to the issue of tracking. If we allow these gentlemen to just change it willy nilly, it really becomes even harder to track it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, since this whole thing came about because I told a Brother how he could still run when there was another Brother member on the Council from his home Department, so I guess I'm guilty of raising this issue because it was a loophole in the Regulations. I think we're amending the wrong part of the Regulation. The stipulation and the makeup of the Council of Administration under the National Offices would be the place to put a restriction on the number of seats that any one Department can hold out of the eleven seats be that including the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice, Junior Vice, the Quartermaster, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the five members of the Council. Right now, there's only a restriction on the five at-large members. You could still have a single Department hold seven out of the eleven seats. If you wanted to restrict that, we're amending the wrong part of the Regulations. And I would think that we should send this back to the committee to come up with proper wording and proper amendment in that portion of the Regulations. Don's shaking his head no.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

I've already been up twice.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yea, but you and I are the only ones having this conversation.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, you've heard the arguments for and against.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Eric Graff, Wisconsin. Less than sixty seconds. We have a balance of power in our nation. I think it's important to have a balance of power in our head table. Don Darby, with the amendment to have it at the beginning of the year. Oh, he's right there. In January, I believe that that will prevent flip-flopping around perhaps someone gets elected and then they switch Encampment and they're in another Department to get elected to another seat. Although they didn't campaign before. Anyways, I think that I'd like to accept Don Darby's amendment to have it at the beginning of January. Declare your home...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

He didn't make a motion.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

He didn't make a motion.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

I make a motion then to have it be in January must declare which Department you are representing.

Unknown

Second.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Alan Russ, National Secretary. If I can just clarify the wording. A dual member for election to the Council of Administration wishing to change his primary or home Department must have that change in effect as of January 1 before seeking election to the Council of Administration.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. The Camp is only required to file the Form 22 which would contain this information by the 15th of February. So now you're imposing another filing date on the Camps to the Department.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, they're going to claim their home Department. That can be then put into the report that they have to send in. We're just telling them that they have to.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

How are you going to enforce January 1st, if the Camp could take any day in January.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

15th of February when all that has to be turned in then you don't have to worry about the 1st of January.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

It should be the same as the filing date for Form 22.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

I agree.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. The 15th of February you file a Form 22. That's just an installation of officers. There's nothing on there about dual members.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

You are required to file a roster with the Form 22.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

That's correct.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

And that roster can then indicate if a dual member and a home Camp.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Okay.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

I accept Richard Orr's friendly amendment. Eric Graff, Wisconsin.

Several

I second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to have him read it just to be absolutely sure.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Okay. (c) "A dual member for the election to the Council of Administration wishing to change his primary or home Department must have that change in effect as of February 15, before seeking election to the Council of Administration."

Unknown

Just point of clarification. When we say Council of Administration in the sense we are there, that would not include the chair. Is that correct?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, it should say the five at-large Council of Administration seats. Reference those so that you're not confusing it with the six elected officers. If I may, I would suggest that the last sentence be "for seeking election to one of the five at-large Council of Administration seats."

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

Loran Bures, Delegate, Department-at-Large. I would like to suggest one word change in here to "report" by February 15th 'cause the Camps are allowed to file the Form 22 before the 15th of February. Right? And that should be included on the Form 22 process and so I think the better wording would be report by February 15th. And I so move that change, one word change.

Several

Second.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Do you want to state that as a friendly amendment rather than vote on that as amended?

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

I am willing to have it as a friendly amendment.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

I accept.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We're going to read it and then we're going to do it.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Alan Russ, National Secretary. (c) "A dual member for election to the Council of Administration at-large seat wishing to change his primary or home Department must have that change in effect to be reported by February 15, before seeking election to one of the five at-large Council of Administration seats."

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed. I see probably about thirteen.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes. Next.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, for informational purposes, before anybody asks the question, if somebody declares and their Camp fails to file the report on time, you're out of luck.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We read it as it was, that was they were all friendly amendments.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, now we're ready for proposal number eight on page 39 of your packet. This is a change to Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 3. This proposal eliminates the need for Camps to apply to the National Treasurer for reimbursement for Life Members. The National Treasurer states that our auditors require a live signature over requests for reimbursement attesting that each Brother, who for a reimbursement is paid, is alive and therefore a member of the Order. The committee does not recommend approval of this proposed amendment. You can see the Section 3 as proposed has all the lines drawn through it and the proposed language then would be Section 3. "Reimbursement from any of the several Life Member programs shall be made by the National Treasurer by August 1 yearly in accordance with the Life Member lists submitted in the Camps' annual report Form 27(a).

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. I'm going to ask that you declare this out of order as a violation of I.R.S. regulations. It is a violation of the advice we received from three different auditors that we must have a live signature on a form requesting reimbursement every year verifying that those Brothers are still members of the Order.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I got two of them. I'm going to rule this one out of order because it violates I.R.S. rules.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, on page 39 of your packet, it is proposal number nine. Resolution from the Department of New York as modified by the C&R Committee. Make a change to Chapter 5, Article 6. This proposal adds two new sections to this Article of the Regulations which prevents a member from avoiding a dishonorable discharge by resigning from the Order while very serious charges are pending against him. The C&R Committee recommends approval of the amendment. The new Section 28 would be that, "Irrespective of any Regulations to the contrary, a member of the Order who resigns while accusations in the form of charges are pending against him alleging offenses enumerated as first, second, or third under Section 1 of this Article, shall be issued a dishonorable discharge from the Order, signed by the Department Commander." Section 29, "Executive Director shall maintain a record of all dishonorable discharges, which shall include the name of the Brother receiving the dishonorable discharge, his Camp and Department, and the date of the dishonorable discharge." Committee recommends adoption.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do I have any objections?

Charles D. Buck Custer, Department of Florida

Past Department Commander Buck Custer, Florida. To me, it seems that we're doing away with the basic principal of our laws which as you are innocent until proven guilty. To me, this appears that punishment is going to be rendered before any charges are heard. If a person resigns or even takes a discharge as a member in good standing at that time, since charges may be pending, but no hearing has been held to find that person guilty, yet, he's being punished. I don't see that that is what our Constitution of the United States provides. You must be given an opportunity to confront your witnesses against you, to render evidence, and then punishment can be given or adjudication can be made as to whether your guilty or not. If you if you're going to punish somebody before they're even tried, it just seems un-American to me.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm for this inasmuch if the person resigns, we have no jurisdiction over him at all. If he resigns, we can't have a hearing. We can't do anything. He just walks out and there's no penalty to his alleged violation of one, two, and three on

there. Where's the Department of New York? Somewhere around here. We have former Brother who resigned after a boatload of money left. So, we have no jurisdiction if he quits. We have no way to throw him out. He just resigns. So, I think the resignation means that he is given up his right to have a trial, hearing, and anything else. So, that falls under the Constitution.

George J. Weinmann, Department of New York

George Weinmann, Department of New York. Commander. We experienced this type of thing and set up a hearing and everything and the person resigned after hearing this was set up. So we had no way of doing anything towards the Brother. He could join maybe sometime in the future if no records are held in place. Five years could go by and he could join in another Department in another State. So we have no record or anything. We recommend this type of thing so that can be on record for further research or anything for anybody to look for any Brother that could try to change their Department and still be a member of the Sons. By being so dishonest about taking money and that, I think that it should be addressed. It should go through a hearing and then have a dishonorable discharge. Whereas the way it was set up and the way it is now, he's off the hook. There's no way that you could do anything because once he resigns, he's no longer a member of the Sons of the Union Veterans. We recommend that this here amendment will go through.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. And I will tell you, these type of proceedings that we have to do, it's not stuff we want to do, but we have to do. They require a lot of time, effort, physical stuff, and emotional stuff. There's a lot that plays into this. For the work that's required to do this. So, you know, take that into consideration also when you're thinking about this.

David C. Schleeter, Department of California and Pacific

Dave Schleeter, Department of California and Pacific. If a member is undergoing charges and wishes to fight those charges, he can remain in the Order rather than resigning. I can tell you that if you are an officer in the United States Military Forces, and you have pending court martial charges, if you resign to avoid the court martial, you are not getting an honorable discharge.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Charles D. Buck Custer, Department of Florida

Commander-in-Chief, Buck Custer, Past Department Commander, Florida. I guess I'm not clear on just what these heinous crimes are that they're going to be covered by this. What are the one, two and three

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

These are what is defined in our Constitution and Regulations under the different offenses.

Charles D. Buck Custer, Department of Florida

And if a person, rather than resigning, while still a member in good standing, requests an honorable discharge, which the Department is actually or the Camp is actually bound to give if the man is in good standing at that time. No charges have yet been brought. They're just pending. Is that going to be covered by?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I'm not trying to get too specific, but there was no request for honorable discharge. There was a request for resignation. So, there's a difference there.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Point of information. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. As a point of information, uh...Article or Chapter 5, Article 6 Discipline Section 1, the first three Sections we're talking about. Number one, "Disloyalty to the United States of America or any violation of any pledge given at the time of election of the Order or violation of obligation given at the time assuming office;" Number two, "Disobedience to Constitution by-laws, rules, regulations, policies, or all lawful orders, emanating from proper authority;" or number three, "Commission of a serious misdemeanor or felony crime against the

laws of the United States or any State or commonwealth thereof.” Those are the first three that are referenced in this motion.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander, just a information. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. We’re talking two different incidents. This proposal from New York is not based on what happened in Florida. It is based on something that happened in New York involving a Brother who for all intents and purposes he hasn’t been found guilty yet, but is facing charges from the State of New York for allegedly embezzled in excess of \$30,000.00 from the Department of New York. We don’t know how much from two Scout Troops and three Camps. He was the treasurer for all of them. He comingled their funds. He used them to pay, we know, receipts exist where he used their checks to pay his own personal bills. He is under investigation and pending indictment by the District Attorney for Albany, New York and the New York State Police are still continuing their investigation because they haven’t found everything he’s taken from all the organizations. So, that’s why New York is proposing this. He resigned when the charges were filed. The hearing wasn’t held; that’s why they’re pending. Rather than face the hearing, he resigned. New York and I worked with the Department Commander on this extensively. Uh...New York wants to assure that there is a list of Brothers who have left facing these types of charges, so that they can’t go to another Camp in five or ten years and apply and redo the same thing. It’s to protect the Order. He left. We need to protect ourselves from his actions in the future.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed. I see two.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

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

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander...

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander, I ask that Richard’s remarks be stricken from the official record.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brad, was that a motion?

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

That’s a motion, yes.

Several

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we have a motion to strike Brother Orr’s comments from the preceding record regarding that last incident. Any discussion?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes. There’s no identifying information mentioned on purpose because it is still a pending police investigation. I didn’t say who the Brother was. Only those Brothers in New York who have been involved with this and myself and a few of the other National Officers who are aware of what is going on know who it is. None of you know who it is, except those I’ve already stated. There’s absolutely no reason to remove those remarks from the record. Anybody in the future reading it, won’t know who it is. I haven’t identified anything as far as the person.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. The roof’s going to fall in. I know it. Yes, I have to agree with Rich. The word “alleged” was put in there which in all legal press reports and

anything of the like using the word “alleged” and he did not mention the gentleman’s name in that and when this passes, if it passes, then there is going to be a record with that gentleman’s name on it that says he resigned while under charges. I don’t think any confidentiality, I don’t think anything has been said to identify this gentleman. So, God help us. I agree with Rich.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. Oh, we got a motion still. All in favor of the motion to strike that from the record, please raise your card. Opposed. Motion fails.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Grim.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Those of you that attended the SVR breakfast this morning, you know that our Chaplain, Captain Kowalski, issued a challenge that he would put up \$50.00 to help defray the expense of the extra costs of the Gettysburg Remembrance Day permit. I’m happy to say that he lost this \$50.00. We collected \$650.00 at the breakfast so we’re going to be able to cover the cost of the permit in Gettysburg this year. And I want to thank all those Brothers who contributed.

Encampment

(applause)

John Conrad, Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1

Commander, John Conrad, Camp Commander, Picacho Peak Camp #1, Camp-at-Large. I move that we take from the table proposal one for consideration.

Several

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bob. We’re un-tabling proposal one. Okay. We have a motion to un-table the proposal one, the one we debated for a long time. This will be quick. Or else, you don’t get a break. Touché’. Okay. All in favor of un-tabling this motion, Please raise your cards. Opposed. The motion passes to un-table.

[one rap, *]

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. We kicked this horse to death yesterday. I move the previous question and terminate debate.

Unknown

Second.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion on the floor.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Secretary, please restate the motion.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

We’re just convincing ourselves that we know where we are. Alan Russ, National Secretary. motion by Charlie Kuhn and seconded moved that “the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to work this out for implementation and bring back to the Council of Administration by Springfield CofA with the C-in-C authorized to forward this to the C&R Committee and/or the P and P Committee. The sentence, ‘Dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish a new Camp shall be deleted.’”

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Point of information. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Department of Illinois. Our acceptance or rejection of this motion either allows us to vote on something that we want or don't want because of a miscount. Would you please explain what it is we're doing because it's not clear? If we vote yes for this, what happens to the previous motion this is an amendment to? That Charlie at least trying to stop it. If there's a 2/3's vote on the next motion that's still there.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

No actually, the original proposal failed because it didn't meet 2/3's of the vote. So, there was another motion after that failed by Brother Kuhn which was just stated. So, this is not replacing anything because the original one failed.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

This is in order for something to happen by next year, we want to vote yes for this. Is that correct?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

I'm just trying to figure out what it is we're doing. Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Correct. 'Cause we just didn't want to let this die so that's why Brother Kuhn brought this up so at least we can keep it moving. Okay? Here we go.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

We have to vote on his motion.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

There was no second.

Several

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Now there's seconds. All in favor of terminating debate, please raise your cards. Opposed. Motion carries. We have one.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Now to the motion. All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Ten minute break, gentlemen.

Encampment

(applause)

[three raps, ***]

[One rap*]

[Break]

[Three raps***]

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Continuing on. Thank you for maintaining our focus before. Okay, so we're to National Encampment Site Committee.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, we have some additional things that we need to take up. After discussion with our Executive Director concerning declaration of home Camps. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief.

I would make the following motion “The Program and Policy Committee be instructed to modify Form 30 and report it to the Council of Administration for the Gettysburg meeting for approval.” And two, “The Constitution and Regulations Committee be empowered to place the correct language in the Regulations requiring a Form 30 to be filed to declare a home Camp by all dual members.”

Several

Second.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

C&R Committee be empowered?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right. Be empowered to insert the language rather than going back now and trying to figure out what it is, that the Committee be empowered to insert the language in the appropriate location requiring a Form 30 to be submitted to declare a home Camp by a dual member and to change a home Camp.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any questions?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

This does take 2/3's cause it will amend the Constitution and Regulations. All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed. Thank you. Report of Committees, we're at National Encampment Site Committee.

James T. Crane, National Encampment Site Committee

Good morning, everyone. Jim Crane, Chair of the National Encampment Site Committee, also Past Camp Commander. There was no written report in the book, but I have the report here. I'd like to thank the Department of Georgia/South Carolina for hosting this year's Encampment. They've worked pretty hard the last two months as well as the last three years to prepare for this past week. They've taken a lot of pride in what they've achieved. Rightfully so. It takes a lot of money and time to plan and execute one of these Encampments, and they have shown that commitment. In 2015, the National Encampment will be held in Richmond, Virginia at the Omni Hotel. The Department of Chesapeake will be hosting that Encampment. The rate will be \$99.00 and I'm going to skip through some of the other stuff there. They will be outside this afternoon with a table to pass out stuff that they've brought so everybody can grab some goodies that they brought. And 2016, the National Encampment will be in Springfield, Illinois at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel. That rate is \$106.00. I think both of these look to be interesting Encampments. The Department of Illinois is doing 2016. 2017 there was some interest in holding this Encampment, but those people have dropped out so we currently have no one at this point that's interested. I've heard rumors of people wanting to do it. We will be downstairs in the Blair Boardroom from 4:00 o'clock until 6:00 if you'd like to come down and meet with the Site Committee.

Paul Davis, Department of Michigan

Mr. Chairman, Michigan will be there for '17.

James T. Crane, National Encampment Site Committee

Okay, thanks, Commander Paul. For future Encampments, we'd request people try to make their reservations a little bit earlier. It would really help the host committee to budget their money and also, you know, it would help them effectively to be able to do things when they order their stuff. Those of you that have done Encampments before know that it's hard to order stuff for a number that you don't even know who's coming in yet. So, we would request that try and make it a little bit earlier than two or three days before or even a week before. It would help. I'd like to thank everyone for their patience, help, and understanding during this Encampment. I hope everybody's enjoying themselves. And, yes, I know, the red shirts have done a great job. And that's all I have to say, Commander.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Jim. All I can say is, he's been a Godsend. He has taken on this with just amazing zeal. And there's so much that goes on in the background that you guys don't see, and that's the way it's supposed to be. It's supposed to be transparent. But you know what? I think he deserves another round of applause guys.

Encampment

(applause)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, National Counselor. I don't know if all you gentlemen were listening when the Ladies of the Grand Army made an announcement that they would not be attending in Richmond or in Springfield. I would propose to the new Commander-in-Chief that this be investigated because their pulling out causes us some contractual obligations to possibly the hotel, which if we were counting on rooms to be taken up their twenty or thirty people and an impact on that, and could then cause us to lose possibly comp rooms that we would have to pay for plus we will also if they do not attend, I'm sure that \$500.00 from each of the Allied Orders, which we produce \$1,500.00, we would somehow have to make that up, either out of our own coffers or to increase money to the Allied Orders. So, I make a motion that the new Commander-in-Chief look into that as quickly as possible so we can solve those issues before they bite us in the butt in Richmond.

Several

Second.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, just a point of information. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. There are only twelve members of the LGAR here and that's one of the reasons why they're going to stop meeting with us. They can't afford to pay for twelve. Bonnie Tyler, who was in here earlier, was a National President when I was Commander-in-Chief and we had a rather lengthy conversation yesterday about what their problems are. I do think that our Fraternal Relations Committee does need to meet with them and address some of the issues. They in some respect feel like we're squeezing them out.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, so we have a motion on the floor and seconded to have the incoming Commander-in-Chief investigate and see what can be done regarding the issue. All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed. Carries.

[one rap, *]

James T. Crane, National Encampment Site Committee

Commander, Jim Crane again, Past Camp Commander, Encampment Site Chairman. As an example of what Past Commander-in-Chief Darby brought up, I would have to say to everyone here that we ended up short with food and beverage minimum and that's a direct result of knowing who's coming in earlier rather than later. The hotel let us out of a contractual obligation that we had, graciously. They've bent over backwards for us. I have spoken to both the ladies National Presidents and I do understand some of their concerns. I've talked to both of them at length about their roles in the future Encampments that we have. I would like to be part of that committee if I could be because of some of the conversations I've had with them, you know, we can add some insight to that and maybe help. That's all.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Kind of ironic. The next one's Fraternal Relations report.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Let me see who that is. Okay, There was not a report submitted nor recommendations. So we'll go to the next one. Graves Registration

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Bruce Frail, Past Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island, National Graves Registration Officer. Report is on page 50 and it's combined with what was given before the committee report. We have nothing else to add.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on History. Brother Bob Wolz, there he is.

Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

There's nothing to add to the National Historian's Report and it's on page 27.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Next is Committee on GAR Records.

Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee

Commander, Dean Enderlin, Chair, National Committee on GAR Records. Our report can be found beginning on page 45 and our recommendations begin on page 47. A little background to these recommendations. We have four. They are all job descriptions. A little housekeeping from past years as the C&R Committee pointed out, we added the GAR Records Department position, which had been approved back in 2004. There were other actions of the National Encampments going back to 2004 and 2006 where there was a little bit of unfinished business. Our four recommendations are related to that. Recommendation number 1 which appears on page 47. We propose the following new job description for the Department GAR Records Officer and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I was informed this was covered under the Officer's Reports. It was referred to that committee? So, we'll cover that one when we pull up the recommendations from that committee.

Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee

My Officer Report did not have any recommendations. All this is through our committee.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

He filed two separate reports.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

But he said he didn't make any recommendations.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. Rather than you put out and unless there's changes to the reports and they're not to be read. I move that we follow that rule.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

This is a committee report. We have to act. We can't refer it to committee.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

Loran Bures, Delegate, Department-at-Large. Since I am legally blind, I cannot read the hard copy report and so the only way I can intelligently cast my vote is to hear what the proposal is. And so, that is my point of privilege.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. The GAR Records Officer Report I refer to on page 20, the last lines say please refer to the Annual Report of the National Committee on GAR Records for my combined report and recommendations. Therefore, we took up his report at that point and made note of what we'd like to see happen.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

According to the rules, we cannot refer a committee report to a committee. So we have to touch on these recommendations. So, there are four of them. If you would just read the recommendation.

Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee

Thank you Commander. Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. Recommendation number one, we propose the following new job description for the Department GAR Records Officer and recommend it to be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration. The full description follows. Do you wish me to read the full job description?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, no. We'll just do them one by one. Any objections? So this is ad seriatim. Right?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

There. So that one passes.

Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee

Recommendation number two, also page 47. We propose the following amended job description for the National Historian and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee

Recommendation number three on page 48. We propose the following amended job description for the National Committee on History and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee

Recommendation number four on page 49. We propose the following amended job description for the Camp and Department Historian and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee

Thank you, Commander. Those are all our recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Committee on Legislation.

Daniel R. Earl, Committee on Legislation

Commander, Daniel Earl, Department of California/Pacific. Our report begins on page 31. I have one addition to that report. In May 2013, legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives to honor those who served. This legislation identifies individuals who are eligible to request headstones or

markers furnished by the Veterans Affairs, a practice that was discontinued several years ago. If enacted, Brothers would once again be authorized under Federal law to request headstones or markers as appropriate. On July 30, after this committee's report was submitted, almost identical legislation was introduced in the Senate. The Legislation Committee will continue to monitor these measures for further actions by the House and the Senate. And we have no recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Through you, a question to the chairman of the committee. Brother Earl, through the Commander-in-Chief, a question to you. Has the committee drafted a position letter to be sent to the committee on behalf of the Order?

Daniel R. Earl, Committee on Legislation

We have not drafted a letter stating our position but we have endorsed the legislation formally.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, how did you endorse it?

Daniel R. Earl, Committee on Legislation

There is a service, essentially provided through lobbyists in Washington, that allows us to register our position on various pieces of legislation. We have recorded that as a support but we haven't formally addressed Congress directly.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Commander-in-Chief, I would suggest to the incoming Commander-in-Chief that he task this committee with drafting a letter supporting this legislation and prepared for his signature so it is the official position of this Order on record with both the House and Senate.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Brother Bruce.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Bruce Frail, Past Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island, National Graves Registration Officer. I just want to point out to each Brother here to please pass the word on to all of your Brothers and Departments and Camps that you're from that the 2009 policy change from the VA does not in any way prohibit members of the SUVCW from assisting with applications for headstones. What it does do is exactly what the SUVCW policy for headstone ordering states, that you do your due diligence. You find next of kin and you ask their permission to deal with the grave of their relative. If you can't find it, you can still put in an application with the VA. It may get rejected, but there is an appeals process. That appeals process is 90% affirmative, that you will get a headstone after that. You have to do your jobs. I am not against legislation going to help with this. But we do have to show the VA that we are willing to work in their policy also. Thank you.

Fred Lynch, Department of Ohio

Commander, Fred Lynch, Department of Ohio. If you go onto the Internet and go to marktheirgraves.com one phrase, you will get more background concerning this issue. Part of that background is that even the Veteran's Administration disagrees with their own decision, a year ago, stated that they were going to revise it. They have taken no action in the past year. Rather than belabor this discussion, please go on your computers to marktheirgraves.com. Read the background on this issue. And in the upper right hand corner is a petition, electronic petition that you can sign. There have been just about 3,400 people sign that petition. There's 6,000 Brothers in this order. There's 300,000,000 people in this country. I find it rather pathetic that thousands of Union Army Soldiers lie in unmarked graves because a bad bureaucratic decision. In 2009, that so few of us have raised our hands and said I object. Please read marktheirgraves.com information. Thank you, Commander.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We got to keep these moving guys.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

I realize that. Bruce Frail, Department or Past Department Commander of Department of Rhode Island, National Grave Registration Officer. By all means, read whatever documentation is available out there. But just know that getting headstones for Veterans, which I am one of. Okay? Is a privilege. It's not a right guaranteed by the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. It is a privilege granted to Veterans. We have to work to make sure the VA has the money to be able to provide these headstones for all Veterans that deserve them. Okay? The reason why they stopped, the reason why that 2009 change went into effect was because people were not doing their jobs correctly. And headstones were being ordered. Union stones ended up on Confederates. Confederates ended up on Union. Relatives were complaining because they were not being talked to about people putting stones on their relative's graves. This is what I'm talking about. I don't want to drag this down, but we have to work with the VA. They are doing things.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance.

Robert M. Petrovic, Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee

Bob Petrovic, Lincoln Tomb Observance, page 31 for my report. No additions or recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Committee on Membership. National Military Affairs.

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

Commander, Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio. Happily, no additions or corrections.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Committee on Programs and Policies.

Tad D. Campbell, Program and Policy Committee

Commander, Tad Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, chairman of the Program and Policy Committee. Our report can be found on page 29, 30, and 31. And we have two recommendations that appear toward the top half of page 31. Recommendation number one, that a special National committee be created and instructed to adequately explore the following items as recommended by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in his final report to the 2013 National Encampment and subsequently passed by the same National Encampment, to wit: one, requirement of proof of lineage for all new members; two, formal recognition of supplemental ancestors; and three, a database of members' ancestors and that such Special National Committee report back to the 2015 National Encampment with recommendations for implementation of these items and thence be duly discharged.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania. Just a question. What is a supplemental ancestor?

Tad D. Campbell, Program and Policy Committee

I have thirty-nine qualifying ancestors for this organization.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

Still, what is a supplemental ancestor?

Tad D. Campbell, Program and Policy Committee

If you're familiar with how the DUV, the DAR, the SAR, they work. They allow you to formally recognize additional qualifying ancestors. It usually costs the member money, so it's actually a moneymaking thing for us. If they want to formally recognize an additional ancestor, they pay additional fee, additional paperwork and such.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

No objections? Passes.

[one rap, *]

Tad D. Campbell, Program and Policy Committee

Recommendation number two, that the following items from this term that we're not acted upon by the committee for various reasons, be carried forward to the incoming standing National Committee on Policy and Procedures, to wit: one, a policy granting Departments permission to sue; two, review of criteria for the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star; three, consolidation of current reimbursement forms and review of applicable policies; four, establishment of tracking mechanism for dishonorable discharges and applicable policies; and five, a revision of Forms 27 and Form 35.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Objection. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. My objection is based on the fact that of these five you listed, four were assigned by the Council of Administration. I think that whether or not they go forward should be a decision of the Council since they originated there rather than this body. I would move you that we defer to the Council of Administration to determine whether or not they wish to continue exploring those policies. The only one on here that isn't that I recall from last year, and I could be wrong, is the reimbursement form because I had raised that in my report last year.

Tad D. Campbell, Program and Policy Committee

I think that's correct.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So we have a motion to defer this to the Council of Administration to see if they want to continue to do the investigation. Did we have a second?

Several

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion? All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed. Passed.

[one rap, *]

Tad D. Campbell, Program and Policy Committee

Thank you, Commander. That concludes our report.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Battle Flag Preservation.

Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation Committee

Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation Committee. My report can be found on 45. There's no changes. There was one recommendation, the job description for this committee should be listed on the National Website. The job description was approved at the 131st National Encampment.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes. Scholarships. Civil War Heritage Defense. Memorial Grand Fund.

Don Martin, Memorial Grant Fund

Don Martin, Chair of the Memorial Grant Fund. Page 16, 17. And the recommendations are more of consolidating an in-house form and the official form and just kind of revising the form. I also have a proposed form. I just want to note that it comes out looking like three pages, but the way the spacing is and stuff, it only really comes out to about two pages. Recommendation, to add the following questions to the Form 62 as this information is needed to process the application, currently it's not on the form.

How much money has been raised for the project so far? Two, list what the Camp or Department has or will do towards the project accomplishment. Three, has the Form CWM361 GAR Monuments Civil War Memorials Assessment been submitted?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do them one at a time. Any objection?

[one rap, *]

Don Martin, Memorial Grant Fund

Second recommendation is to streamline the Form 62 to facilitate the following: Currently a committee worksheet is typed out for the committee to process this applications is a duplication of effort make this part of the Form 62; two, remove Camp address section as this is not typically used in processing the application and it is invariably this is the address on the form prepare; and three, remove form prepared by section. This is typically not needed and again it is invariably the contact person. And then I have submitted a proposed, what that form might look like, 62.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Objection. Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. The revised proposed form is missing information which is vital to me issuing checks, and that is to whom the check is to be made payable and to where it is to be mailed. I'm sure that this was just an over site when you revised this, but it needs to include the recipient of the check and their mailing address because frequently it does not go to the Camp because it is some local organization that is trying to raise money for the restoration of a monument.

Don Martin, Memorial Grant Fund

Brother Orr, on page 18, right above the Grant Committee Section, it says check payable to, address, city, state, zip code. And that's on page 18.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I apologize. I missed that when I read through it.

Don Martin, Memorial Grant Fund

All right.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I withdraw my objection.

Don Martin, Memorial Grant Fund

I know that's one of the key things to get this done.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I just want to overrule that objection.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Both those pass. Took my fun away. e-Bay Surveillance. Special Committee for Credentials.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Walt Busch, Chair of Credentials Committee. We have one recommendation to mention in a minute. We will be starting on page 49, bottom, continuing to page 50. Give everybody an update. Currently we have 165 members that have registered, that includes one Junior, one -in-Chief, fifteen Past Commander-in-Chiefs, eight Department Commanders, fifty-six Past Department Commanders, eighty-two delegates, and two alternates. And if you need a more detailed one, I can give you at this time too. I figure you don't want it. Recommendation from the committee was that we have one issue because of the under eighteen, should we or should we not include a checkbox on the registration form next year. If

you're under eighteen, it must be checked so that we know a parent or guardian is also attending.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Committee on Real Sons or Daughters. Civil War Sesquicentennial.

D. Michael Beard, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

Michael Beard, Chair of Civil War Sesquicentennial. Our report is on page 50. It notes that since this is the last Encampment, only one Sesquicentennial event has been held. And so far, only one has been approved for the next cycle. So, the committee has recommended a change in the form in hopes of improving chances of people considering having an event and the suggestions that we are changing is a return to the ninety day lead-time. Right now, it's at six months. Changing the insurance statement to say that "for any event not sponsored by a government entity, the Allied Order member proposing the Sesquicentennial event will confirm the sponsors have liability insurance for the event."

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

I have an objection. James Pahl, National Counselor. An assurance that they have liability to cover the event does not protect the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, unless the Sons are specifically named in that policy. We need a copy of the policy that assures the Order that they are a named protected party. A sponsor having a general liability policy will not protect the Order. I therefore move that we reject this recommendation.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second to reject this recommendation on the grounds that we are required to have a physical evidence. Any more discussion? All in favor, please raise your card. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Motion carries. The GAR Sesquicentennial. Canadian Union Monument.

David M. Lamb, Canadian Union Monument Committee

Commander-in-Chief, David Lamb, Department Commander, Department of Iowa, Chairman of the Canadian Veterans Monument Committee. My report is found on pages 52-54. There is supplemental information on 54-55 and part of page 56. I do have a recommendation, that this committee be disbanded and that the Sons of Union Veterans then lend our support to the efforts of a group called the Grays and Blues of Montreal, Canada that have been working for the last year to erect a monument very similar to the one that we envisioned when this committee was set up.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm not objecting. I have a question for him.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Lamb, since the Council of Administration sort of jumped the gun on this and already voted to close the Canadian Monument Fund and I was directed to forward the funds that are in the money that is

in that fund since they were specifically donated for this purpose can you provide me with the address of this organization so that I can forward them the money in that fund?

David M. Lamb, Canadian Union Monument Committee

I can provide that to you. Yes, sir.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

With no objections...

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Carries. Restore Memorial Day. Committee on Fundraising. Committee on Promotion and Marketing.

Mark R. Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee

Commander, Mark Day, Chairman on the Committee on Marketing and Promotions, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake. You'll find our report, I believe, on page 35. I have no additions to the report. However, there was one recommendation made. We have negotiated with the advertising company that we've been working with and they put out a proposal to do advertising in three magazines next year, which would give us something in a magazine that is Civil War related or military history related fifteen times next year. We are currently putting a 1/6 page ad in those magazines. The actual recommendation is that as the budget is \$5,000.00 at this point, that the budget for the Marketing and Promotions Committee be increased to \$5,500.00 for the coming year so that we can conduct this advertising campaign.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. Brother Day, when I was Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, we were spending a lot of money in a similar situation. At that time we were not able to ascertain how many members we were getting for our buck. Does what you're proposing, does it have a capability to do that?

Mark R. Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee

This was a question that came up at the Springfield at the CofA. This contract would include in the advertisement some sort of thing where we would be able to know if the advertisement was the reason why the person was applying. There would be a way through the advertisement, I can't explain exactly how it is. They just put a little thing on there and what happens is the person is being instructed that when they apply, they are telling us I got this from the ad. That's about as good as I can try to do. This year, I think you had 229 applications, and that's just through the online. I have no way of knowing if a person who joined by just be going to a Camp and joining because they saw that ad. I don't think that there's a way to determine that, unless we were to change the forms that we use to include that in it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, the simple way and the way we did it before, is each ad has a different code in it. Even though it's going to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or wherever, you put BOX and use letters to indicate what magazine it's coming from and then he has to track what magazine the returns are coming from. We've done it in the past. I would suggest the magazines you're choosing are not going to be very productive. You need to hit the genealogical magazines.

Mark R. Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee

There is a matter of costs when we start to talk about advertising. We have looked at *AARP Magazine*. We have looked at several other forms magazines. The sums of money that they request to place advertising in their magazines is beyond the budget. I'm trying to stay within the bounds of what we can actually afford.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Informational from a National Treasurer right now, the proposed budget is \$5,000.00, plus the \$150.00 for Memorial University. This comes out of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund. With the proposal that we have right now, we're running a \$3,600.00 deficit for the year. Any increase is going to increase that deficit in the fund.

Mark R. Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee

In that case, I will take back the recommendation and I will fund personally the \$250.00 so that we can do the thing.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So you've withdrawn your recommendation?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

He doesn't need to do that. We're using up the reserves in that fund. There's about a \$12,000.00 reserve but at the rate we're using up the reserve for advertising, it's going to be gone in three years. I'm not saying we can't increase this to the \$5,500.00. You're just going to use up the reserve that much faster. These are the funds that have been designated for that purpose. Once they're gone, it goes to the bottom line of the General Fund, and the General fund right now is just breaking even.

Mark R. Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee

I would tell you that at a minimum, this \$5,500.00 request would probably be something that would be desired to continue into future years and so I would ask that the Council of Administration would look at that in the budget process. I'm willing to accept any motion that might be put in there to fund this through the adequate numbers for this year.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So how do we handle this? Does he have to withdraw it?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, I already changed it here. I'm assuming it gets approved.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, you've objected though.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, That was information. I was not objecting.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I thought you objected. Okay. So any objections? It passes.

[one rap, *]

Mark R. Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee

Thank you.

Cole Harris, National Guard

Commander, we have ladies from the Auxiliary at the door.

[three raps, ***]

Eric D. Graff, National Guide

Commander-in-Chief, may I present Diane Mellor, National President Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Please bring her forward.

Diane Mellor, Auxiliary to SUVCW

Sir, the Auxiliary is here at your command.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Will you please come forward?

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, may I present Mrs. Cynthia Brown, Past National Auxiliary President.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, may I present Danielle Michaels, Past National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, may I present Commander, Virginia Twist, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, may I present Anne Sosnowski, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, may I present Commander, Janice Harding, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to present, delegates and other representatives of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Diane Mellor, Auxiliary to SUVCW

Sisters, you may go to parade rest and be comfortable. Remember we have not officially been dismissed for lunch. Commander, as I said before, the Auxiliary is here at your command, sir.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Sister President.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Sister President, thank you very much for answering my request. There's multiple things that's going to happen here. That's why this is happening. You'll see in a minute. Thank you for all you and your organization have done. Without you gals, we'd be lost. I can speak for my own Camp. We have a really active Auxiliary. What they do for us, not only in fundraising, but getting us out to the community, it's just phenomenal. Yes, you are our Auxiliary, but you're part of our family. We need to keep it that way. I thank you and I'm glad to see all of you came. I would like to ask if you have any words?

Diane Mellor, Auxiliary to SUVCW

Yes, I do. When didn't I? First, I'd like to present you with that. I'm sure you will enjoy them. Brothers, most of you know, this has not been a pleasant year for me. However, as I went around and visited, I felt my Brothers' support everywhere I went. For that, I thank you. The Auxiliary wishes to send their wishes, probably a little too late, but I hope you are having a harmonious and prosperous Encampment. My ladies were focused until we were interrupted.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry.

Diane Mellor, Auxiliary to SUVCW

Nope, that's okay. Certain things have to be done and schedules are meant to be broken. I thank you for inviting us here. Our ladies thank you. Commander, I turn it back to you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Jim Ward, will you please escort Past National President Danielle Michaels up? Thank you. This was one very difficult thing to try to get accomplished. When you have a family that's this involved in the Organizations that trying to get information and trying to do this without giving away too much information, was very difficult. But I have to thank her daughters for helping me and keeping it secret.

Danielle Michaels, Auxiliary to SUVCW

I'm at a loss, sir.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

You should be, cause that's the way it was. This award is one of the highest SUVCW awards that can be bestowed on a Sister of the Allied Orders. This is an acknowledgement and appreciation that is bestowed upon this Sister for her years of service to the Department of Wisconsin and to the entire Allied Orders. The Sister's a native of Wisconsin and graduated from Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She teaches special needs students in the Waukesha, School District and the correction systems. She spends her spare time which I'm sure is a lot, volunteering, serving the Veteran community, and caring for her family. If she's not at an Auxiliary event, she's more than likely with the Civil Air Patrol at any given weekend. This Sister joined the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol in 1978. She is a ground team leader of a search and rescue team, and a mission observer and scanner for search and rescue airmen. She holds the rank of lieutenant colonel since 1993. And specializes in various positions throughout Squadron 5, with the most recent being Squadron Commander, where she currently commands more than thirty youth members and fifteen adult members. Which ultimately shows her command leadership ability. She joined the Auxiliary in 1996. Served as CK Pier Badger Auxiliary for President. Served as a Wisconsin Department President multiple times. She also served as the National President from 2003 and 2004. And she has served various National offices since 2000. Therefore, I, Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief, on the behalf of the entire membership of the SUVCW do hereby have the honor to present Danielle Michaels with this National Mary Walker Appreciation Award.

Encampment

(applause)

Danielle Michaels, Auxiliary to SUVCW

Yes, Allison and Anne, I'm surprised. First of all, gentlemen, we could not do it without you. I could not do what I needed to do without my husband, without the Sons. Therefore, I accept this with the idea that there were many more deserving of this, that many made this happen. I also vow to you that if you need help in any State, give a holler. We are over a thousand strong. We are willing to grow and we are willing to help. Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause and cheers)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Sisters, thank you for coming. Past National President, thank you very much for all you have done. Please have lunch. Chaplain, the Bible please.

[three raps, ***]

[One rap*]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Are there any announcements before we break?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Alan Russ, National Secretary. Announcement Loren Bures. He requests to meet with the elected officers of the Department of Nebraska after this session. Loren, raise your hand. Okay. Nebraska raise your hand. Brother Bruce Frail asks that all Graves Registration Officers meet in the rear of this room at the beginning of the lunch break, which would be in just a few minutes. Brother Frail is in the back already. The Central Region Association of the Allied Orders wants to let you know there's an Annual Conference October 3rd and 4th in Oberlin, Ohio. Looks like another announcement.

Ray Wozniak, Commander Elias Moon Camp #2, Department of Georgia

Ray Wozniak. If any of you had planned on coming to the Wisconsin Monument dedication tomorrow at Allatoona Pass, I'd like to announce that although the Wausau Redstone Monument that we were having carved broke in two, two weeks ago, another one was produced. It was put up yesterday. It's ready to go. It's beautiful. So, if you've got your own vehicle, please come up to Allatoona Pass about

thirty miles away from here tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock for the monument dedication. It's a culmination of twelve years of work, \$44,000.00 project, 95% of the money came from the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans in a bad economy. Patriotic people stepped up to the plate and made it possible.

Encampment

(applause)

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

I have one more announcement. If you have flight plans for Sunday and Monday, please see Jim Crane, who has been running around here trying to make all this work also, in the Blair Boardroom between four and six p.m. today. I presume that's for scheduling shuttle? Yes. So that way they can get your shuttle service scheduled to get you to the airport.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I'd like to remind those anyone who plans on submitting a request for funding, you have fifteen minutes to get it in. It will not be accepted beyond 12:00 o'clock. And can somebody tell me where the Pennsylvania luncheon is at?

[one rap, *]

[Break for Lunch]

[Three raps***]

[One rap*]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Here we go again. Okay, we're at the point of Committee of Vision and Planning. Okay. Regulations.

James B. Pahl, National Regulations Committee

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Special Committee of National Regulations. Report starts on page 57. We were tasked two years ago with the task of reorganizing the Regulations. The proposed outline of that reorganization appears on the next couple pages of the report. We have fleshed this out and notice was sent out to the Departments about a month ago with the full document on the Website which is over 90 pages, which is why we didn't print it for this. It basically reorganizes the Regulations. It incorporates the job descriptions into the Regulations. So, if you were able to go on the Website, particularly in Chapter 1, we highlighted in blue, those job descriptions that were being incorporated to give you an idea of what that would look like. If you noticed anything in red, those were Regulation changes adopted at last year's National Encampment so you can see what those were. This does not change the Regulations at all with one minor exception. Every year, there is a housekeeping motion that when the outgoing and the incoming Commander-in-Chief approve the proceedings, it is published as the official proceedings of that Annual Encampment. We have added that provision to these Regulations. Other than that, there are no changes to the Regulations other than incorporating the job descriptions and reorganizing how they appear. And the Committee of James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief; Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief; Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief; Alan Russ, National Secretary, Past Department Commander; Bob Wolz, National Historian who at one point was a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of this Order; and our Aide, Don Martin, Past Department Commander, recommend approval of this outline.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

If you didn't hear that, this has a change to the Regulations so it requires a 2/3's vote. Hearing no objections, please raise your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

James B. Pahl, National Regulations Committee

Brother Commander, I now move you that the Special Committee be discharged with the provision that in the event that it's discovered that items existing in the National Regulations did not get transferred into the reorganized format, the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to reactivate the Committee for the sole purpose of incorporating such language into the reorganized format that upon approval of the National Counselor and the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations such language can be inserted into the published Constitution Regulations.

Several

Second.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It doesn't require a second. It's a report of a Committee.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

I object. Loran Bures, Delegate, Department-at-Large. I would like to add to the task of the Committee and extend their existence for one year to help bring the Regulations in full compliance with our Federal Charter. Terms are sometimes different between our Federal governing charter and the Regulations. Spelling, punctuation, things of this nature. I think with the experience these Brothers have had, by extending it one year to do clean it up in connection with our Federal Charter would be a worthwhile effort and that we could keep this expertise together. So, I move as a substitute motion that the committee continues for one year with the additional charge of bringing the Regulations into align with the terminology we saw and used in our 1998 Federal Charter, which is our ultimate governing document.

James B. Pahl, National Regulations Committee

I'll for the purposes of discussion, second the motion. And I have a point. That Brother Bures be made a member of the Committee.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Please stand by. Okay, what'd I miss?

James B. Pahl, National Regulations Committee

A substitute motion was made by Brother Bures that the Committee be extended for one year with the purpose of making the Regulations align with the National Charter. I seconded the motion with the provision that he be appointed to the Committee.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor, please raise your voting cards. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Membership Process Development. I don't think he had a report.

Paul T. Zeien, Jr., Membership Process Development Committee

Commander-in-Chief, Paul Zeien, of Membership Process Development. We had some good discussion and we're looking at how to implement some more technology in it. Our recommendation would be to have this Committee move forward under the next Commander-in-Chief.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections? It passed. Memorial University Redesign.

Stephen A. Michaels, Memorial University Redesign Committee

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels, Committee Chair. The Committee report is on page 50. And it stands as presented, sir with no recommendations.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Child Protection. I believe that Committee was dispensed of at Springfield.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I know the Secretary from Pennsylvania didn't send the resolution in. There was supposed to be a resolution from Pennsylvania. Since this would require a change to the amendments, I am going to make this as a motion for Constitution and Regulations. Because of Pennsylvania law, we still find ourselves in Pennsylvania in a quandary, even after the last General Order, that you issued regarding Juniors. Pennsylvania is proposing that the ages for Juniors be changed from six to eighteen 'cause anyone under the age of eighteen still falls under the child protection laws, at least in Pennsylvania. And we feel that we need to have that in order to require that anyone under eighteen be accompanied by a parent because issue's been raised within the Department that as a full member, why are we requiring a parent to accompany them to SUVCW event. So the proposal from the Department was to change the age of Juniors to eighteen. You must be eighteen to be a full senior member. That this be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations to review and develop appropriate language.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion.

Unknown

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. Discussion. Brother Danny.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, Quartermaster. We have a little problem with that in New York also. It's in the wording that they have to be with them at all times. We have no problem with anything else. We have checked out the laws in New York and there isn't a problem with the age. It isn't a problem with them coming to things. You have to have a designated person. It doesn't matter whether it's an uncle, a father, grandfather, as long as it's a designated person. I think what we need to look at here is each Department and what their laws are because they're different in all the States. If we had that taken out that says "all times," we would be okay with it. Thank you.

Michael Pauquette, Department of the Chesapeake

Commander, Mike Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake. We also have another issue with full-fledged members that are between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. That proposal from the Department of Pennsylvania does not explain how we're to address those members.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I would caution putting the age of eighteen there because in some States the age of majority is sixteen. I would suggest that rather than putting a number limit, you say from the age of sixteen to the age of majority within that Department.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The age of majority is sixteen?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Age of consent, not age of majority. Where?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

South Carolina to be exact.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Sir, Doug Fiddler, PDC Tennessee. Just a question. Will present Junior members who are in that gap, would they be grandfathered? Or could they be grandfathered?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Brother. It would depend upon what the C&R Committee develops. In the past, when we have done things like this, we have grandfathered existing members.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois

Jim Lyon, Department of Illinois. Are we not using The Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection Certificate or their policy?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Brother. It is not a requirement. It is a suggestion, and that's the rub. If we required every Brother who had contact with a child under the age of eighteen to complete that training and keep it up to date and retrain every two years, then it would not be the same issue.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois

Because the major thing in their policy is that you're not alone. It's either two kids and an adult or two adults and a child together at the same time, and not left alone one on one is the main crux of that training.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right. The Commander-in-Chief's General Order which is now what we're following, they were suggestions. Not requirements.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois

It would be a good one to look at and use.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

The whole premise behind that General Order is because there are so many different States with so many different variables. This was a suggested outline for all the different States and Camps to follow using your own local laws. Cause for us to try to write something that encompassed everything, I'm sorry, wasn't going to happen. So, that's why we wrote it, more of a suggested outline.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Just an informational comment. I wasn't the one who brought this up, but Pennsylvania. I'm just delivering the message because I don't think anyone else is back from lunch. There's a way to do this and it's the same as what we did with Juniors. We can empower the Departments to set the age at which a Brother becomes a full member as opposed to a Junior. And by doing that, we let each Department then comply with their individual State laws. If I'm still on the C&R Committee next year, it's certainly what I'd be working towards developing language that would basically say that a Department can set the age for a Senior member between fourteen and eighteen. Requiring at eighteen and allowing as you go, as young as fourteen, but that they set it in order that they comply with their own State laws.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

Commander, George Huttick, Department of Tennessee. Standing next to me is George Michael Huttick. Believe it or not, he's fifteen. He'll be sixteen in a few months. While in general we agree with the principle of what's being proposed, he's a little bit shy and he's still learning how to talk in public. But he would prefer to be grandfathered in as he is now currently a full member and is in a

National Encampment. He's earned the right to be here. He doesn't want to slip back to being a Junior.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Can you re-read the motion just to be clear?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Move that the following be sent to the Constitution and Regulations Committee: proposed to change the age for Juniors from six to eighteen years. And must be eighteen to be a full senior member.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Regulations Committee

Commander-in-Chief, one friendly amendment. That that be the standing committee report back next year as opposed to the Encampment committee to report back today.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Ready?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. I think there were a couple, if they weren't, I'll make it a friendly amendment to grandfather the youth that are currently in that gap where they become members at fourteen, that they be grandfathered in and allowed to be remain as members and have the full privileges granted to a regular member.

Several

Second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'll accept it as a friendly amendment. I had already alluded to that.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

Excuse me, Commander.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

The General Order did not deal with a very important point with Juniors and with those under the age of majority. Our current membership applications do not have any place for their parent or legal guardian to give them permission for them to join this organization. We need to create a separate form for application form for those under the age of majority that will require at least one parent or legal guardian's permission for them to join the organization. Some States require both parents or legal guardians even in the case of divorce. We don't have anywhere currently because it's a combined form. And I really think that needs to be developed and part of this policy because that's part of the policy that's used by The Boy Scouts of America to help protect them and that you know the parents have approved their joining the organization or their legal guardians.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Just refer it to P and P.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I was going to say let's go ahead and refer that to the P and P so it can be developed.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

That is fine. I just want to make sure we get that in the record that that really needs to be part of our process of members under the age of majority.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do the Encampment Committees have their reports done? First one I have is Rituals and Ceremonies.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, We are almost out of current printing of the Rituals. And there are updates to the Ritual that have never been incorporated in it. Actually, we did propose appointing a committee to do

that last year and that's something we need to make sure is carried forward, the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a special committee to go through the proceedings. Take all the changes to the Ritual out. Retype the Ritual so that it's not printed the way it is now because the small booklet form was simply taking the 8 ½ X 11 and reducing it 25% rather than reformatting for a smaller page. We are going to need to get them printed within literally weeks.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tad, you got that? Okay. Constitution and Regulations.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Bob Grimm, the Department of Ohio, Chairman of the Encampment C&R Committee. The Committee has received no items for consideration.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Resolutions. We only had the one. Right? Did we take care of that?

Mark R. Day, Resolutions Committee

Mark Day, Chairman of the Resolutions for the Encampment, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake. The only other resolution I have that came forward was a resolution which was submitted by the Department of California and the Pacific that deals with the BANNER. We recommend that that be forwarded to the CofA for action.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any objections? Goes to the CofA.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Officer's Reports.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. The first recommendation is from our National Secretary, Alan Russ, and it can be found on page 9. First one is the instructions for Form 27 and 37 should be changed to state that "a dual Brother will be reported with their primary Department in the main section of the report which is used for the B.I.G.S., B.I.G.S. is Brothers In Good Standing calculation. Dual Brothers will continue to be reported in a summary information section for the purpose of calculating National and Department per capita." Committee thinks it should be referred to Program and Policy.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap, *]

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Second recommendation was Credentials Card Form 2A should be revised to include a check box for the National Elective Officer. We believe that should be referred to Program and Policy.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed. For both those.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Next one recommendation *The Banner* Past Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels page 13?

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

It's near the bottom. In August 2015, upon completion of ten years as your *Banner* Editor, I will be stepping down from the post. I therefore wish to make the following recommendations: one, that the candidates for the BANNER Editor position be identified on or before December 31, 2014. Do you want to take these separately?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

yes.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

All right. We believe that one should be referred to the Council of Administration.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Two, new *Banner* Editor be selected on or before April 15, 2015, so that a suitable transition can be completed prior to the 2015 National Encampment. Refer to the CofA.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

So, the next one. It's under National History Committee, but it was given as an Officer Report. So there's two recommendations here on page 27. Recommendation one, that all current members that have not already done so, complete a worksheet listing their family line to show eligibility in our Order, part five of our current application. Or better, in an expanded version that would list both parents' birth and death dates and marriage back to the Union Veteran, at all the Veteran's levels, it should show his service record and GAR affiliation, if known, attaching 8 ½ X 11 copies of confirming documents, birth and death certificates, marriage records, discharge, or national archive records. We're going to refer this one to the incoming special committee that was presented in the Program and Policies Report that was on page 31 and that has already passed.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Recommendation two, that all such records be scanned and a permanent copy be kept at headquarters. This will require coordination between the Technology Committee and the History Committee as to which software is better suited for this task, what efforts must be done to keep the software and database current. With the current proceedings, we may be backlogged for a year or two, but the hundred or so members gained each year should be manageable. We also refer to the incoming special committee same page number 31.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Objection. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. I'm going to object simply on the fact we don't have the space to store these physical copies and it says that we're to keep hard copies. That's going to be an added expense. It's going to mean paying for record storage. Every time somebody wants the information from one page, you need to retrieve it. Electronic copy is one thing. Keeping hard copies is a whole 'nother ballgame.

Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

Brother Commander, that's the whole point. It does say scanned copies saved, which we all now know you can get a terra byte hard drive in less than 6 X 6 inches. So, we're not proposing that we keep hard

copies. We're proposing we keep scanned copies so that indeed if at some future point somebody says, "Was my dad a member of the Sons of Union Veterans," we can say, "Yes, we definitely know that," because they can pull them up by their last name. That's the number one call and letter that I get. "Can you prove that my dad, my grandfather was a member of the Sons, a member of the Grand Army?" We are the only organization that does not keep track of its membership. We haven't for, 133 years.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, if that's...if that's the intent, fine. But that's not what it says.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, if we add the word "electronic" copy permanent.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well, if you eliminate "permanent copy," fine. Because then it will say such records be scanned and kept at the headquarters. Well, it physically won't be there. It will be on a server somewhere. When you say scanned and a permanent copy, to me, the permanent copy refers back to the record which means the paper copy. Okay. All right. As long as the committee knows it doesn't mean keep the hard copies, it's fine.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

You going to withdraw the objection?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I withdraw the objection.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

Commander, for the last fourteen years of my professional career, I worked as a library... Sorry, Loren Bures, Delegate, Department-at-Large. I worked as a librarian and archivist curating a digital archives. To have only one digital copy on site is a disaster. You need to have multiple copies stored in separate locations to protect those digital records. A single place is you're asking for problems. And I think you need in developing this proposal, you need some professional advice from professional archivist that deal with these types of records and these types of projects. For example, archivists don't use PDF. They use TIF, because PDF continues to evolve, but TIF doesn't. It's in the public domain. Professional archivists will recommend that it's in TIF. TIF can be converted to PDF when needed. That's a far better format to use to store as an archivist these types of records. I think you need to think about this. The cost is not just one little server at the National Headquarters. You're going to have to have other storage offsite in different types of format to protect that archive. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff. Of all those membership applications that I processed over the course of the year, we scanned in every one of those. They're scanned for the first page, second page, and we scanned enough documents to show the proof of the ancestor. We scanned those in JPEG, which is fine to look at but it's not TIF. My point is that we've already been doing this. But if we're going to do this for everyone, we're going to have to invest in some equipment, because, just the regular ol' desktop scanner just isn't going to cut it for that. We need one of those rapid-fire things that'll immediately put it in whatever directory you want, and will automatically feed the information, especially if you want the entire application. Some of the applications I've received were over 2" thick. Heavy as a brick and sent priority mail. They spent huge amounts of money just to get it to me. Then another one might only have three pages because one document is enough to prove everything that they need to prove. We have to decide again who is going to do this.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I think the committee it's being referred to has all this information to take into consideration. So he is withdrawing his objection.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I just have information. Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, to you and as you know our servers are mirrored and they're backed up daily. In addition, while it's not in the C&R and it's one of these things you need to go back and read the proceedings, we did adopt a policy that all our records in permanent storage must adhere to the guidelines provided by the National Archives. That's what we follow, are the National Archives procedures. That's why the permanent microfiche cards that we have of the proceedings are gold cards. At least the one set is gold. All the others is silver. Because the only thing in permanent storage that the National Archives recognizes is something that is saved on a gold DVD. By gold I mean it is the media on the DVD because anything else they consider to have a life of 100 years or less. A standard CD has a three year life for those who don't know.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Is there any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Final recommendations from our National Graves Registration Officer. Report starts on page 50 and the recommendations start on page 52. One, I would recommend that the SUVCW approve the purchase of booth space at the National Genealogical Society's Conference in St. Charles, Missouri 13-16 May 2015. Committee concurs. We already have provided for that in the budget for next year, and that's \$500.00.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

And we do have that in the budget? Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Recommendation number two is removed by the request of the National Grave Registration Officer. Three, review and implementation as needed of the components in part or in whole of my three year plan was submitted on 27 June 2012. This plan is available in PDF and at and there's a URL. The committee believes this should be returned to committee for clarification. There was not enough information here to agree or not.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

Four, the review of the C-in-C General Order #6, series 2012-2013 dated 3 December 2012 Section 2, "A new temporary committee has been formed called the Government Headstone Application Committee. The membership of this committee will be Steve Aarli of Illinois, Chair; Steven Hall of Pennsylvania; David Burkett of Oregon; Stephen Siemsen of Arizona; John Eger of Indiana; Steve Twining of Massachusetts; and Bruce Frail from Rhode Island. The primary duties of this committee will be to work out with the National Committee on Graves Registration NCGR, and assist people inside and outside of the Allied Orders researching VA headstones which are for unmarked graves or replacement headstones. Also, with the assistance of the NCGR, design videos and workshops to show people the proper way to complete forms, raise headstones, level headstones, and install new types of

headstones. They will also receive the data from the check boxes of the Grave Registration Forms and transmit the data to the local Departments and Camps for their action of which they will assist when needed. All contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs should be through the office of National Graves Registration Officer. The Program and Policy Committee is tasked to create job description for this committee. The next Commander-in-Chief can then decide whether to continue the committee as a standing committee or as a special committee. My recommendation is to define the job description of this committee and continue its existence as it has not been used since its creation. The committee recommendation is to refer this to the Program and Policy Committee.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Inasmuch as you did not appoint the committee and it was an appointed committee by a Commander-in-Chief, it died at the close of his office. This committee no longer exists.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Can they ask for it to be redone?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

They would have to put a motion on the floor to create a temporary committee. And it's going to have to meet all the requirements of the motion to create such a committee.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Commander, Bruce Frail, Past Department Commander, National Graves Registration Officer. I believe this committee, it was brought to the floor last year at the last Encampment and was extended, but nothing has happened again this entire year. We have still not been provided a job description that has been approved by the Program and Policy Committee. I don't know if something has been given out to them. I Steve Aarli has told me he has gotten no communication whatsoever.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, a temporary committee does not get a job description. That job description is to be detailed in the motion which creates it which also includes the time it will cease to exist. So, there was nothing for the Program and Policy Committee to do because there's no requirement that such a description be developed other than what's in the motion to create the committee.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Then I would make a motion that the committee be reestablished.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

What's the job description and for how long?

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

I would like to see the motion be made to be a continuing committee and under the job description which is set by General Order #6.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That would require an amendment to the Regulations and have to go to Constitution and Regulations Committee.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

What can we do to get this committee off the ground? This committee is an essential component of the Graves Registration Program. We have Brothers who need this information, need this committee to be able to assist them to work with the VA and get headstones which is something that we're supposed to be doing.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The blunt answer? Put Brothers on the committee that are willing to work.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

I placed recommendations. It was not up to me who was put into chair positions.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Bruce, I'm not saying it was your responsibility.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Excuse me? I didn't hear that.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Let's stop this. James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the incoming Commander-in-Chief a special committee, under the outline as contained in proposal number four of the recommendations of the Graves Registration Officer as their jobs duty for a period of one year to do the items that are established there. We can consider permanent or whatever next year. So, I move that this special committee be created under this outline of responsibilities as contained in that proposal number four.

Several

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We got a motion and a second. Any more discussion? All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passed.

Ed Norris, Council of Administration

That concludes the National Officers' recommendations.

Awards were presented at this time. Please see General Order #25 for these awards.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Ten minute break.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

[Break]

[Three raps***]

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I got one thing I need to do. Actually, we're going to give this one charter out. This is from the Department of Rhode Island. If I could have the members of the Camp #11 come forward.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Now we're going to nominations. This is just nominations because that way it gives you guys time to talk about it. Okay. How can we do that? He's not here. He's just doing a LGAR visit. So, we are going to take nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, done by the roll call of Departments. Brother Secretary.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Thank you. Nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California Pacific defers to the Department of Chesapeake.

Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you Brothers in California. My great pleasure to rise to nominate Gene Mortorff for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Many of you know Gene's outstanding qualities and his charming personality. For those who don't, I'm going to let you know and note some of his background. Explain why he will make a great Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Gene has, of course, served in all the

Camp and all the Department positions in the great Chesapeake Department and also holds membership in Pennsylvania Department where he now lives. He'd been Camp Secretary, Treasurer, Commander, organizer of several Camps, served as Department Commander for four years. He's served in National positions even more important to include: Assistant Treasurer; Chief of Staff; National Secretary, which we have had verified is no easy job; and is now serving as your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He's served in the SVR as Commander of the 2nd District. He has a record of solid long-term devotion to the Order and he indicates knowledge of issues and solutions that are very high level. Gene promises to continue this record of hard work and to bring new energy and new technologies to increase our ability to grow and to streamline our operations. You may also know that Brother Gene has been a history teacher, a Boy Scout Leader for many years and at many levels. He's a Mason. And in his wild and crazy youth, served in the roll of what we might call a king's pirate, in the U.S. Coast Guard as a vessel boarding officer. Hard to believe. I'm told that he swept the seas of wrong doers. He is the man. I urge you to vote for Brother Gene for Senior Vice. Aargh.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Boy, that did not take very long to set that precedence. Brother Eugene, would you accept?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Do you hold any other elected offices?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Camp Secretary.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief. James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that when there is only one candidate for an office, the Secretary be instructed to cast unanimous ballot for that candidate.

Several

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, we have a motion. All in favor.

Encampment

Aye.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Opposed.

Encampment.

Aargh.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Encampment

(applause, cheers, and aargh's)

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Ohio.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Department of Ohio.

Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, my name is Henry Shaw, Delegate from the Department of Ohio to this 133rd National Encampment. Now for those of you who are well acquainted with me, you full well know, much like Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief Darby, I like words. I like big words and little words. I like fat words and skinny words. I like long words and short words. I like complex words and simple words and the list goes on. In view of the foregoing, I would like to share a few words with you. In particular, I wish to place in nomination for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief the name of Past Ohio Department Commander, Donald L. Martin. Just as a bit of background, Brother Martin made known his intention to seek the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the Ohio Department Mid-Winter Meeting in January of this year. Since that time, Brother Martin has enjoyed the unanimous endorsement of the Department of Ohio. Thus, each member of the Ohio Delegation here assembled is steadfast in our opinion that Brother Donald L. Martin is significantly best and most qualified candidate for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Now Brother Martin's resume' or if you will, what the expert forensic witnesses love to talk about on the television, he's posted on the Website and has been provided to you as a handout at this National Encampment. In the sure and confident knowledge that each Brother in this room is quite accomplished in the art of reading and comprehension, I shall avoid subjecting all of you folks with a litany and articulating Brother Martin's efforts and achievements as an active, concerned, and diligent working member of the Sons, as the same are clearly spelled out in his resume' and his handout. As an alternative, allow me to dwell just a few moments on the more personal side of Don. Donald L. Martin was born in southwestern Ohio on 2 February 1958. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in history from Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. Then, he earned a Master's Degree in education from the University of Rio Grande at Rio Grande, Ohio. On 31 March 1984, Don and Sherry were married and together they have two adult children, Jennifer and Dustin. Dustin is seated right over there, with his dad. In addition, Sherry and Don have three grandchildren, ages ten, seven, and two. So, in every sense of the word, Don sure is a family man. Professionally, Brother Martin has put his educational background to the best possible use by entering the teaching profession. For the past fifteen years, Don has taught ninth grade at Waverly High School in Waverly, Ohio. His area of expertise is world studies from an American perspective, from the industrial revolution to the present time. Thus, Brothers, I present to you for your consideration for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the eminently qualified, Donald L. Martin, a tireless worker on behalf of our Order, a well-educated member of the teaching profession, happily married to Sherry, the dad of two, and the grandpa of three. Thank you ever so much for affording me the opportunity to present Donald L. Martin's name in nomination for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Don, will you serve?

Donald L. Martin, Department of Ohio

Yes.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected offices?

Donald L. Martin, Department of Ohio

(Indistinguishable.)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake.

Department of the Chesapeake

The Department of the Chesapeake defers to the Department of Missouri.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Missouri.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Well those of you who know me, know that I'm a man of few words. And those few words are usually spent defending against hair attacks from the Department of Ohio.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

But really, I rise here to place in nomination the name of Robert Petrovic for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I'm sure like those of us in the Department of Missouri, Bob's announcement earlier this year caught many of you by surprise. It surely did for me as I had to do some double checks. The reason was so surprising was that for his twenty-nine years of affiliation with our Order, he's been an Associate, which as you all know, cannot run for the three offices of the Commander-in-Chief. But behind the scenes, Bob finally took the time to get the genealogical assistance he needed to validate what his mother had told him years ago, that one of her relatives served in the Union Army during the Civil War and that person was Ludwig Kuschel, who served in both the 68th Ohio and the 11th Missouri Infantry. As such, he now holds member status. Once over the surprise of the announcement, you begin to look at his qualifications. You begin to see that as an Associate, Bob was fully engaged in promoting the Order. His list of accomplishments and recognitions are significant. At the Camp level, Bob served as Secretary/Treasurer for ten years for two different Camps, earning the title of Past Camp Commander in both. He also helped form the Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 in 1995. At the Department level, Bob was instrumental in resurrecting the Department of Missouri in 1996 and served as its first Department Commander since re-chartering. He then served as Secretary/Treasurer for eight years. He's also been a focal point in organizing the Department Encampments since that time. At the National level, Bob served in many capacities, often times taking on responsibilities that nobody else wanted. His National accomplishments include: sixteen years as National Eagle Scout Coordinator; three years on the Real Sons and Daughters Committee; member of the eBay Surveillance Committee, eventually serving one year as chair; ten years on the National Encampment Site Committee, serving as chair in 2013; several years on the National Military Affairs Committee; six years as chair on the Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee; nine years as an elected member of the Council of Administration, as Senior member of the Council serving as chair of the Memorial Grants Committee; founding member and current chair of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation; host committee chair for the 2007 National Encampment at St. Louis. For his dedication to the Order, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star in 2004. He's also been active in the SVR with several notable accomplishments, including: being instrumental in forming company A, 2nd Missouri Company Infantry SVR and two other units in Missouri; appointed as co-chair of the annual Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg; five years as National Chief of Staff, currently holding the rank of Colonel; and he was awarded the SVR Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star, the SVR's highest honor, in 2012. So as you can see, it's hard to argue against the qualifications. We hope you see it the same way and support Bob for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bob, would you serve if elected?

Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri

Yes.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

What elected offices do you hold?

Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri

(Indistinguishable.)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Camps-at-Large passes. That concludes nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in Chief.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Since he has returned, and we just didn't forget him, we're going to do the nominations for the Commander-in-Chief.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Nominations for Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific. You're not deferring?

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander, Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, National Officers, fellow Delegates, and member of the Allied Orders, it's my extreme honor to place before this body the name of a fellow Californian for the office of National Commander-in-Chief. This will be the first time that someone other than Brother Jerry Sayer has presented our candidate before this honorable body. Brother Sayer could not attend this year and asked that I bring greetings to all of you. One other historical note, and then I'll get down to business at hand. It would be remiss if I didn't say that Past Brother Bob Lowell would have been extremely proud to be here today. Our candidate was one of his boys. Ten years ago, Bob and I were a couple of brewskies and way too many cigarettes...

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

...made up a list of twenty-five Brothers that we thought would be good Commanders-in-Chief. Among that list were five Californians. Our candidate, Brother Tad Campbell, name stood there tall and clear. Tad is one of our favorite Sons and he and his wife, Rachele, and daughter, Em. We just got word a few minutes ago that Rachele has been elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. They're considered the first family in our Department. Believe me, has more brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and grandparents of anybody that I know. Tad is a public servant in San Jose, California. He's a twenty-two year Veteran, 911 operator, and twice has been named Dispatcher of the Year. He's received numerous awards and recognition for his tireless efforts on behalf of the city of San Jose. Tad joined the SUVCW in 1997; became a Life Member in 2005. He has held almost every appointed and elected office at both Camp and Department level, including Camp Commander, two terms; Department Commander, three terms; both Camp and Department Signal Officer for twelve years. Receiving the Marshall Hope Award. He has twice been named Department Officer of the Year. Four times he served as the ASUVCW Counselor for the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary #52. He's attended every National Encampment since 2001. For those of us who remember that special little Encampment that we had in Gettysburg, I think called a half convention, in 2007. He has served on the Council of Administration, Junior Vice, currently the Senior Vice Commander and numerous committees, as member and chairman. He was a key component to the successful National Encampment in Los Angeles. He's paid his dues. These experiences have prepared him for the office of National Commander-in-Chief. To be a successful Commander-in-Chief, you need to possess several characteristics. One, an understanding of how the SUVCW operates. He's been successful innovating and every position he has been appointed to or elected to in our Order. I would place his knowledge of the C&R, and rules against anybody in this room and I mean anybody. He has the education to perform

these tasks. Second characteristic, I think, he must have a passion for the Order. He shows it at every event, north and south in our State, attends Camp and Department meetings regularly and shows up to support other Camps in our Department. He is a mentor to many. You need to have a vision. He has stated that he will continue his efforts on improving communications between the various levels of our Order. Teamwork is the key. Along those lines, a good working relationships with the Allied Orders is essential and God I hope he gets along with the ASUVCW this year.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

He has stated that we need to get back to being a GAR family. Four, compassion. He demonstrated his skills in communication and action plans that has made his Camp and Department a success. He listens to all points of view. Last, but not least, is the support of his family. He has that both in his immediate family members and that of his larger SUVCW family. He will travel this year with the National President of the ASUVCW. His wife, Rachelle, I wrote this a couple of days ago. I'm pretty confident in that. I proudly stand before this group and place in nomination for the office of National Commander-in-Chief, my friend, Tad David Campbell.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tad, will you serve if elected?

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, I will.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected offices?

Tad D. Campbell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Camp Newsletter Editor, Camp Signals Officer and Department Signals Officer.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Camps-at-Large passes. That concludes the nominations for Commander-in Chief.

Encampment

(applause)

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Council of Administration. For one three year term on the Department or on the National Council of Administration. Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Georgia and South Carolina.

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina would like to place in nomination the name of Brian C. Pierson. And I'm giving you the Cliff Notes here. Brian is a twenty-eight year Veterans of the United States Air Force with numerous combat tours. Recently retired. In fact, so recently that he's still on terminal leave. He's a seven year member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and he has held the position of Camp Commander. He is a Past Department Commander. He has been the Department Chief of Staff. He has served as the chair of the Vision and Strategic Planning Committee. In fact, wrote most wrote of what they have put forth. He's a valued member of the Host Encampment

Committee. He was the glue that held all of this together. He designed and was instrumental in having implemented the Doctor Mary L. Walker Award for the Ladies. He's been married twenty-five years to his wife, Denise. He has four sons who are all Brothers and one who is currently deployed. So again, I'd like to place the name of Brian C. Pierson in nomination for the position of Council of Administration.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pierson, will you serve if elected?

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

I will.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

And do you hold any other elected offices?

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Camps-at-Large pass. That concludes the nominations.

Encampment

(applause and cheers)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Well, Brothers, we have one contested office. While we're doing new business, that gives you some time to talk within your Department to kind of decide which direction you go so hopefully we can do it right the first time. So, starting new business, I have one real quick thing. I would like to bring the Charitable Foundation up here for their brief review and a presentation.

James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation

My name is Jim Houston. I'm a Director and Secretary/Treasurer of the Charitable Foundation. I want to just hopefully briefly talk about the activities of the Foundation during the prior year, our fiscal year end is June the 30th. The Foundation's annual meeting was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August the 8th 2013. Ken L. Freshley and Robert E. Grim were re-elected to three year terms as Directors. In addition, Charles H. Engle, Jr. of Athens, Tennessee was elected a new Director. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Chairman, Robert M. Petrovic; Vice Chairman, the Honorable Henry Shaw, Jr.; and myself as Secretary. The foundations Abraham Lincoln Fellow Program is now in its eighth year and we are pleased to report that seventy-four individuals and organizations have participated. This program was established to add to an endowment funds of the foundation as well as provide funds for current projects and activities. In the last year, seven individuals have become new Lincoln Fellows or increased their prior contributions. I'd like to read their names first. And they are William Leonard, Robert May, Kevin Martin, Mark Day, Thomas J. Guard, Robert J. Wolz, Charles Engle. And I'd first like to have them just stand. And so if they're here. Would you please stand?

Encampment

(applause)

James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation

And while we're at it, if any of the seventy-four who have contributed to the program over the eight years are here, please let's have them stand for a minute then. Recognize them.

Encampment

(applause)

James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation

Thank you. In addition we have a couple levels and one is the called Sentinel Supporter levels for contributions over \$1,000.00 and up to \$2,000.00. But this year, the board authorized a further contribution level recognizing contributions in total that were up to \$5,000.00. In that regard, I'd like to call Charlie Engle up to the front here so we can make a presentation of the Colonel Horace Potter Award. That'll be presented by our chairman right here. Thank you very much, Charlie.

Encampment

(applause)

James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation

In the past year, the Grant Committee has authorized grants for four projects and three are currently pending. The Foundation supports projects relating to Civil War history, particularly the preservation, restoration, and construction of significant Civil War monuments and sites. If your Camp or Department is undertaking such a project, consider applying for funding through the Foundation. We certainly welcome though, contributions to the Foundation in any amount. And the Foundation is a tax-exempt organization as established under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. As such, your gift is fully tax deductible for U.S. tax purposes. Details of contributing can be found on the Foundation's website and in the literature which I think was passed out on all the chairs yesterday. To support direct contributions, we also continue to offer in the back a broad line of SUVCW, SVR, GAR, and Civil War related merchandise for sale. We encourage your support through these purchases. In addition, we have arranged with the Amazon organization to participate in their Smile Amazon Foundation Program, which will give 5% of the sales value to the charitable Foundation if you go to the Amazon.com Website for your purchases if you enter smile.amazon.com. So we hope that when you go to buy anything on Amazon that you use the smile designation and click on the SUVCW Charitable Foundation so that we can get credit for that. Thank you very much.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, here we go. Any new business?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. Commander-in-Chief, I guess this is the best time to address this. We previously had verbal approval from the Daughters to use their medal on the back of the one of the GAR Sesquicentennial coins. They're now asking for a formal letter. So, I would move you that the Secretary be instructed to draft that letter and send it to the National President of the DUVCW.

Unknown

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

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

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

It carries.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander-in-Chief, Don Gates, Past Department Commander, Department of Texas. Over the years, the Department of Texas has supported the ROTC awards program. Normally, we carrying out this program with Air Force ROTC Junior Program. This year, one of our Camps was expanding their operations and contacted the Army to present to Army ROTC Cadets. However, they found out that in doing so, they would not be able to after the cadets who received the award, they would not be able to wear the medal on their uniform. The reason for this was given as this Army Regulation which I brought a copy of here that does not recognize the Sons of Union Veterans as a fraternal organization which can provide awards to Army ROTC Cadets. This Regulation is CCR 672-5-1 and it's part of the

USAC Regulations. We don't know for sure if this is also the case with the Navy or Marine Corps but I have heard statements to that effect. For this reason, I move that the National Military Affairs Committee be directed to effect the removal of the impediments preventing all Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Cadets from wearing SUVCW ROTC medal on their uniform.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

That would be the wrong committee.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander-in-Chief, I would also agree to add to that list the Coast Guard.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

What committee would that go to?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Point of information. One, this doesn't fall under the Military Affairs Committee by any stretch of the imagination. It was originally under the Patriotic Instructor. Two, again for informational purposes, when the award was created, it was submitted to the Department of Defense and to all five military branches. Only in the Air Force adopted it. The other four declined to because there is another organization that uses the same ribbon and the ribbon bar would be con-conflicted with it. We chose not to change the ribbon. There are Junior ROTC Programs who ignore it. Problems are with the ROTC Programs at the collegiate level because only the Air Force detachments can accept the medal and wear it on their uniforms. So, this is a DOD Award and in the case of the Department of the Army, Department of the Navy and the Coast Guard made that decision actively. We would have to actually change the ribbon, at an expense to us, resubmit it to all of them to get it approved, and hope we come up with a ribbon that's different and not being used on another medal.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander-in-Chief, I would like to make an additional comment here. Since the Air Force appears, by Brother Orr's description here to be the only branch to have approved the medal, I don't understand why this organization accepted that branch as being the one that they would go with and leave the Army and the Navy of whom all of the Veterans who we are here to remember, the actual Boys in Blue, were members of. There were no Air Force members that I'm aware of during the Civil War. They were not in the Air Force. They were in the Army, Department of the Army. Actually, the Department of War at that time. But, my point being is that it seems ludicrous that especially for this organization to be eliminated from that grouping because that grouping includes other fraternal organizations such as the SAR, the DAR, the Society of 1812, the AMVETS, the American Legion, the VFW. It even includes organizations such as Raytheon Corporation and have us not be in that group because of a simple factor of ribbon problem which probably should have been fixed before we went through it, seems to me to be ludicrous. Thank you, Commander.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny Wheeler, National Quartermaster, and the person who signs out the ROTC badges. Gentlemen, it's been a very successful program. When I took it over, we were doing approximately twenty-five medals a year. We're now doing one thousand. We've made a lot of people happy. We had made a lot of people realize we have an organization that is the Sons of Union Veterans. I've had letters, photographs, and everything from very proud people who received it. And I believe we're going somewhere where we really don't need to go. We have a program that's very successful. It's not just a ribbon problem because I talked to the Army myself and it wasn't a ribbon problem at that time. They just didn't want to accept the award. They didn't want it to be a part of their program. If we go back and we talk to them and maybe we can convince them changing the ribbon if we had to, I suppose we could do that. But to do away with the program that we have now for the ROTC Program would be the wrong way to go. You got a thousand people out there that would not be very happy that

the award was dropped from this Order. That's all I had to say Commander. And thank you very much.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Doug Fidler, Past Commander of Tennessee. Sir, about five years ago, I submitted a paper on this and did the research. I was involved in both Junior ROTC, Senior ROTC, and went down to Maxwell Air Force Base, which is the headquarters of both the Junior and the Senior Programs. At that time, the Senior people said to me when I actually talked to the person in charge of the program, "I'm sorry. We don't get politically involved with groups." To which I asked, "I don't understand. We're just a fraternal group." Apparently he was actually confusing both the SUVCW and the other organization that promotes Civil War heritage and they were looking at it from the political. At that time I did actually recommend that we assemble some kind of a special committee, just to actually look at this. Brother Wheeler is right in terms of the fact that we've had many medals. The problem is not with us. The problem is with the Armed Forces. If those units are letting their cadets wear those, they are actually contravening regulations of their own services. If the IG came down and got them, that's not our problem. That would be their problem. So, sir, again, what I would recommend is that the next Commander consider putting together some kind of a special committee in which we can contact each of the services and basically find out how do we do this so that all Senior Programs and also all Junior Programs can actually wear it. And those kids love their medals. Thank you, sir.

Theodore Golab, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Past Department Commander, Georgia and South Carolina, Theodore Golab. All right, sir. For the State of Georgia, I was the Sons of the American Revolution State ROTC board person. We would give out a silver medal, for the college people and a bronze one for the kids in Junior ROTC. Now, when Douglas McArthur and Ulysses S. Grant, III started this organization and got it certified or whatever they did, I don't think that those generals were going to come with this political atmosphere like we did with the Korean Medal. Being a combat wounded veteran of Khe Sanh I cannot believe that we cannot recognize our youth right for our ancestors who fought to keep the Union together. Maybe the South might be yelling or maybe the West, might be anybody else, but I think, sir, I demand we should make sure that we take care of our youth so we do not forget the war or the rebellion or whatever they want to call it that our ancestors fought and died for. My ancestor died in Shiloh. This is crazy. All right, sir. If you need somebody to run ROTC thing, I'll help you do the letters or whatever we have to do. But we have to recognize our youth and we cannot forget the War Between the States or whatever these people want to call it. I think that all our Brothers here are behind me stating our children must know what our Brothers and our ancestors did for all of these years. All you Department Commanders and Commanders-in-Chief, you guys worked too hard to let a little incident of a ribbon or medal, whatever. You know what I'm saying, sir? So I would really be strong and I like to put it to a vote that if we're going to get this done, we got to take care of these children so we don't forget our ancestors who bled and died 150 years ago in this building that we're in right now.

Encampment

(applause)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. This is not a for or against. This is a history lesson. What Rich was talking about did happen. We did change the ribbon. However, right now, whether the Army, the Navy, or the Marine Corps accepts this or not doesn't mean we can't present it. What it does mean is that those that are presented to cannot wear it on their ROTC uniform. They can in the Air Force. They cannot in the Navy, the Army, and the Marine Corps. So, we did take one step to get the ribbon changed. Their inability not to have it put on their uniform does not prevent us from submitting or presenting it to the youth of America. I understand what the Brother is saying.

Okay? But it's one of those things that we can still do. They just can't wear it. I don't think it's going to hurt us to revisit it and send it forward, but I just wanted to let you know the organization made some effort to get it out there. Maybe we need to make a little more, but that's up for these other Brothers to do yea or nay for.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. And again, this is for informational purposes. Since I see all the those applications because Danny attaches them to the forms that he sends me when we have to deplete the inventory for every one he sends out, about 25% of that thousand are going to colleges. The others are going to high schools. If you read the applications, you will find almost exclusively they are being given to graduating seniors in the spring with the intent they'll never wear them on their uniform. Junior ROTC medals cannot be worn on a ROTC, at least in my understanding, cannot be worn on a uniform in college. Any medals awarded to the ROTC cannot be worn on an active duty uniform. So, at the most, there's a risk of a couple of weeks that they could wear it on a uniform. That's why the Navy and Army contingents don't care on the local level. They're just ignoring the fact that they can't be worn on the uniform because they can still present them to the cadet.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Ed Krieser, Department of Indiana. I want to give a history lesson also. This award that Danny is selling is not the original award. That's one thing that Don had said. The original award had our membership badge ribbon as the ribbon on the award. That is the same exact ribbon that the Air Force gives to Air Force ROTC for their award. That's why it was denied by the Air Force. When we submitted it to the Department of Defense, we submitted it as the original ribbon with the original medal. That's why it was refused because the Air Force couldn't do it. It was never submitted to the Department of Defense since we changed the ribbon. That ribbon is not used by anybody as an award on any level. So, I don't see why it would be denied under those conditions just because one of the branches has already got it as an official award. So it should be resubmitted to all the branches. Then the other thing is that most ROTC units are not following their own regulations because all the ROTC units that I gave the awards to in Indiana and I gave one in Missouri this year, I don't know whether they're reading their own regulations or what, but, they're giving them to the kids and they're wearing them. They're wearing them proudly. They say it's the best one they got.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Bob Grim, Department of Ohio, Past Commander-in-Chief. Just a little bit of an addition to the history lesson. I happen to be the person who got the Air Force to approve the medal so I know exactly what happened. Being an old Air Force Veteran, I felt the Air Force probably ought to be at the head of the line. In any case, at the time we were working on this, I did not submit it to the Department of Defense. That was something that happened before me and everybody said, "Oh, we can't get this thing approved." I went to the Air Force at Maxwell Air Force Base and I still have some of the letters, if I went through some of my old stuff, and they approved it as a badge for the Junior ROTC Program. And many of the schools where I make presentations, they give it to freshmen and sophomore ROTC Cadets and they put it on their uniform and they wear it because it's authorized for the Junior ROTC Program. Now, the instructors at these places tell me, "Well, anybody that college can pass them out if they want to, they just can't wear them on the uniform." But the official approval is for the Junior ROTC Air Force Program. I've got some of the old letters to prove that, because I'm the guy who went and dealt with them. I never dealt with the Defense Department; never dealt with the Army, none of the other units. Only the Air Force. Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So what it looks like we're trying to do here is we're trying to revisit to see if there is a way to find out why we can't get the other ones approved. And all's we're are is we're sending this to a committee. Right? You put it the Military Affairs Committee, but that's the wrong committee. So we send it to the

right committee. Again, we're not saying do it immediately. We're going to have them do the investigation to figure out why and then we can act upon that. I don't want to say we're kicking a dead horse, but it's starting to get old and we need to move on. We're running out of time.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander-in-Chief, I totally agree with you. In fact, the reason I'm standing back up here is because I wish to go ahead and say essentially what you said, we should direct it to the appropriate committee. I am confident that the members of that committee and the members of this Organization will be able to do whatever any other fraternal organization has been able to do and do it better. There is no reason that we should be any different. In fact, we should be ahead of all the other ones. We are the oldest. This is a medal that would go to some of our members of current service who are in the ancestry or descendent units of the ones that we support. I also wanted to say that there is nothing that I had originally, in my original motion that in any way indicated we should cancel any existing program. All I wanted to do, and all I want to see done is everybody be recognized and be able to wear the item. Because whether it's de facto or de jure, it doesn't matter. It needs to be the law. It doesn't just need to be a de facto situation where they can get it and stick it on where no body's looking.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, could we basically take your motion and let the incoming Commander-in-Chief determine what committee or new committee to revisit this?

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander-in-Chief, I withdraw my motion and replace it with this motion. I move that the Commander-in-Chief select the appropriate committee to investigate and act on the establishment of a ROTC Award Program that includes all branches and allows the members of all branches to wear their insignias after they've been awarded.

Several

Second.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. The appropriate place for this historically has been with the Patriotic Instructor. I would offer a friendly amendment that rather than say committee, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief assign it to whoever he appoints to the office of Patriotic Instructor.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Done.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So everybody understand the motion? We're just going to have the incoming Commander-in-Chief assign it to the Patriotic Instructor for investigation and try to figure out if there's anything we can do? All in favor, please raise your card. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Charles D. Buck Custer, Department of Florida

Commander-in-Chief, Buck Custer, Past Department Commander, Department of Florida. I have report on a monument that we are attempting to have erected on a battlefield in Florida. And as a preface to some of the Brothers who may not know, the notoriety that this has. I'd been actually quoted in newspapers all the way from Miami to New York City. I was in the front page of the *New York Times* about a year ago on this subject. It's generated a lot of controversy in Florida because we are about as south as you can get. So, here we go. Brothers of the Order, there has been some confusion still

regarding the status of the Olustee Monument Commission's proposal to erect a monument to the Union soldiers who fought and died at the Battle of Olustee in Florida. I might mention there were only two battles, actual battles, fought in Florida. One was the Natural Bridge and the other was Olustee. Around five thousand people on each side. It was an even fight. First, the State of Florida, through its duly appointed administrators and elected officials, has twice approved in writing in May and November of 2013 our proposal to erect a monument to the Union Soldiers who fought and died at the Battle of Olustee. The approvals have never been withdrawn and remain current. The approvals granted are request to place a monument on the grounds of a three acre State owned property known as the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. It was the first State park established in the State of Florida. Subsequent to both approvals, individuals and groups opposed to having a Union monument placed within the confines of the State park where three Confederate monuments are now existing sought to reverse the decision and not to allow a Union monument. Unable to persuade the executive branch officers and administrators that the proposed Union monument should be barred from State land and effect to frustrate our project with legislation, a gentleman by the name of Baxley actually was going to have require the State legislature to micromanage the State Department of Parks and decide whether or not to allow it. But, this failed in committee. There's no reason to believe that any such future attempt will succeed. The effort to block our monument received wide publicity throughout Florida and nationally through newspapers such as the *New York Times*. We anticipate that our efforts and success will continue to be a story of National and Statewide interest. Those who have opposed the Union monument have always claimed that the three acres, or the title thereto that constitute Florida's first State park were given to the State of Florida by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and to place a Union monument would be a sacrilege. This is factually, legally, and morally incorrect. First, the UDC never held property title to the three acres. The titleholders were a Mr. and Mrs. John Brown who donated one acre and Mr. Austin Fletcher who donated two acres. John Brown was a Confederate Veteran who purchased the farm. However, he was not in any Florida battles. Mr. Austin Fletcher was not only a successful lawyer on Wall Street in New York, but a native of Massachusetts. He had no Confederate ancestors. The title was actually given to the State of Florida from those two people. It was handed to the lady from the United Daughters of the Confederacy but all she did was just hand it to the to the state people. She or they had no claim to it. The legal title for the three acres passed from the Browns and the Fletcher directly to the State of Florida. I'm going to just drop down here a little ways to shorten this up. There is presently been a one million dollar matching grant, given to the State to erect new facilities at that park. The State has placed in its budget the million dollars that needs to match it. So, we have a two million dollars already in the budget to erect a new visitor's center and a memorial garden. The State is proposing that our monument be placed in that memorial garden directly in front of the visitor's center and about a hundred fifty to two hundred feet from the three Confederate monuments. We have collected just through our Department a little over three thousand dollars. We've also collected from generous donations from gentlemen such as our Chaplain and a gentleman from New Hampshire and one or two others for a total of \$3,400.00. We need funding of around \$22,000.00 to do this. So we are asking that as you go back to your Departments that you consider supporting this project. It is the only real battlefield, in the State of Florida. And we've been fighting an uphill battle against the other organization to get this done. If you will support us in this, we'd be grateful. Any donation should be sent to the Department of Florida to the Treasurer, which is me, and you can go to the Website of the Department of Florida and my address will be there. Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Just a little bit about that just from what I'm understanding and just hearing different things. There were two major issues with the other organizations that were in opposition to this. It was the color of the monument and the location of the monument. So right now, it looks like one of the issues is not our issue anymore because the State is going to put the monument where they want it.

Charles D. Buck Custer, Department of Florida

That's correct, sir. The color is no longer an issue either. We have decided to forego a black obelisk and change it to a gray. I might point out that three regiments of U.S.C.T. Troops were involved in that battle. And that was one of the considerations that the Confederate group had that they felt we were promoting the U.S.C.T. Troops.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

So, it sounds like we're moving in the right direction. And Brothers, I think that this is something we should be watching and supporting as it develops. Any more new business?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Alan Russ, National Secretary. I move that you discharge the Encampment Committees with the exception of the Credentials Committee, which will be allowed to file a post-Encampment report.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

I move the Secretary write letters of thanks to the hotel, the host committee, and host city.

Unknown

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and second. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

I move that when the recordings are transcribed and approved by the outgoing and incoming Commanders-in-Chief, they become the official record of the Encampment.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Pass. Okay. Let's do the budget.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

All right, Brothers. The reason the Encampment doesn't approve the budget is because if you approve it, the Council of Administration cannot amend it if necessary during the year. In our Charter, it specifically states that the Council of Administration is responsible for the financial wellbeing of the Order. So, this is going to be for informational purposes only. I can either do this in detail or in summary. How do you want me to do this?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Summary.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'll do the quick version of this rather than line by line details. Income to the general fund: donations \$2,000.00; investments \$8,800.00; Quartermaster sales \$40,000.00; income from program, that's a

BANNER subscription, Camp registration, per capita, et cetera \$150,000.00. I'm rounding it off. Total income for the general fund \$165,050.00. expenses: cost of supplies that the Quartermaster is selling, sales tax, and the PayPal fees, et cetera \$35,300.00. Administrative expenses, this is the reimbursement to the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, the National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, Junior Vice, CNC Representatives, the BANNER Editor, and bad debt charges and bank charges is \$27,000.00 rounded off. Contracted services, accounting, the audit, the five the attorney's fees for the 501(c)(3) conversion, Bureau of Charitable Organization registrations in thirty-nine States, \$24,000.00. Depreciation, that's our computers and furniture, \$1,500.00. General liability insurance and the insurance on the inventory at the Quartermaster's house, \$4,000.00. The Officer's bond was paid last year for three years so that's zero. General office expenses, software purchases, proceeding transcribing's, Past Commander-in-Chief's jewel, printing and photocopying, \$9,000.00. Program expenses, I will go over each of these individually. The National Encampment Host Committee \$1,000.00. Awards presented by the Commander-in-Chief throughout the year, \$1,200.00. Miscellaneous committee expenses, that's postage and things like that that nobody ever hardly turns in \$200.00. The Encampment photographer, \$550.00. Camp photographer supplies, \$100.00. National Encampment expenses, that's the printing of those reports and some other incidentals, \$2,500.00. Fundraising, \$800.00. The BANNER, \$37,500.00. Special projects which is money we put in the budget in case we get requests for special project funding during the year, it's there for the Council of Administration to use, \$5,000.00. Graves Registration, this is contract for the software, \$4,500.00. The Genealogical Conference, \$500.00. The National Encampment Site Committee, \$500.00 to cover travel expenses. Sons of Confederate Veterans representative at the National Encampment, \$300.00 to cover his expenses. Past proceedings digitizing is a project that the CofA has given to someone to do and we haven't moved anywhere with it approximately \$2,500.00 to digitize all the past proceedings. For a total of \$160,050.00. Transfer of \$5,000.00 to the GAR Fund in order to meet the expenses that'll be out of that fund. So total expenses of \$165,050.00. Net gain or loss, zero. That's a balanced budget for the general fund. The GAR Fund. This is a fund that is primarily used to support activities that we carry out through the year which qualify for 501(c)(3) status. Anyway, donations, \$100.00. Investment income, \$200.00. Income from the registration of new members half of the \$5.00 application fee for every new member goes into this account \$1,500.00. Sale of the Gettysburg challenge coins, \$500.00. The draw down against the Hyde Bequest because the scholarships come out of this fund, \$2,500.00. And transfer in from the fund general fund, the \$5,000.00 for total income of \$9,850.00. We have one scholarship that comes out of the fund itself was \$2,500.00. The Hyde Bequest Scholarship \$2,500.00. Lincoln Memorial, \$125.00. Lincoln Tomb, \$1,750.00. Remembrance Day, \$800.00. That's only for Woolson Monument. Purchase of the challenge coins that we sell to raise fund for this, \$1,000.00. Cathedral of the Pines, \$100.00. Tomb of the Unknown, \$200.00. GAR Campfire Program at the National Encampment, \$500.00. Grant's Tomb, \$175.00. Memorial Day in Arlington, \$200.00. For a total expenses of \$9,8050.00. Neither a gain nor a loss. It comes out to zero. Permanent fund. Donations of \$100.00. Restricted income. These are honor roll contributions and the National Membership-at-Large membership fees \$120.00. Temporarily restricted income this is investment income, \$7,150.00. Expenses, the reimbursement for Life Members, 165 at \$4.00 is \$660.00 taken out of that account. Reimbursement for program 2 which is 43 Life Members at \$10.00 each \$430.00. The Life Member per capita transfer to the general fund for the 208 life members, \$4,784.00. Some odd and miscellaneous expenses, total expenses of \$5,949.00 for a net gain in the fund projected at \$1,321.00. Life Membership fund, income from investments \$250.00. Projected income from new applications for life members, \$6,000.00. The miscellaneous earnings and dividends on that money, \$180.00. For a total income of \$6,680.00. The expenses from this fund are \$3,772.00 for Life Membership per capita for the 164 current life members under that program and printing of life membership cards, if I ever get a bill for them, and actually Brother Krieser has been donating those for a number of years for having

them printed at his expense. So, a net gain in that fund of \$2,648.00. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund, which was formed to promote the Order. Estimate donations at \$100.00 and investment income at \$5.00. Half of the registration fee for new members, \$1,500.00 for a total income of \$1,505.00. The Program Advertising Fund \$5,500.00 and carrying forward again the \$150.00 from Memorial University, which basically pays for the pins that we award for total expenses of \$5,650.00. Projected net loss in the fund of \$4,145.00. We have about a \$12,000.00 reserve in that fund, so we're using about 1/3 of it in this budget. National Headquarters Funds. This fund was set up to pay the expenses of the National Headquarters. The anticipated income this year \$25.00 in donations \$3,512.00 in investments. \$5.00 of the per capita that you pay goes to support the National Headquarters it's \$30,625.00. And then the per capita share from the Life Members the total income on this is \$36,022.00. Administrative expenses we pay the executive director and his office expenses, \$18,500.00. Rent for the office in Harrisburg, \$9,270.00. Depreciation of the furniture and equipment there \$600.00. And then the other operation expenses that include telephone and internet access and things of that nature is \$7,500.00. Total expenses of \$35,870.00 for a net gain of \$152.00. The Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund, donations \$100.00 \$2.00 of your per capita dues goes to support that fund that's \$12,250.00 and likewise the portion of the Life Membership per capita that gets transferred over for total income of \$13,094.00. projected grants of up to \$13,000.00 which will leave us with a \$94.00 increase in the fund. Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, we have no interest and no income. What is in that fund is in a CD and we don't get the interest on it until the CD matures and not projecting any expenses from it either. Lincoln Tomb, total income of \$5,350.00, that's the luncheon and MOLLUS and SUVCW contributions. Total expenses of \$4,535.00. Projected net gain of \$815.00. Total income from all programs \$244,571.00. Total expenses of all programs \$243,787.00 net difference is a gain in assets of \$885.00 for the year.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. I couldn't imagine what the long version was. Okay. We are going into elections.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Please, lock the doors. If anybody needs to leave, you are allowed to leave. But, you do not come back in until after the election. We do not stop anybody from leaving. Brother Walt, will you please read the list of Departments and what they have available to vote?

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Read the short version?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Read to the short version.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

The short version. Right. California and Pacific, are allowed a total of twenty-four votes. We counted fourteen present at the Encampment.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

California, how many do you have present right now?

Department of California and Pacific

Thirteen in the room.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Chesapeake, allowed a total of forty votes.

Department of Chesapeake

Fourteen are in the room.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Colorado/Wyoming, nobody. Connecticut, nobody's present. Florida.

Department of Florida

Three are present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Georgia/South Carolina. Allowed a total of four delegates and at least four Past Department Commanders, a total of eight votes. There are ten present, two alternates.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

How many are in the room?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Eight are present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Eight present. Okay. Illinois, twenty-one possible delegates

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Illinois, how many do you have present?

Department of Illinois

Ten present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Indiana.

Department of Indiana

Indiana has four in the room.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Iowa.

Department of Iowa

We have four present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Kansas.

Department of Kansas

Seven Present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Kentucky.

Department of Kentucky

Three Present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Maine.

Department of Maine

Maine has one.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Massachusetts.

Department of Massachusetts

Eight are present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Michigan.

Department of Michigan

That's correct, ten present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Missouri.

Department of Missouri

Five Present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Nebraska.

Department of Nebraska

1 present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

New Hampshire, zero present. New Jersey.

Department of New Jersey

Two present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

New York.

Department of New York

Three present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

North Carolina.

Department of North Carolina

Three present for North Carolina.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Ohio.

Department of Ohio

Nineteen present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Oklahoma, zero present. Pennsylvania.

Department of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania has five to vote.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Rhode Island.

Department of Rhode Island

Seven are present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Tennessee.

Department of Tennessee

Ten present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Texas.

Department of Texas

Two present for Texas.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Vermont.

Department of Vermont

One present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Wisconsin.

Department of Wisconsin

Nine present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Members-at-Large.

National Membership-at-Large

I'm here.

Encampment

(laughter)

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Camps-at-Large.

Camps-at-Large

Camps-at-Large, three present.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Okay, I haven't totaled that up.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

156 is the total, in the room voting. Thank you. Okay. You ready, Brother Secretary?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Okay. We will now call for the votes by Department starting with Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific casts thirteen votes for Don Martin.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Thirteen votes for Don Martin. Department of Chesapeake allowed fourteen votes.

Department of Chesapeake

Department of Chesapeake casts twelve votes for Brother Martin and two votes for Brother Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Twelve votes for Brother Martin. Two votes for Brother Petrovic. Colorado/Wyoming and Connecticut are not here. Department of Florida, three votes.

Department of Florida

Department of Florida casts three votes for Martin.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Department of Florida, three votes for Brother Martin. Department of Georgia and South Carolina, eight votes.

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts eight votes for Brother Don Martin

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Eight votes for Brother Martin. Department of Illinois, ten votes.

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois casts nine votes for Martin, one vote for Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Nine votes for Martin. One vote for Petrovic. Department of Indiana, four votes.

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana votes two votes for Don Martin and two votes for Robert Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Two votes for Don Martin. Two votes for Robert Petrovic. Department of Iowa, four votes.

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa casts four votes for Bob Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Four votes for Bob Petrovic. Department of Kansas, seven votes total.

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas casts seven votes for Don Martin.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Seven votes for Martin. Department of Kentucky, three votes allowed.

Department of Kentucky

Department of Kentucky casts three votes for Martin.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Three votes for Martin. Department of Maine, one vote allowed.

Department of Maine

Department of Maine, one vote for Robert Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

One vote for Robert Petrovic. Department of Massachusetts, eight votes allowed.

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts casts all its eight votes for Don Martin.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Eight votes for Martin. Department of Michigan, ten votes allowed.

Department of Michigan

Michigan casts ten votes for Robert Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Ten votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Missouri, five votes allowed.

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri casts five votes for Brother Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Five votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Nebraska, one vote allowed.

Department of Nebraska

The Department of Nebraska casts its one vote for Brother Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

One vote for Brother Petrovic. Department of New Hampshire is not here. Department of New Jersey, two votes allowed.

Department of New Jersey

Department of New Jersey casts two votes for Bob Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Two votes for Bob Petrovic. Department of New York, three votes allowed.

Department of New York

Department of New York casts three votes for Martin.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Three votes for Martin. Department of North Carolina, three votes allowed.

Department of North Carolina

Department of North Carolina two votes for Brother Donald Martin. One vote for Brother Robert Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Two votes for Brother Don Martin. One vote for Brother Robert Petrovic. Department of Ohio, nineteen votes allowed.

Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio, nineteen votes for...who did I say?

Encampment

(laughter)

Department of Ohio

Martin!

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Nineteen votes for Brother Martin. Department of Oklahoma is not present. Department of Pennsylvania, five votes allowed.

Department of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department casts five votes for Brother Robert Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Five votes for Brother Robert Petrovic. Department of Rhoda Island, seven votes allowed.

Department of Rhode Island

Rhode Island casts three votes for Brother Martin, four votes for Brother Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Three votes for Brother Martin. Four votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Tennessee, ten votes allowed.

Department of Tennessee

Department of Tennessee, ten votes for Bob Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Ten votes for Bob Petrovic. Department of Texas, two votes allowed.

Department of Texas

Department of Texas casts two votes for Brother Bob Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Two votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Vermont, one vote allowed.

Department of Vermont

Vermont casts one vote for Brother Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

One vote for Brother Petrovic. Department of Wisconsin, nine votes allowed.

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin casts all of our votes for Martin.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Nine votes for Martin. National Membership-at-Large.

National Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Don Martin.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Okay. One vote for Martin. Camps-at-Large.

Camps-at-Large

Camps-at-Large casts three votes for Brother Petrovic.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

And that concludes the voting. I'm showing a total of 156 votes counted. 102 for Brother Martin. 54 for Brother Petrovic. Commander-in-Chief.

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Don Martin has won the election for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Congratulations.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Tad, you need a break? Cause I need to get my wife up here too. What time is it?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

It is a quarter 'til five.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Unlock the doors. How much time do you need? Five minutes. Brother Chaplain.

[three raps, ***]

[One rap*]

[Break]

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We're all done, right?

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Freshley, I am relieving you of the command of the National Organization. On behalf of the officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner of which you have displayed your duties. I trust that in surrendering your 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 serve the Order. Please be seated. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so, hand them to the Secretary.

Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief Elect

The Secretary has the list.

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief

Fantastic. Secretary, call the roll of officers elect and staff appointees. When their names are called, will stand.

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

The elected and appointed officers for 2014-2015: Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief; Eugene "Gene" Mortorff, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Donald L. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Alan L. Russ, Secretary and National Membership-at-Large Coordinator; Richard D. Orr, Treasurer; Danny L. Wheeler, Quartermaster; Stephen Hammond, Council of Administration member; Donald W. Shaw, Council of Administration member; Ed Norris, Council of Administration member; Walter E. Busch, Council of Administration member and National Civil War Memorials Officer; Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration member; Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration member and backup National Webmaster; Gregory M. Carter, National Patriotic Instructor; Frank C. Avila, National Aide to Camp; James B. Pahl, National Counselor, Assistant National Counselor Blue Book, Assistant National Secretary and Secretary/Treasurer for National Camps-at-Large and Assistant National Treasurer; Dean A. Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer; Bruce D. Frail, National Graves Registration Officer; Jeffry C. Burden, National Liaison to MOLLUS; Pete Hritsko, National GAR Highway Officer; Kevin L. Martin, National Chief of Staff; Daniel M. Bunnell, National Chaplain; Edward J. Krieser, Secretary for Proceedings; Max L. Newman, Assistant National Treasurer 2; Loran T. Bures, Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer and Aide to Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator; Joshua A. Claybourn, National Signals Officer, Assistant National Counselor, and National Webmaster; Robert M. Petrovic, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator; Lee D. Stone, Washington D.C. Representative; Perley E. Mellor, Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines; Robert J. Wolz, National Historian; Justin M. Dorsey, National Color Bearer; Eric Graff, National Guard; and Adam W. Gaines, National Guide. Sir, the roll call of the elected and appointed officers is complete.

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let them now speak or forever hold his peace. Brother Guide, please present the officers to the altar, starting with the Commander Elect., Senior Vice, Junior Vice, then have everybody else come in. Everybody else, please surround. Is everybody comfy? It's not good for pictures. Back up a little bit, please. Officers, you've 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 of the National Organization, and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the 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 remember that upon the manner in which you discharge your duties of your respective offices will depend very largely the success or failure of the administration of the National Organization. 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, Past Commander-in-Chief

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...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...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 in deed...without fear or favor...faithfully...honestly...and impartially...perform all the duties of this office...upon which I am about to enter...so help me God. Please, drop your hands.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief

Guide, conduct the Officers to their respective stations Acting Officers vacating please. Guide, please conduct the Commander-in-Chief to this station. Commander-in-Chief, by the vote of the members of this Encampment, you've been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is an evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of the Union Veteran of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave cares await you, and to their faithful performance, I now most solemnly direct you.

[three raps, *]**

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief

As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will now ask His assistance and guidance.

Daniel M. Bunnell, National Chaplain

All mighty 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 in which they are to be installed with the knowledge that You are ever watching over them. Keep them in good health, so that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action, in Your name through the mediation of Your blessed son, Jesus Christ our Lord. If you agree with me, say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

Amen.

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander in Chief, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I'm about to place you in full control. But first, I give to your care the Charter of the National Organization. We know where that is, in Washington D.C. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I place you in 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 your true to its principals, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, I give you the gavel, the emblem of your authority. **[one rap, *]** One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same. **[two raps, **]** Two raps calls the Officers to their feet. **[three raps, ***]** And three raps calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of the National Organization legally elected, and installed, and qualified to enter upon the

discharge of their several duties for the term ending August 2015, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. Now, I am going to present the badge to their daughter, Emelia, who is going to pin it on her daddy.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Past 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.

[one rap, *]

Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief

At this time, the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief will come forward so he may be presented with his badge.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief

Three words. Thank you, Brothers.

Encampment

(applause)

[one rap, *]

Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief

I have a really great acceptance speech, which I'm not going to give because we are out of time. So, I will incorporate it in a General Order or something of that nature. There being no further business to come before this National Encampment, we will proceed to close.

[three raps, ***]

Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief

Please give your attention while the National Chaplain asks the blessings of God on our deliberations.

Daniel M. Bunnell, National Chaplain

Our Father in heaven, we pray You will 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. If you agree with me, say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

Amen.

Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment and retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so 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 an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity, and an unswerving loyalty. Color Bearer will attend to the altar and station banners. I now declare that the 133rd Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is duly closed.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause)

Appendix 1

National Officer and Committee Reports

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 Council of Administration Report
 August 14, 2014
 Marietta, Georgia

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- Department of Florida
- Department of Indiana
- Department of Iowa
- Department of Kentucky
- Department of Maine
- Department of Missouri
- Department of New Hampshire
- Department of Nebraska
- Department of New Jersey
- Department of Ohio
- Department of Oklahoma
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- Department of Tennessee
- Department of Texas

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 14, 2014 meeting in Marietta, Georgia. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

NATIONAL ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

1 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF; Ken L. Freshley, CinC

Report to be delivered verbally at encampment.

2 SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN CHIEF; Tad D. Campbell, PDC

The following is a summary of the activities of this office.

Travelogue:

Aug. 10	132 nd Annual National Encampment	Brookfield, WI
Aug. 11	Council of Administration Meeting	Brookfield, WI
Sept. 7	Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Meeting	Santa Clara, CA
Sept. 14	Department Encampment Planning Meeting	Sacramento, CA
Sept. 21	Father A. J. Ryan Camp No. 302 Meeting	Fallbrook, CA
Oct. 10-13	7 th Annual Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment	Monterey, CA
Oct. 26	Department Encampment Planning Meeting	San Jose, CA
Nov. 9	Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Meeting	Santa Clara, CA
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Parade	San Jose, CA
Nov. 16	Remembrance Day Ceremony	Santa Rosa, CA
Nov. 17	Remembrance Day Ceremony	San Jose, CA
Nov. 23	Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast	Gettysburg, PA
Nov. 23	James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 Installation	Gettysburg, PA
Nov. 23	Woolson Monument Wreath-Laying Ceremony	Gettysburg, PA
Nov. 23	57 th Annual Remembrance Day Parade	Gettysburg, PA
Nov. 24	Council of Administration Meeting	Gettysburg, PA
Jan. 17	Installation Banquet, Camp No. 4 & Aux. No. 52	San Jose, CA
Jan. 18	Installation Meeting, Camp No. 23 & Aux. No. 23	Rohnert Park, CA
Jan. 25	33 rd Annual Ancestor Roundup Genealogical Seminar	Seaside, CA
Feb. 1	Four Chaplains Inter-Faith Memorial Ceremony	San Jose, CA
Feb. 15	Annual Lincoln Dinner	San Jose, CA
Feb. 22	Veterans Memorial Ceremony, VVMC	San Diego, CA
Mar. 7-8	128 th Annual Encampment, Dept. of CA & Pacific	Sacramento, CA
Apr. 12	58 th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	Springfield, IL
Apr. 12	Council of Administration Meeting	Springfield, IL
Apr. 19	Annual Encampment, Dept. of Nebraska	Omaha, NE
May 17	Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Meeting	San Clara, CA
May 23-25	Info Booth, 33 rd Annual Civil War Battles & Encampment	Felton, CA
May 26	United Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony	San Jose, CA
May 26	Camp No. 4 & Aux. No. 52 Memorial Day Ceremony	San Jose, CA
June 7	Annual Encampment, Dept. of Wisconsin	Madison, WI
June 28	Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Meeting	Santa Clara, CA

July 4	Independence Day Parade	Monterey, CA
Aug. 14-16	133 rd National Encampment	Marietta, GA

Total Distance Travelled: 24,151 miles (750 miles less than around the world at the equator)

Other Activities:

The SVCinC attended all four (4) meetings of the Council of Administration, took part in online discussion, participated all votes of the Council of Administration Online Board Room, and represented the Commander-in-Chief as Installing Officer at the Annual Encampments of the Department of Nebraska and the Department of Wisconsin.

3 JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF; Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC
1. My activities since the last National Encampment in Milwaukee, WI.

- Aug 9-12: National Encampment, Milwaukee, WI.
- Aug 13-14: Travel to Ohio to visit Garfield Home and Grave in Cleveland, OH.
- Sep 5: Led inaugural kayaking tour through Battlefield on Antietam Creek, MD.
- Sep 21-22: Chesapeake Department Mid-Year Meeting at Quantico, VA
- Nov 18: Travel to Philadelphia to retrieve SUVCW Awards DIES.
- Nov 19: Attended Lincoln Fellowship annual meeting/luncheon, Gettysburg, PA
(Note: Elected to Board of Directors - Director of Membership)
- Nov 23: Participated in Remembrance Day Activities, Gettysburg, PA
- Nov 24: Attending SUVCW CofA Meeting, Gettysburg, PA
- FEB 15 Attended Dept. of Pennsylvania Annual Lincoln Luncheon, Abbottstown, PA
- MAR 22 Attended Civil War Medal of Honor Ceremony, Monocacy Battlefield, MD
- APR 1 Attended Annual Lincoln Dinner, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- APR 4-5 Attended Massachusetts Department Encampment, Dedham, MA
- APR 12 Attended Lincoln Tomb Day events, Springfield, IL

2. Online Membership Report:

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NOTE: These numbers do not reflect applications received between
July 27, 2014 and National Encampment on August 15, 2014

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Department:	12-13	13-14	+/-
California & Pacific	11	8	-3
Chesapeake	29	29	0
Colorado & Wyoming	6	1	-5
Connecticut	2	3	+1
Florida	9	9	0
Georgia & S. Carolina	1	6	+5
Iowa	4	1	-3
Illinois	3	10	+7
Indiana	5	10	+5
Kansas	4	0	-4
Kentucky	1	4	+3

Massachusetts	3	8	+5
Maine	2	1	-1
Michigan	12	2	-10
Missouri	5	6	+1
At-Large	14	12	-2
North Carolina	5	5	0
Nebraska	1	2	+1
New Hampshire	6	1	-5
New Jersey	2	14	+12
New York	20	15	-5
Ohio	7	10	+3
Oklahoma	1	6	+5
Pennsylvania	14	23	+9
Rhode Island	2	2	0
Tennessee	5	11	+6
Texas	14	17	+3
Wisconsin	9	10	+1

Totals	197	226	+29
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6-13	3
14-19	11
20-29	12
30-39	23
40-49	25
50-59	46
60-69	72
70-79	29
80-89	5
90+	0

TOTAL:	226	Average Age: 53.7
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3. Announcement: I have officially announced my candidacy for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the upcoming National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia. I wish to thank everyone for their support and cooperation over the years.

4 NATIONAL SECRETARY; Alan L Russ, PDC

ACTIVITIES. I participated in the following activities.

- August 8-11, 2013 – 132nd National Encampment, Brookfield, Wisconsin
- August 12, 2013 – Council of Administration meeting, Brookfield, Wisconsin
- September 28, 2013- Private John Crooms grave marker dedication, Hutchinson, Kansas
- October 19, 2013 – Department of Kansas Fall Council meeting, Emporia, Kansas
- November 23, 2014 – Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- November 24, 2014 – Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- January 11, 2014 – Department of Kansas Encampment, Emporia, Kansas
- April 12, 2014 – Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois
- April 12, 2014 – Council of Administration meeting, Springfield, Illinois
- June 7, 2014 – Department of Colorado & Wyoming, Denver, Colorado, as representative for CinC Freshley.

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings:

Post-National Encampment Council of Administration meeting, Brookfield, Wisconsin, Sunday, August 11, 2013.

Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 24, 2013.

Springfield Council of Administration meeting, Springfield, Illinois, April 12, 2014.

MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM. The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the 2013 National Encampment. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below. The results are also posted on the National website within a week of the conclusion of voting on the motion.

Motion 01 Motion Passed September 6, 2013

A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Shaw, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held on 8 August 2013 at Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Motion 02 Motion Passed September 6, 2013

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Busch, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held on 11 August 2013 at Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Motion 03 Motion Passed September 17, 2013

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve the newly established Form 11 (EIN Reporting Form).

Motion 04 Motion Passed September 17, 2013

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve the revised Form 12 (Sesquicentennial Signature Event Application Form) as SSE-1.

Motion 05 Motion ruled Out of Order by CinC Freshley on September 14, 2013, Due to Procedural Errors

A motion By Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Norris, as amended by Brother Orr that pursuant to Article V, Section 2b of the Constitution, the Commander-in-Chief is hereby authorized to promulgate General Orders suspending the current admission of Junior, Junior Associate and Associates and Members under 18 years of age until the next National Encampment where it can be discussed and voted upon as to our course of action.

Motion 06 Motion Passed September 21, 2013

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Shaw, to approve General Order No. 3.

Motion 07 Motion Passed September 21, 2013

A motion by Brother Russ, as amended, seconded by Brother Campbell to approve the renewal of the following domain names through GoDaddy.com, those being "GARRECORDS.NET", "GARRECORDS.US", and "GARRECORDS.INFO." These domain names shall be renewed for a period of five years.

Motion 08 Motion Passed October 1, 2013

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve the revised Form 12 (Scholarship Application Form), as modified.

Motion 09 Motion ruled Out of Order by CinC Freshley on September 24, 2013, Due to Errors and Missing Information

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Mellor, to permit the Department of Ohio, SUVCW to pursue an injunction to prevent the sale of the GAR cannons in the Sugar Grove Cemetery at Wilmington, Ohio, and that the Department further be granted permission to sue the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association if needed if the Association attempts to sell the cannons, and further that this type of issue in general be referred to the National Committee on Program and Policy for development of an official policy for such situations.

Motion 10 Motion ruled Out of Order by CinC Freshley on September 30, 2013, Due to Missing Information

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Mellor, to authorize the Ohio Department Commander on behalf of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to pursue appropriate legal relief in the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, to address the present proposed sale of the two GAR Ordnance Rifles situated in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in the City of Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, specifically, injunction proceedings to prevent the sale of the two cannons and declaratory judgment proceedings to address and cause title to the two cannons to be formally vested in the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and for such other legal relief as may be just and proper under the circumstances and for the National Organization, SUVCW, to pay the filing fee in the sum of \$250.00 as required by the Office of the

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio and further that this type of issue in general be referred to the National Committee on Program and Policy for development of an official policy for such situations.

Motion 11 Motion Passed October 5, 2013

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Orr, to authorize the Ohio Department Commander on behalf of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to pursue appropriate legal relief in the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, to address the present proposed sale of the two GAR Ordnance Rifles situated in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in the City of Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, specifically, injunction proceedings to prevent the sale of the two cannons and declaratory judgment proceedings to address and cause title to the two cannons to be formally vested in the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and for such other legal relief as may be just and proper under the circumstances and for the National Organization, SUVCW, to pay the filing fee in the sum of \$200.00 as required by the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, and up to \$50 for any incidental cost that may arise, from the Heritage Defense Fund, and further that this type of issue in general be referred to the National Committee on Program and Policy for development of an official policy for such situations

Motion 12 Motion Passed December 20, 2013

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Wheeler, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held on 24 November 2013 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Motion 13 Motion Passed December 31, 2013

A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Martin that the following resolution is approved: "Be it resolved that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War founded 12 November 1881, a Congressionally chartered organization, hereby exercises its option to be excluded from the provisions of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Title 29 Business Organizations pursuant to 29-107.01(b). Pursuant to the requirements of 29-102.11 attached are copies of our Congressional Articles of Incorporation, the 1881 Articles of incorporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the name and address of our agent (Washington DC Representative), and the name and address of the executive director, the address of our principal place of business and the name and address of all elected National Officers and the members of the Council of Administration (Board of Directors). "The required report is the name of the organization, where it was formed and where incorporated, name of agent and address of agent, principal office address, name of at least one officer and must be filed biennially."

Motion 14 Motion Passed February 1, 2014

A motion by Brother Shaw, seconded by Brother Campbell that this Council grant its permission for the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, to install officers on March 25, 2014.

Motion 15 Motion ruled Out of Order by SVCinC Campbell on February 18, 2014, Due to Resignation of Subject Member

A motion by Brother Wheeler, seconded by Brother Martin, that the Council of Administration grant approval for CinC Freshley to file charges against Brother Farrell, Department of Florida under the Article VI, Section 1, items Second, Fourth and Fifth, utilizing Section 17 (Summary Discipline) as outlined and per his request emailed and attachment dated 16 Feb 2014.

Motion 16 Motion Passed May 5, 2014

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Campbell, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting, held on 12 April 2014 at Springfield, Illinois.

Motion 17 Motion Passed May 28, 2014

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve revised Instructions for Forming a Camp (Form 50).

Motion 18 Motion Passed May 30, 2014

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve the description/criteria for the National Patriotic Instructor's Award. The description/criteria reads, "National Patriotic Instructor's Award. The National Patriotic Instructor's Award recognizes a Brother, Camp or Department who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to educate and provide Brothers and the general public with information that will help to foster patriotism among the membership and the populace in general. Individual recipients need not be a sitting Patriotic Instructor. Recommendations for the award may come from any Brother, Camp, or Department. Recipients of this award shall be determined annually by the National Patriotic Instructor and the issuance of the award is optional."

Motion 19 Motion Passed June 6, 2014

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Shaw, to approve the Application to Form a Camp (Form 51).

Motion 20 Motion Passed July 11, 2014

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Norris, to approve the proposed National Policy Regarding Minors.

Motion 21 Motion Failed July 28, 2014

A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Shaw, that the Experience and Educational Requirements for the SUVCW National Graves Registration Project be adopted as presented.

SSE EVENT SETS. The following SSE sets were received from the SSE sub-committee of the Council of Administration for approval/disapproval by the Council of Administration. The sets were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the 2013 National Encampment. The resulting action, are summarized, below.

	CofA Subcommittee Action	CofA Action	EVENT
SET 01	Recommend	Pass	Battle of Mine Creek 150th Anniversary Commemoration at Pleasanton, Kansas, on 18 Oct 2014
SET 02	Recommend	Pass	"Lynn's 150th - The Common Soldier", sponsored by the Gen. Lander Camp No. 5, Department of Massachusetts, between May 21 and June 1, 2014.

CAMP/DEPARTMENT CHARTERS.

One application for permission to form a new camp expired during the year:

Lt. Col. John W. Hudson Camp 105, Department of Massachusetts, expired June 9, 2014.

Seven new applications for permission to form a new camp were received during the year:

Old Glory Camp 7, Department of Kansas – Expires October 19, 2014

John W. Foster Camp 2, Department of Indiana – Camp formed

Sedgwick Camp 4, Department of Connecticut – Expires January 15, 2015

Sergeant George Marion Taylor Camp 28, Department of Tennessee – Expires February 19, 2015

Lt. Col. Milton L. Phillips Camp 27, Department of Tennessee – Expires February 22, 2015.

Abraham Lincoln Camp 2, Department of Missouri – Expires April 12, 2015.

Robert M. Blair Camp 5, Department of Oklahoma – Expires May 15, 2015.

The following charters were issued during the year:

(2014-01) James S. Stratton Camp 82, Department of New Jersey. Date of ranking: April 30, 2014.

(2014-02) General Zenas R. Bliss Camp 12, Department of Rhode Island. (Replacement Charter per GO 21).

(2014-03) John W. Foster Camp 2, Department of Indiana. Date of ranking: July 11, 2014.

MERCHANDISE LICENSE RENEWALS.

Merchandise licenses are normally issued for up to two years, with the expiration date as the Post-Encampment Council of Administration meeting in even numbered years. As such, I mailed renewal notices the end of May to all known license holders, along with a form to use for either renewing or cancelling the license.

This year, I requested the holders other than the Charitable Foundation to furnish a picture of the item, along with a more detailed description of it. The Charitable Foundation was not requested to furnish pictures because the items are displayed on their website.

I have compiled the items where renewal was requested into a document which will be furnished to the Council of Administration members for use when the motion is made to approve the renewals. There was a resolution from the Department of California & Pacific to make this type of information available on the National website, and I believe this document, in final form after action by the Council of Administration, will serve that purpose.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS.

The Conflict of Interest Policy and statements were furnished to all appointed officers, as required by the policy with instructions for them to read the policy and complete and sign the accompanying

statement. I received back most of the forms shortly after distributing them; however, the last form finally arrived on July 15, 2014.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Modification to instructions for Forms 27 and 35 with regard to Dual Members and Dual Associates:

I believe the camp and department annual reports cause confusion in the reporting of dual status members and associates in other than their primary camp and department. Many camps and departments are including dual brothers in the top section of the report, which may result in the dual brothers being counted as part of the "brothers in good standing" (BIGS) for the department. Per National regulations, Dual Members shall only be counted in their primary or home camp in the total membership count of the Department but listed on each camp roster.

The problem with this is that it can give an inflated count to the BIGS for a department. For example, if a brother holds primary membership in camp A and dual memberships in camps B and C, he would be reflected as a BIGS in all three camps and count as three BIGS for the department. In another example, a brother is a primary member of camp A in one department and a dual member of camp B in another department. He would be counted as a BIGS in both departments. In both of the above examples, the National count could be indicating an inflated count of the membership of the order.

My understanding when we added the "Dual Brothers" category under the "Summary Information" is that this is where dual brothers were to be reported on the annual reports, in order that they could be included for the collection of National and department per capita.

RECOMMENDATION: The instructions for Forms 27 and 35 should be changed to state that a dual brother will only be reported with their primary camp/department in the main section of the report, which is used for the BIGS calculation. Dual brothers will continue to be reported in the "Summary Information" section for the purpose of calculating National and department per capita.

2. Modification to SUVCW Annual Encampment Credentials Card (Form 2A).

One of the duties of the National Secretary is to issue credentials cards to the CinC, PCinCs, and National Elected Officers. We have several brothers who fall into two of these categories. Additionally, many of the National Elected Officers also hold status as PDC. I requested clarification from CinC Freshley as to which category had priority in the issuance of credentials cards. His reply on May 20, 2014, was the following order of precedence for issuing credentials cards: (1) CinC; (2) PCinC; (3) National Elective Officer; (4) Department Commander; and (5) PDC. This, of course, would then be followed by elected delegates and alternates.

One problem with the credentials card is that it does not include a block for "National Elective Officer."

RECOMMENDATION: The credentials card (Form 2A) should be revised to include a check box for "National Elective Officer."

5 NATIONAL TREASURER; Richard Orr, PCinC

It has been a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer this past year.

The bills are paid and we have money in the bank.

We changed auditors this past year for a number of reasons most of which were the ongoing practice of the former auditors to assign our audit to newly employed staff who knew little to nothing about non-profit accounting. I simply grew weary of needing to train their employees. We engaged Maher Duessel Public Accountants as the auditor. The audit was completed on time something which had not occurred in a number of years. Copies were filed with the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary as required by our Congressional Charter and the Comptroller General of the United States. Following the timely completion of the audit the Council of Administration approved entering into a three (3) year contract with Maher Duessel to perform our audit. The engagement letter was executed in May and they have already begun the audit process for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2014.

A copy of the audit is available for anyone who wishes to see it.

At this time, all tax returns, and other reports to the IRS for the National organization are current.

The EIN updates continue to be an issue as departments continue to file late with this office. The IRS database has been updated with our most recent filing.

The 990N remains an issue for some camps and departments. The IRS has revamped the process for reinstatement of lost tax exempt status. There are several options and anyone who needs to seek reinstatement needs to consult the documents on the IRS website.

I do not need nor do I want copies of the 990N. They are to be filed by your department and the department is to track the status of each camp with regard to filing the 990N.

Camps continue to experience difficulty filing their 990-N. There are three causes for this: 1) filing before the end of the camp's fiscal year as maintained by the IRS – if the camp fiscal year ends 30 June the 990-N cannot be filed before 1 July and if it ends 31 December then the 990-N cannot be filed before 2 January; 2) the IRS has not updated their records – this was a problem for a number of camps – IRS communication received late in June was that all changes submitted had been made to the records; 3) the camp tax exempt status has been revoked. This occurs because they did not file their 990-N for three consecutive years.

When a camp closes it must file a form 990 with the IRS and check the box that it is a final filing. A copy of this report must be sent to the National Treasurer.

When the contact information changes a form 8822 needs to be completed and sent to this office. The form will be forwarded to the IRS after the National database is updated.

It is also necessary for the National Treasurer to be provided with the contact information for the treasurer of any newly formed camps along with the EIN for that camp. As far as the IRS is concerned a camp is not part of the SUVCW until a letter verifying the camp is an addition to the Order is sent to the IRS by the National Treasurer. The camp will not be tax exempt and will be required to file and pay income taxes unless this information is provided. Currently, we have at least two new camps for whom this information has not yet been provided.

Our attempts to obtain a 501(c)(3) ruling continue. In December, 2013, the IRS changed the filing requirements and it was necessary to resubmit all documents and documentation. This was completed in April and has been submitted to the IRS. We have had no further requests for information and are awaiting a response.

We have significantly increased our return on investments. Working with our financial advisor we now have slightly more than \$400,000 invested in mutual funds which are returning about 8.5% annual return overall. These funds are invested in a combination of income producing, growth and income mutual funds. This return compares to a less than 1% return on most CD's. We still have several CD's which are returning in excess of 3% and at the recommendation of the financial advisor have left these in place.

The financial reports are not complete as of the date this report is due to the National Secretary and will be submitted separately.

6 NATIONAL QUARTERMASTER; Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC

Report for the Quartermaster store for 2014

The Quartermaster store has reached its peak, I believe holding it between \$40,000 and \$45,000 is the best we can do unless we get a lot of new member etc.

New items have been the Grave Markers and moving well. forty five GAR markers sold to a town in Michigan to take care of the civil war soldiers in their town.

The ROTC program is holding its own with around 1,000 badges going out again this year.

I again will continue to try and take product where ever I go . Gettysburg seems to be a set back for the new hotel won't allow us to set up so unless this changes their won't be product their

This year the store did \$49,800 in sales 1,295 orders . If any brothers has any idea for new product I will consider them for the good of the order.

7 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION – 2016; Ed Norris, DC

I performed all duties described in the Constitution & Regulations and the Job Descriptions for National Organization Officers & Standing Committees. I attended all three in-person Council of Administration meetings and voted on all but one Electronic Boardroom motion. I have no recommendations at this time.

8 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION – 2016; Walter Busch, PDC

1. Approved absence from meeting in Springfield, IL in April due to family wedding.
2. Voted on all issues presented in the electronic board room.
3. No other issues as council work as encampment credentials committee chair and monuments officer taking up most of time.

9 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION – 2015; Donald W. Shaw, PCC

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels, I have also been busy with duties in connection with the post of Member of the National Council of Administration. In pursuit of those duties:

I have attended all council meetings.

I have monitored and participated in discussions regarding all questions coming before the Council via the electronic board room. I have cast votes on the issues put to the Council for discussion and decision as well as on all Sesquicentennial Event Applications.

I participated in the activities of the Memorial Grant Committee, voting on all applications.

I attended the Central Region Association General Meeting and Seminars in Bardstown, Kentucky.

I completed work on the Child Protection Committee, which issued its report to the Council of Administration at the April, 2014 meeting in Springfield, Illinois.

I marched with fellow brothers of the SUVCW in the Detroit Veteran's Day Parade, representing members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have answered various questions from brothers around the Order on how to perform jobs which I have done in the past, which they are now tasked with performing.

I represented the C in C and the National Organization at the Department Encampments for the Department of Tennessee, the Department of Georgia and South Carolina, the Department of Indiana and the Department of Kentucky, all over the course of this spring.

10 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION – 2015; Steve Hammond, PDC

April 12 attended the Department of North Carolina encampment, New Bern, NC

April 19 attended the Department of the Chesapeake encampment, Lynchburg, VA

May 17 led Civil War tour at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC

May 22 attended General George G. Meade Camp#5, Department of the Chesapeake bi-monthly camp meeting in Odenton, MD

June 17 participated in ceremony on the 150th anniversary of the Washington Arsenal Explosion at Fort McNair, Washington, DC – speaker was Ed Bearss

June 18 part of group that hosted Irish Deputy Prime Minister at Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC where he laid a wreath at the monument for the women (mostly Irish immigrants) who were killed in the Washington Arsenal explosion; was interviewed (wearing my SUVCW badge) by RTE, a national-wide television network in Ireland

June 21 organized and led a ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the funeral for the women killed in the Washington Arsenal explosion; led a tour of Congressional Cemetery following the ceremony

July 19 led Civil War tour at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC

July 24 attended General George G. Meade Camp#5, Department of the Chesapeake bi-monthly camp meeting in Odenton, MD

11 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION – 2014; Don Martin, PCC

1. Serving on the National Military Affairs Committee, Constitution and Regulation Committee, Civil War Memorial Grant Committee and as aide to the Regulation Committee.
2. Attended 2013 National Encampment & C of A meetings on 8 and 11 Aug 2013.
3. Attended Remembrance Day meeting and marched in parade, 23-24 Nov 2013.
4. Attended Lincoln Day Dinner, Enderlin Camp, Chillicothe, OH 8 Feb 2014.
5. Attended National Lincoln Tomb Observance, Springfield, IL, 13 Apr 13.
6. Participant in Memorial Day Ceremonies at Grand View Cemetery, Chillicothe, OH
7. Represented SUVCW at Frankfort Historical Society's July 4th 2014, Memorial Ceremony, Old Methodist Cemetery, Frankfort, OH.
8. Voted on all motions and all Sesquicentennial Event Sets.

12 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION – 2014; Perley E Mellor, PCinC

It has been an honor to have served as a voting member of the Council of Administration for the last year. Now it is time to join the ranks of the non-voting members of the C of A to give my opinions and thoughts.

During the last year I have been voting on the issues that came before the Council of Administration at the several meetings we had and on the CofA Board Room.

As a Past Commander-in-Chief my duties have been very minimal to this point.

I represented Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley at the Maine Department Encampment on April 19, 2014 in Portland, Maine.

I will be attending the CofA meetings in Marietta, Ga in August, 2014.

13 BANNER EDITOR; Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

At the time of this report, the Summer 2014 Banner is arriving in our Brothers' homes. I've begun receiving material for the Fall 2014 issue of the Banner. .

This past year, the *Banner's* content included many special and otherwise untold stories within our Order. In the expanded Winter issue, we said goodbye to PCinC David R. Medert. In the recent Spring issue, the continued service of our Past Commanders-in-Chief was highlighted. In the Summer edition, Philadelphia's Silent Sentinel was re-located and re-dedicated.

+ Coverage of Sesquicentennial Signature events continued, as did coverage of our annual national ceremonies, memorial restoration, recognition of today's vets and outstanding youth, special awards, and Department news.

+ Historical perspectives on the GAR's rescue of Andersonville, the Gettysburg Battle's 75th Anniversary, GAR Badge No. 1, and the 65th anniversary of the last GAR National Encampment were highlighted. Collecting Sons memorabilia added interest.

+ We welcomed several new Camps, and recognized our brothers' outstanding achievements.

+ "With Our Sisters" continued to promote cooperation between the Sons and the over 1100 sisters in 60 Auxiliaries, as well as those in the WRC, LGAR, and DUVCW, who regularly partnered with our Camps and Departments.

During the last year, the following advertisers were welcomed to the Banner:

Company of Military Historians Regimental Quartermaster Dept. of Michigan

The additional advertising revenue has allowed us to save over \$1,268 this year.

Additional duties.

I chaired the Memorial University Redesign Committee (see separate report).

I coordinated PCinC Freshley's visit to my Department's Mid-Winter Meeting on February 1st.

I participated in the procession at the 2014 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and in the GAR Founder's Ceremony (both on April 12th).

I coordinated SVCinC Tad Campbell's visit to the Wisconsin Department Encampment on June 14th – 15th..

Recommendations.

In August 2015, upon completion of ten years as your Banner editor, I will be stepping down from that post. I therefore wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That candidates for the Banner editor position be identified on or before December 31, 2014.
2. That the new Banner editor be selected on or before April 15, 2015, so that a suitable transition can be completed prior to the 2015 National Encampment.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; David W. Demmy, Sr.

Active Life Member applications number 371.

Life Member applications processed to date this year 2014 is 9. At this time last year, we processed 16!

One Life Member app is on file pending final installment of total fees due to National, and 1 app is on file pending review.

The following statistics are offered as of this date on the membership of our grand Allied Order:

Active membership of our organization:

Associate	546
Jr. Associate	1
Junior	75
Life Member	371
Member	5,444
Real Son	9
Total:	6,446
Dual Associate	12
Dual Life Member	53
Dual Member	130
Honorary	4
War Zone Service	5
Total:	204

Additional data to date this year:

Visitors to headquarters – 38; Calls – 202; Queries – 498; Deaths – 44; Forms 30 – 447; and Forms 3 – 190.

Committee and Department personnel: If you or your subordinate officers need a report or other data, such as all Department Patriotic Instructions or Chaplains, please ask and I'll attempt to provide the data if it is readily available! Headquarters welcomes visitors and members of the allied orders thru-out the year.

Per past practice and later this year I will send a report to all Department Commanders indicating personnel residing in your department, but the individuals are Brothers of another department.

It is a humble opportunity for me to serve the Brothers of our grand organization.

OFFICERS REPORTS

3.1- NATIONAL CHAPLAINS REPORT, Chaplain Jerry Kowalski

The Chaplain participated with appropriate Prayers, Invocations and Benedictions at the National Encampment, Council of Administration Meetings; Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, Texas and Illinois Department Encampments; and at Custer Camp 1 and Sheridan Camp 2 Meetings and Grave Stone and Monument Dedications. Represented

the Commander in Chief at the SCV Reunion in South Carolina - speaking at the Forrest Breakfast, the Opening Ceremonies and the Walker Luncheon. Served as National Chaplain for the SVR. Wrote short messages in The Banner and other publications. Served on the Lincoln Tomb Committee. Prayed for the living and deceased members of our Order and their families. Sent messages of Condolence when appropriate. Presented Eagle Scout and ROTC certificates.

As previously indicated in my Reports, the role of the National Chaplain, as stated in our official documents needs to be updated to the Modern Age. Fountain pens, typewriters and the US Mail were used when the Job Description was initiated. Today Chaplains in Departments and Camps do not report their Deceased Brothers' information to the National Chaplain. Forms are sent to the Executive Director who in turn copies in the National Chaplain and The Banner Editor of these losses. In the past ten years only a handful of Department and Camp Chaplains have supplied necrologies to the National Chaplain. It is redundant for them to do so. What is important are the words telling Chaplains to do whatever their Superior tells them Reminds me of the instructions given to the servants at the Wedding Feast at Cana.

3.2- NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF, Leo F Kennedy, PCinC

I was honored to have been working with CinC Freshley this year. With the CinC's travel schedule completed for this term, I assisted him with preparation for the National Encampment by preparing the compilation of reports from officers and committees and any of his needs for the Atlanta campaign.

3.3- NATIONAL COLORBEARER, Lee D Stone PDC:

Having been re-appointed National Colorbearer by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley at the National Encampment in Brookfield, WI, I beg leave to report the following:

I attended Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA, 23 November 2013, in SVR uniform, attending the ceremony at the Woolson Monument, carrying a flag in the parade, and attending the banquet and the Military Ball.

I carried the Commander-in-Chief's flag as he presented a wreath on Lincoln's Birthday at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC, 12 February 2014.

I attended the Lincoln Tomb ceremony at Springfield, IL, 12 April 2014.

I coordinated the colorbearers who bore the National colors and the CinC's flag at the National ceremonies for Memorial Day Observed at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, 26 May 2014, accompanied the CinC as he presented the SUVCW wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and coordinated the appearance of the CinC's flag in the Memorial Day parade in Washington, DC.

The Brothers may have interest in some events in which I took part as a uniformed representative of the SUVCW and of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, though not formally as National Colorbearer:

1. On 11 April 2014, while in Springfield, IL, I visited the gravesite of Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, in nearby Petersburg, IL.

2. On 30 May 2014 I took part in the yearly Decoration Day ceremony organized and carried out by Lincoln-Cushing Camp, Department of the Chesapeake, in obedience to the 1868 order of John A Logan, CinC GAR. The ceremony always begins at the Old Amphitheater, and concludes with wreath-laying at the grave marker for 2,111 Civil War unknowns, at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. This year that ceremony provided the Arlington Cemetery authorities the opportunity to rename the Old Amphitheater to the "James Tanner Amphitheater", commemorating a disabled Civil War veteran who lost both feet at Second Bull Run, 30 August 1862, assisted in the investigation of Abraham Lincoln's murder

in April 1865, led the GAR later, and is buried near the amphitheater that now bears his name.

3. On 27-28 June 2014, at the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in Williamsport, PA, I took part as a member of the color guard in rededicating Williamsport's GAR monument, and was the featured speaker at their banquet.

My goals as National Colorbearer are to represent the SUVCW as well and as often as possible in a Union Blue uniform, to honor and protect the United States Flag, and to keep in memory the many Union veterans buried all over the world.

I have no formal recommendations. I encourage all Brothers to do everything they can to keep green our memories of Union veterans. Even just a few words to an acquaintance, or a letter or e-mail to a family member, may further this cause.

3.4- WASHINGTON DC REPRESENTATIVE, Lee D Stone PDC:

Having been re-appointed Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley at the National Encampment in Brookfield, WI, I beg leave to report the following:

I supported the Commander-in-Chief at Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA, 23 November 2013, attending the ceremony at the Woolson Monument, marching in the parade, and attending the banquet and the Military Ball.

I supported the Commander-in-Chief at the Lincoln Birthday ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC, 12 February 2014.

I attended the Lincoln Tomb ceremony, jointly held with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the US, at Springfield, IL, 11-12 April 2014, contacting each of the National Presidents of the Allied Orders of the GAR to offer my support for Memorial Day ceremonies in Washington, DC.

I supported the Commander-in-Chief and his family at the National ceremonies held on Memorial Day Observed at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, 26 May 2014. I also supported several representatives of the Allied Orders in those ceremonies. I extend my thanks for his able assistance at those ceremonies to Steve Hammond, National Council of Administration member.

I look forward to attending the National Encampment at Marietta, GA, 14-17 August 2014.

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

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

3.5- CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL/MONUMENT FUND COMMITTEE , DON MARTIN

The committee has processed 13 applications with 7 approved, 6 denied.

Department/Camp	Project Name	Location	Grant
CO/WY Capt Lot Smith #1	Rose Hill Cemetery GAR Monument	Idaho Falls, ID	\$388
PA, Pvt Silas Gore Camp #141	Riverside Cemetery GAR Post #68 Tablet	Towanda, PA	\$1000

MI, Gen John Logan Camp #1	Refurbish bronze Gettysburg Address Plaque	Grand Rapids, MI	\$195
MA, Bond Camp #104	Clean & restore monument in memorial square	Braintree, MA	\$500
GA/SC, McPherson Camp #1	Battle Utoy Creek Memorial	Atlanta, GA	\$1000
MI, Gen. Pritchard Camp #20	Eaton GAR Post 34 Monument & Cannon	Otsego, MI	\$1000
OH, Enderlin Camp #73	Pike County Civil War Memorial	Waverly, OH	\$895

Recommendation: Add the following questions to the Form 62 as this information is needed to process the application and currently is not on the Form.

1. "How much money has been raised for the project so far?"
2. "List what the Camp/Department has/will do towards project accomplishment."
3. "Has Form CWM-61: GAR Monuments/Civil War Memorials Assessment been submitted _____"

Recommendation: Stream line Form 62 to facilitate processing.

1. Currently an in-committee worksheet is typed out for the committee to process applications and is a duplication of effort. Make this part of Form 62.
2. Remove Camp address section as this is not typically used in processing the application and invariably this is the address of the form preparer.
3. Remove Form Prepared by section, this is typically not needed and is invariably the Contact Person.
4. See proposed New CWM Form-62 Attached.

**PROPOSED: SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST
(FORM CWM #62)**

REQUESTOR INFORMATION (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME:

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON:

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP

CODE: _____

PHONE(S): _____ E-MAIL:

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME OF MEMORIAL OR MONUMENT _____

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LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street)

FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED

_____ EXISTING MONUMENT _____ NEW MONUMENT _____ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ _____ AMOUNT RAISED \$ _____ REQUESTED \$ _____

CHECK PAYABLE TO:

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only					
Grant Request # _____		Amount Approved \$ _____			
Approve	Deny	Table	Name	Signature	Date
			Don Martin, PDC		
			Steve Hammond, PDC		
			Don Shaw, PDC		

Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.

CWM Form 62 – (Date) Page 2

MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: _____ WHO OWNS IT: _____

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED?

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LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT

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CWM Form 62 – (Date) Page 3

3.6- NATIONAL GAR RECORDS OFFICER, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

Commander-in-Chief Freshley and Brothers of the 133rd annual encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2013-2014 administrative year. Please refer to the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records for my combined report and recommendations.

3.7- NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR, ALAN RUSS

The Annual Report for the National Membership at Large reported the strength, as of March 31, 2013, as thirty-six Members and Life Members and one Junior Member. As of March 31, 2014, the NMAL reportable strength was thirty Members and Life Members, no Associates, and one Junior Member, for a total of thirty-one brothers. This reflected a net decrease of five brothers for the reporting year to date.

Gains between April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014:

New Brothers: 7

Reinstated Brothers: 2

Losses between April 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014:

Transfers Out: 10

Dropped for failure to pay dues: 4

Since April 1, 2014, the NMAL has added two new brothers and reinstated one. This brings the current strength of the NMAL to thirty-four brothers.

I would like to recognize Brother Loran Burris, Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1, Washington Camp-at-Large. Brother Burris actively contacted NMAL brothers who reside in the State of Washington in the hopes of encouraging them to transfer to Stevens Camp No. 1. All of the ten transfers indicated above were to Stevens Camp No. 1.

NMAL brothers are located in Australia, Canada, Germany, and the United Kingdom, in addition to the United States.

I continue to furnish new brothers with a welcoming letter, an appropriate certificate, a membership card, and an email letting them know to look forward to the packet, within one week of receiving the application. All applications and related documents are forwarded to the Executive Director within the prescribed time frame.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by CinC Freshley and the Council of Administration. It continues to be my honor to perform these duties.

3.8 NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, John Bates

Brothers, It has been an Honor and a privilege to serve as the National Patriotic to the Sons of Union Veterans. The past year has been quite a challenge as the National order has formed a committee to overhaul The Memorial University Website. Many Brothers I was able to assist in this endeavor, and there were to many others that I was unable to assist due to software and other computer issues. I do feel however, that with the proper resources and easy administration, Memorial University could be a much more widely used resource.

This is very much something I believe The whole Order would welcome and embrace.

I have tried every Month through the National Patriotic Column to inspire our order with our Nation's History, its Lessons and Ideas to "Spread the Story of our Boys in Blue" as well as our Nation and particularly those who have served our Country in all the Branches of our Armed Forces. I believe it is our Responsibility to our Nation and its past, present, and its future to pass the "Torch of Remembrance and Honor" on to future Generations not only in the Allied Orders but to all the Citizens of This Land. I know that there are some ideas and Plans for the future of this office that may include reaching out to others such as The Sons of Confederate Veterans to work together to help preserve our National Civil War History. I think that is a Great Idea as long as we stick to our National Order and its Directives. As Abraham Lincoln once stated "History is not History unless it is the Truth". Always we strive for the meaning of his words.

3.9 NATIONAL ASSISTANT TREASURER, Bruce Gosling, PCC

I have nothing to report regarding activities in this position for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

3.10 NATIONAL WEBMASTER, Joshua A Claybourn

In 2014 the SUVCW website (www.SUVCW.org) underwent a major re-design and overhaul. The new design aims to be aesthetically pleasing and present a vibrant, thriving image to the public, while also remaining true to the historic nature of SUVCW. A number of the changes also improve the website's functionality, convenience to navigate, and ease to make updates.

As of this report, all of the major and primary website pages have been converted to the new design. However, with over 6,000 pages on the SUVCW website, some less prominent pages will take some time to convert.

Thus far the new website has received positive reviews, both with existing SUVCW members and with the public we are seeking to reach. SUVCW must have a top notch web presence to compete in today's digital age and a great website key to the SUVCW's survival. In the public's eyes a website is a reflection of an organization itself. If a website looks cheap and is difficult to use, the public will assume that the organizations shares these characteristics. A high quality, clean website is vital to sustain a positive reputation for the SUVCW. I hope and believe that our redesign is a big, important step toward strengthening the SUVCW.

In addition to the new SUVCW website, I have also worked to bolster the SUVCW's presence on social media, and specifically Facebook. With a combination of SUVCW-specific posts and general Civil War news/commentary, I have worked to make the SUVCW Facebook page vibrant and active. As a result the page's traffic has climbed dramatically. There has been an 18.3% increase in "likes" on the SUVCW page with over 600 new likes since January 1, 2014. This is a critical component of outreach and has undoubtedly led to new members.

With the help of Brother David Merchant, I have also assisted with an overhaul of USMemorialDay.org, which in 2009 was turned over to the SUVCW for regular maintenance and upkeep. Since Memorial Day is one of the chief legacies of the G.A.R. and an important part of our educational mission, a modern and dynamic website for Memorial Day will be beneficial for our organization for quite some time.

I look forward to continuing a strong online SUVCW presence. I encourage any brother to reach out to me with questions, corrections, or suggestions by emailing me at webmaster@suvchw.org.

3.11 NATIONAL COUNSELOR, Donald E Darby

1. Commander-in-Chief and Brothers in attendance, As you well know there have been several occasions during this Administration that have required me to issue an opinion and you to rule on items not covered by the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations or items that required further amplification to said document. Listed below are the opinions that I have offered and the General Orders in which you placed them:

Opinion 1 General Order 19 2013-2014 Series

There was no General Order issued for the Department question only the one dealing with the National question

With additions clarifying continuing Circumstances

19 August 2013 original and 15 May 2014

Original Situation and Opinion 19 August 2013

The Department Commander of the SUVCW in the Department of Pennsylvania provided the following information and requested an Opinion of the National Counselor:

"The President of a local Pennsylvania Auxiliary was notified by the Pennsylvania Department President that the local President had been brought up on charges by three members of her local Auxiliary group.

Because of this the Department President, under orders/advice of the Department Auxiliary Council, had removed the local Auxiliary President from office. The local Auxiliary President questioned the legality of such action as she had not been notified of any charges, nor had been notified of a trial. The Pennsylvania Department Commander, when asked to the legality of such action recommended that the local President contact the Auxiliary Department President. Apparently following this contact, the order was then rescinded by the Auxiliary Department President. The SUVCW Pennsylvania Department Commander then asked for an opinion regarding what authority as SUVCW Department Commander has to intervene or become involved in the aforementioned issue.

Opinion 1

It is the opinion of the SUVCW National Counselor, in concurrence with the SUVCW Commander-in-Chief, that members of the SUVCW, Department and Camp Officers of the SUVCW and the SUVCW,

Nationally, should not and will not involve themselves in the internal affairs of any of the Allied Orders. In the current aforementioned situation the legality of any action of the A.S.U.V.C.W., is governed only by the by-laws of the local Auxiliary, the Auxiliary Department and the National Auxiliary Constitution and Regulations.

The redress of any charges filed by members of the Auxiliary toward any of their members should be made in accordance with that ASUVCW Department and ASUVCW National procedures and **without any interference from the SUVCW or its members.**

It has been my understanding that in the past, members of the SUVCW have joined the ASUVCW and have acted as counselors and advisors to that Order. These brothers can only act as members/associates of the ASUVCW, as delineated by the ASUVCW C&R and have no authority to act on the behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the internal affairs of the ASUVCW.

Each of the Allied Orders area SEPARATE and INDEPENDENT organization and as such answer to their Constitution and Regulations.

Regarding you addressing the current situation to the members of your camp or to be members of the local Auxiliary, I believe reading this Opinion at the meeting will answer any and all questions that may come before the floor.

Current Situation:

On 31 March 2014 a letter was received by ASUVCW National Vice President Sister Rachele Campbell from the National Past Presidents Association stating charges against sitting ASUVCW National President Diane Mellor and requesting that she notify SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley that charges had been filed and that a Trial was requested of him in the matter. At that time CinC Freshley first informed the parties that charges filed in this manner were not in order and that names of those making the charges needed to be added to said charges. CinC Freshley was again provided a letter dated 6 May 2014 with the required names.

Additional remarks to Opinion 1

It appears that the members filing the charges mis-interpreted their by-laws regarding discipline of their President. I have been told that the ASUVCW by-laws states something to the Order that if not covered in the ASUVCW By-laws/ASUVCW C&R then use of the SUVCW C&R would occur. What it means is that the ASUVCW would conduct that charges against their National President using the methods DESCRIBED in the SUVCW C&R not that the SUVCW would assign a trial commission or issue a conviction. As in the situation and Opinion stated above, the SUVCW, its officers and members, have no jurisdiction of authority over the members of the ASUVCW. The ASUVCW and all the other Allied Orders are, stating once again, an independent with its own Regulations/By-laws. **Brothers wishing to be involved in this matter will not and shall not represent themselves as representatives of the SUVCW. The Commander-in-Chief should consider this request be out of order as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have no jurisdiction in this matter.**

Opinion 2 in General Order 3 2013-2014 Series September 2013

Background: In 2011, incidents regarding activities at a major State University came to the public eye. These allegations resulted in a criminal trial which ended 22 June 2012 in a conviction. During this time

the SUVCW was aware of the issues and there were questions regarding its effects on the recruitment of members under the age of 18, and Juniors/Junior Associates into the Order. During this time the Order has taken minor steps to move on this matter. Also, during this time Federal and States have enacted policies /laws in regard to the protection of minors and the requirements enacted on various organizations. To this date the Order has not fully learned how and what laws/requirements affect our type of organization. As such the Order, through ignorance or lack of policies, is vulnerable to law suits for not taking the proper action to safeguard minors within our organization. Further, various Departments within our Order encompass many legal jurisdictions (e.g. California/Pacific, Colorado/Wyoming, Department of the Chesapeake to name a few) there are questions as to which to follow or a requirement to follow all or the strictest. A prime example if the Department of Pennsylvania in which the least State requirements are far stricter than Federal mandates

Opinion: In accordance with the SUVCW Constitution Chapter 1, Article V, Section 2b (page 4 of the SUVCW C&R annotated) which states "If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the proceeding 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 L he may propose such a 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. It would appear that the action by proceeding Encampments and current changes to State and Federal mandates/laws have placed the Order in a precarious situation. The laws have changed and we have not kept up with them or not have at least made changes to protect our members and the Order as a whole. The suspension of the recruitment of Members under the age or 18, Juniors and Junior Associates should be suspended until such time as the Order can determine and publish a policy. This is done in light of protection for OUR youth and OUR Order, not as an action to punish or lessen our membership. The youth of OUR country are OUR GREATEST Hope and Treasure. And with all Treasures, they should be guarded with our utmost care.

Opinion 3 General Order 7 2013-2014 Series November 2013

Background: A prospective member inquired into his eligibility of becoming a member as he had been convicted of issuing checks of which there were non-sufficient funds (NSF) to cover amounts for which the checks were written. He has since received a gubernatorial pardon for said crimes. According to the regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a person convicted of "infamous Crimes" cannot be considered for membership. **The question asked is twofold:**

1) Does a gubernatorial pardon "erase" the conviction and

2) Is a conviction of NSF an "infamous crime" as stated in the SUVCW Regulations?

Opinion. Pardon, gubernatorial or for that matter presidential, DOES NOT erase the conviction or the criminal record. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (a circuit which covers Alaska, Arizona, most of California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Washington State, Guam, and the North Mariana Islands) has ruled in support that the pardon does not expunge the criminal offense. As late as 22 October 2013, the Ohio Supreme Court, in a 6-1 decision, upheld the ruling of the Ninth District Court of Appeals. Judge Judith Lanzinger's decision states "Although a pardon grants the recipient relief from any ongoing punishment of the offense and prevents any future legal disability based on that offense, it does not erase past conduct." Justice Lanzinger wrote "What is done is done." Based on this ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the ruling of the Ohio Supreme Court and after consulting various State Pardon and Parole Boards, all state that a pardon does NOT expunge or erase a criminal conviction. The second portion of the question addresses the term "Infamous Crimes," and whether a conviction of NSF is considered as such. In reading "Barron's Law Dictionary" it states "A crime which works infamy in the person who commits it. (189 S.E. 441). At common law, any infamous crime was one that rendered the person convicted thereof incompetent as a witness. (4 N.Y. Cr. R. 545, 546). This was based on the theory of untrustworthiness whereby a testimonial disqualification was imposed to prevent the introduction of evidence thought not to be entitled to credence. In this sense, infamous crimes comprehend treason, felonies, and any crime involving the element deceit (crimen falsi). 23F. 136, 137) and examined the nature of the crime, rather than the nature of the punishment inflicted. The modern view of an infamous

crime, which Art. V of the Constitution (this is the U.S. Constitution, not SUVCW) must be prosecuted by indictment, and is a crime that is punishable by death, or imprisonment in a State penal institution, with or without hard labor for more than one year. See 604 F, 2d, 569, 572. Under this view, it is determined the nature of the punishment, which a court is authorized to impose, and not by the character of the crime. The common law procedure of excluding witnesses because of prior infamous convictions is no longer followed, although such convictions may affect the credibility of the witness (See 182. A. 2d, 15, 16)

Based on all the above it is my official opinion that the prospective member is NOT eligible for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in as much as he was convicted of an infamous crime (NSF) and that the pardon did not expunge the conviction.

Opinion 4 Series 2013-2014 January 2014

Background: Commander-in-Chief requested a formal opinion for an item not directly covered by our Constitution and Regulations. The question being” If a Brother resigns when he is currently suspended and/or is under disciplinary proceedings, what is the course of action for the disciplinary hearing council. Can they not accept the resignation?

Opinion: That a Brother has resigned from the Order, while under suspension; The Hearing Council should be dissolved. As he is no longer a member, the Order has no jurisdiction over him. A Department Order should be issued stating that the Hearing Council is dissolved and state the reason why.

The Department Order should also state that the Brother resigned while under suspension and that because of this, the only way that he could return to the ranks of the SUVCW would be upon the approval of the Camp to which he belonged at the time of his suspension/resignation AND with the approval of a majority vote of the Department Encampment. This Department Order will remain as a record in the Department History and serve as what is required for the individual to return to the SUVCW.

As this was written in January 2014, there was another incident later in 2014. At that time the Commander-in-Chief conducted a Summary Discipline for a Brother who then resigned from the Order PRIOR to that Discipline. In cases such as this the CinC will issue a General Order stated the aforementioned facts and that General Order will serve as a history to the issue and the rules of instatement would then fall to the National Encampment.

Opinion 5 2013-2014 Series No General Order was issued Has the Brother withdrew his bid for the Office

Background: A brother that is a dual member in the Department of the Chesapeake and the Department of Pennsylvania wishes to run for a Council of Administration seat at the upcoming Encampment (2104). He has asked that since a member of the Department of the Chesapeake is currently a member of the Council of Administration (and having one more year to serve) can he run as a member of the Department of Pennsylvania since he is a dual member. The Brother states that he began attending the National Encampment in 2006.

Opinion: While there are sections within the C&R that address portions of this situation, see items below, it does not specifically address such a situation. Thus I believe that the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is well within his powers to rule in this matter. As such I am presenting this opinion upon which he can rule.

First, the Brother is correct that “which no two can be from the same Department” as far as membership to the Council of Administration is concerned. (C&R Page 36 Chapter III National Organization Article IV Section 1, germane.)

Secondly, the C&R page 14, National Regulations Chapter 1 Article II Membership Section 7 states “Dual members shall only be counted in their primary or home camp in the total membership of the Department but listed on each Camp roster.” If one extrapolates Primary or home Camp, to Primary or Home

Department then this Brother since 1995 claiming the Department of the Chesapeake (or Maryland at the time) as his primary or Home Department and “has been counted” as such while still being held on the roster of both Departments. Section 8 of the same Article further states that a dual member shall only be eligible as a delegate to the Department and National Encampments from one Camp or Department. As such, the same remains true since the Brother joined the Order and attended National Encampments as a member of the Department of the Chesapeake.

Third: Once again the C&R Page 25 Article II Membership Section 1 (a) footnote 27 states “A Past Department Commander is not eligible for the office of delegate or alternate to the National Encampment, even if said brother is a dual member of Camps in more than one Department (CINC Pahl, General Order 10, Dec IX, 126th, 182.)” Further Footnote 28 of the same Article states “All delegates and alternates Delegates to the National Encampment must be elected to such office at their respective Department Encampment. If a Brother is not duly elected, the Department Secretary shall not issue a card to said Brother (CINC Pahl, General Order 10, Dec IX, 126th, 182.)” C&R Page 26 same Article Footnote 6 once again from CinC Pahl’s General Order 10 “If a Past Camp Commander remains a member in good standing of the Camp that he commanded and joins another Camps as a dual member he still holds voting rights as a Past Camp Commander in the Camp that he commanded but doesn’t have the voting rights as a Past Camp Commander in the camp he has just joined.”

Based on the aforementioned Articles/footnotes of the C&R it is my opinion that the Commander-in-Chief should rule that a Brother CANNOT run for the office of Council of Administration as he is counted as a member of the Department of the Chesapeake, which was submitted to the National Secretary in April by the Department of the Chesapeake. Thus, placing Chapter III National Organization Article IV Officers Section 1 “of which no two may be from the same Department” in effect. Looking to the future, I would strongly recommend that the Commander-in-Chief add to his ruling that a dual member wishing to change his primary Camp/Department must have that change in effect for a period of three years before running for the Council of Administration. The reason that I say this it would prevent Departments having dual members run from other Departments and thereby “controlling” the CofA albeit from “other” Departments in name only.

This concludes my report to the Commander-in-Chief and to the Brothers of this Encampment

3.12 ASSISTANT NATIONAL COUNSELOR – BLUE BOOK, James Pahl, PCinC

I inserted all changes to the National Regulations from the 132nd National Encampment. I obtained the approval of the National Counselor and the National Committee on National Regulations and had the 2013 version of the National Regulations, annotated, published on the web page of the Order.

I am awaiting the publishing of the proceedings of the last two National Encampments, so the National Regulations can be updated with the various Orders of the Commander in Chief and the opinions of the National Counselor, as they made rulings and issued opinions respectively as to our National Regulations.

3.13 ASSISTANT NATIONAL SECRETARY OF PROCEEDINGS, Ed Krieser, PCinC

Text of the 2012 National Encampment proceedings is complete. Still needed to be compiled is the appendix, table of contents and preface pages before submission for final approval.

The 2013 proceedings have not been started as yet.

3.14 NATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT AT LARGE SECRETARY/TREASURER, James Pahl, PCinC

I have been in communication with each of the four Camps at Large and made myself available as a resource.

3.15 ASSISTANT NATIONAL TREASURER, James Pahl, PCinC

Nothing to report

3.16 National SUVCW Liaison to MOLLUS, Keith Harrison, PCinC

Nothing to report

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1- NATIONAL HISTORY COMMITTEE, Bob Wolz, PDC

It is with great pleasure we submit our report of the past year's activities. Thank you for allowing us to serve the Order this past year.

Articles on the history of our insignia, the Gettysburg Reunions of 1913 and 1938 and the Last Encampment of the Grand Army have appeared in The Banner, our official journal. Thanks to Steve Michaels, editor, for allowing us a forum to share this information with our Brothers.

Much of our efforts have gone into individual inquiries from the general public and our members regarding photo identification, information on insignia used by both the Sons and the GAR and requests for information on the genealogy of our own members. These are received through the GAR Records committee, the Executive Director and directly to us.

While we can not re-create the past, we can at least ask all current members to list their own genealogy so we can supply it to future inquiries. For most of us, we are three to five generations removed from the veteran. We are the only hereditary organization that I can think of that does not require this documentation and its preservation.

Recommendation # 1: That all current members, that have not already done so, complete a work sheet listing their family line to show eligibility in our order (part V) of our current application. Or better an expanded version that would list both parents, birth and death dates and marriages back to the Union veteran. At the veteran's level it should show his service record and GAR affiliation (if known). Attaching 8 ½" x 11" copies of confirming documents- birth and death certificates, marriage records, discharge or National Archives records.

Recommendation #2: That such records be scanned and a permanent copy be kept at headquarters. This will require co-ordination between the Technology Committee and the History Committee as to which software is best suited for this task and what efforts must be done to keep the software and data base current. Like the proceedings we may be backlogged for a year or two, but the hundred or so members gained each year should be manageable.

How much better can we honor our families and the Grand Army then permanently recording their record for the future?

4.2 - NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS, WALT BUSCH

Walt Busch, PDC – Chair
Douglas Fidler, PDC.
Dean Enderlin, PCC
Greg M. Carter, PCC
Tom Gaard

1. Fill in Form 61 errors were corrected and posted to the web with the assistance of Brother Enderlin.
2. A proposed revision to Form 61 submitted last year is at the National Committee on Programs and Policy and will apparently be in review in the coming term.
3. A few departments have request this past year copies of their Form 61/62s on file with me and all requests have been complied with.
4. Form 62s from the Civil War Monuments Grants Committee were digitized this spring. The committee has been turning these over to me the last few years and this has been working very well.

5. I've prepared html pages so that our monuments database can be put on line and submitted this on disc to our webmaster. It should be ready to go, but either the encampment or the council needs to decide whether this information (which does contain discussion positive/negative on some issues and also names some individuals – this is needed by the committee for monument grants, but may potentially have the effect of causing animosity between brothers) should be on-line and open to the public or in a section of our website available to officers only.

Recommendation: Council of Administration should decide the appropriate placement of the Form 61s and Form 62s on the national website so that this information is available to at least those officers needing access or to the public at large.

DIGITIZED RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS

STATE/LOCATION	2013 MONUMENTS	2014 MONUMENTS	Gain / Loss	2014 Last Soldier Markers	
Arizona	1	2	1	0	
Arkansas	3	3	0	0	Note 1
Australia	1	1	0	0	
California	38	38	0	0	
Colorado	3	4	1	0	
Connecticut	2	2	0	0	
Delaware	1	2	1	0	
Florida	2	2	0	0	
Georgia	4	5	1	0	
Idaho	1	1	0	0	
Illinois	129	127	-2*	0	
Indiana	5	5	0	0	
Iowa	7	7	0	0	
Kansas	13	15	2	0	Note 2
Kentucky	10	10	0	0	
Kazakhstan (on 61, no photo yet)	1	1	0	0	
Maine	3	5	2	0	
Maryland	3	3	0	0	Note 3
Massachusetts	35	36	1	0	
Mexico	1	1	0	0	
Michigan	81	88	7	0	
Minnesota	1	1	0	0	
Mississippi	1	1	0	0	
Missouri	449	473	24	1**	
Nebraska	5	5	0	0	
Nevada	4	4	0	0	
New Hampshire	9	9	0	0	
New Jersey	5	5	0	0	

New York	6	6	0	0	Note 4
North Dakota	2	2	0	0	
Ohio	21	24	3	13**	
Oklahoma	2	2	0	0	
Oregon	1	1	0	0	
Pennsylvania	25	26	1	0	
Rhode Island	25	25	0	0	
South Carolina	1	1	0	0	
Tennessee	6	6	0	0	
Texas	1	1	0	0	
Utah	1	1	0	0	
Virginia	4	4	0	0	
Washington	6	6	0	0	
Washington DC	1	1	0	0	
West Virginia	1	1	0	0	
Wisconsin	30	32	2	0	
TOTAL	951	995	44	14	

* Minuses are result of cleaning up duplicate files

** Represents gain of 1 in each department for last soldier markers registered

Note 1: A Survey identifying potential markers has been completed and on file digitally

Note 2: Kansas Civil War Monuments survey on file digitally

Note 3: 1995 Maryland Governor's Committee on Monuments report digitized

Note 4: 1992 New York SUV CW Monuments Book Digitized

Also Mullins Company Monuments Catalog of 1913

Digitized

4.3- NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY, Tad Campbell, Sr Vice CinC

Committee Membership:

Tad D. Campbell PDC (Chair), Daniel R. Earl PCC, Roy Lafferty PDC, James G. Ward PDC, and Michael Paquette PDC.

The following tasks were completed by the committee:

- **Signature Sesquicentennial Event (SSE) Application (Form SSE-1)**
Form and instructions redesigned and updated, converted to fillable PDF, and approved by the COA.
- **SUVCW Scholarship Program Application Form (Form 12)**
Form and instructions redesigned and updated, converted to fillable PDF, and approved by the COA.
- **EIN Reporting Form (Form 11)**
Form designed, converted to fillable PDF format, and approved by COA.
- **National Patriotic Instructor's Award**

- Criteria for the award established and approved by the COA.
- **Instructions for Forming a New Camp (Form 50)**
Form and instructions redesigned and updated, converted to fillable PDF, and approved by the COA.
 - **Application for Permission to Form a Camp (Form 51)**
Form and instructions redesigned and updated, converted to fillable PDF, and approved by the COA.
 - **National Policy Regarding Minors**
Wording for policy established and approved by the COA.
 - **National Graves Registration Program Experience and Educational Requirements**
Worked with the National Graves Registration Officer to modify mechanics and wording of suggested program. Disapproved by COA.

The following items were removed from the committee's list of tasks:

- **Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Recommendations**
Review and make recommendations regarding the outgoing JVCinC Tad Campbell's recommendations regarding: 1) proof of lineage; 2) formal recognition of supplemental ancestors; and 3) database of members' ancestors. These recommendations were passed by the 2013 National Encampment and directed to the P&P Committee for recommendations on implementation. They were removed as an action item by P&P Chairman on June 2, 2014. The P&P Committee had neither the time nor the resources to conduct adequate research required for well thought out recommendations regarding the implementation of these items (*see Recommendations section of this report*).
- **National Encampment Credentials Committee**
Consider whether this committee should be made a standing committee. This was suggested by PCinC Orr but not officially acted upon nor given direction. It was removed as an action item by P&P Chairman on April 28, 2014 due to lack of specific direction from the Encampment, COA or CinC (*no recommendations*).
- **National Committee on Juniors Recommendations**
Review, amend and recommend specific grade requirements for the 2013 Junior Program that will be presented to the P&P Committee by the Special Committee on Juniors. No action was taken since no communication was received from the Special Committee of Juniors. Removed as an action item by P&P Chairman on July 19, 2014 (*no recommendations*).

The following items were not addressed for various reasons:

- **Policy on granting permission for Departments to sue**
Develop a policy by which the National Organization will grant permission for Departments to enter into a lawsuit on behalf of the SUVCW. (By direction of CinC via General Order No. 5)
- **Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star**
Review award criteria and make recommendations. PCinC Palmer expressed concerns about the criteria for this award during pre-Encampment COA Meeting. He felt there were discrepancies, and added that subjectivity leads to inconsistency. (By direction of outgoing CinC)
- **Expense Reports & Policy**
Combine the current National Officer Reimbursement Form and Special National Officer Reimbursement Form (CinC Representation) into one reimbursement form and review policy as applicable. (From the 2014 Springfield COA Meeting – Natl. Treasurer's Report. By direction of the CinC)

- **Dishonorable Discharge Policies and Tracking**
Review policies regarding Dishonorable Discharge from the Order and suggest tracking mechanism. (From the 2014 Springfield COA Meeting. By direction of the CinC)
- **Camp Annual Report (Form 27) & Department Annual Report (Form 35)**
Forms need to be redesigned to include increased font size for fillable fields and the addition of a sections to record reinstatement fees. Form 27 also needs a section to record application fees, reinstatement fees, and/or per capita dues paid to Department or National in January, February or March on Form 30s (By request of Executive Director and National Treasurer in 2014). *Note: Revision of the Form 27 was begun by the P&P Committee and this incomplete form will be passed along to the incoming committee.*

Recommendations:

1. That a Special National Committee be created and instructed to adequately explore the following items, as recommended by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in his final report to the 2013 National Encampment and subsequently passed by the same National Encampment, to wit: 1) requirement of proof of lineage for all new members; 2) formal recognition of supplemental ancestors; and 3) a database of members' ancestors; and that such Special National Committee report back to the 2015 National Encampment with recommendations for implementation of these items and thence be duly discharged.
2. That the following items from this term, but not acted upon by the committee, be carried forward to the incoming Standing National Committee on Policy and Procedure, to wit: 1) Policy on granting Departments permission to sue; 2) review of criteria for Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star; 3) consolidation of current reimbursement forms and review of applicable policies; 4) establishment of tracking mechanism for Dishonorable Discharges and applicable policies; and 5) revision of Forms 27 and 35.

4.4 LINCOLN TOMB OBSERVANCE, ROBERT M. PETROVIC, PDC, CHAIRMAN

The contract for April 10th & 11th 2015 has been signed with The Abraham Lincoln Hotel and it is our headquarters hotel. The room rate is \$94.99 plus tax. We have a 10% discount in the hotel restaurant. We also have the band under contract. At this time we do not have a photographer for the program under contract. Shirley Eck from the Visitors & Convention has retired as of July. She used to deliver our posters in the downtown area on her lunch hour at no cost to us. I will need to make a personal contact with the new person to see if she will still do this for us. Candy the Lincoln Tomb site supervisor also retired because she had some foot surgery coming up. I will also need to make personal contact with the new site supervisor to see if everything will remain the same for our program. We still need to select a menu for the luncheon. Ribbons and programs will be ordered after the first of the year.

4.5 EAGLE SCOUT REPORT, ROBERT M. PETROVIC, PDC, CHAIRMAN

I am in the process of updating the web site. We are taking off the members mailing addresses. They will only have their name and email listed which means we can process the request for a certificate quicker. I have only received 3 requests from postal mail. I have received a total of 30 requests for certificates

4.6 NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION, DANIEL R EARL

The purpose of the National Committee on Legislation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to keep Brothers apprised of proposed federal and state legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. To that extent, this report summarizes relevant federal and state legislation.

Federal legislation analyzed in this report includes that of the first session of the 113th Congress (beginning 3 January 2013) through the first half of the second session (up to 25 July 2014). Very little legislation has been introduced in Congress or the states that is of particular interest to the Order.

Endorsement of Federal Legislation

The Committee, on behalf of the SUVCW National Organization (as authorized by the National Encampment in 2011), formally endorsed the following federal legislation this spring:

- H.R. 63: Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act.
- H.R. 664: The Harriet Tubman National Historical Park Act.
- S. 247: The Harriet Tubman National Historical Park Act.
- H.R. 1513: To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park.
- H.R. 2018: Honor Those Who Served Act of 2013.
- H.R. 2185: Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act.
- S. 1648: Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act.
- H.R. 4003: Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park.

Federal Legislation

Memorial Day

For decades, the late Sen. Inouye [D-HI] routinely introduced legislation at the start of each new Congress that would restore the observance of Memorial Day from the last Monday in May to May 30th of each year. Upon his passing, Rep. Coleen Hanabusa [D-HI1] has taken the lead on this by introducing H.R. 2225. The bill is currently awaiting action in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. It currently has no co-sponsors, and has no realistic chance of being enacted to law.

Honor Those Who Served Act of 2013

This bill was introduced in the House on 16 May 2013, by Rep. Steve Stivers [OH-R15]. It revises veterans' burial benefits provisions to allow a person to request a headstone or marker from the Department of Veterans Affairs to commemorate an eligible individual if such person is: (1) the decedent's next of kin; (2) a person authorized by the next of kin to make such request; (3) a personal representative authorized by the decedent to make such request; or, **(4) a state veterans agency, a military researcher, a local historian, a genealogist, or other person familiar with methods necessary to prove the identity of the decedent; or (5) in the case of a veteran who served on active duty at least 62 years before the date on which the headstone or marker is requested, any person.** It is currently awaiting action in the House Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. Unfortunately it has only a slight chance of getting past the Committee level and moving to the full House for a vote.

Shiloh National Military Park Boundaries

One of the first pieces of legislation to be introduced in the 113th Congress on 3 January 2013 was H.R. 63, by Rep. Marsha Blackburn [R-TN7]. This bill is known as the Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act. Among other things, it would modify the boundary of Shiloh National Military Park to include the following areas: (1) Fallen Timbers Battlefield, (2) Russell House Battlefield, and (3) Davis Bridge Battlefield. This measure has been awaiting action in the

House Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental since January 2013. It also has no co-sponsors and little chance of becoming law during the current session of Congress.

Gettysburg National Military Park

Similar legislation has once again been introduced to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township. H.R. 1513 was introduced on 11 April 2013 by Rep. Scott Perry [R-PA4]. Pleasingly, this bill passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 396-0 on 13 January 2014, and now awaits action in the Senate. It has yet to be assigned a committee.

Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act

In February 2013 three related pieces of legislation were introduced, all titled the “Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act.” These measures (H.R. 513 by Rep. Andy Harris [R-MD1] and H.R. 664 by Rep. Daniel B. Maffei [D-NY24]) would establish, in Auburn, New York, the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System. These bills have been referred to committee with no action being taken on either. A companion bill, S. 247, was been introduced in the Senate, by Sen. Benjamin L. Carden [D-MD] on 7 February 2013. This bill passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent on 9 July 2014, and was sent to the House. There it was referred to several committees, simultaneously, and awaits further action.

National Emancipation Day

Intended to highlight the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Rep. Barbara Lee [D-CA13] introduced H. Res. 38 on 18 January 2013 that recognizes National Emancipation Day, marking the 150th anniversary of the end of slavery in areas of rebellion, and the significance of the Emancipation Proclamation in the struggle for the equal rights and freedoms afforded to all United States citizens. This measure was referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on 28 February 2013, where it has little chance of moving on to the full House floor

Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park Act

Just three months ago legislation (H.R. 4003) was introduced by Dep. Eleanor Holmes Norton [D-DC], titled the “Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park Act.” Among other things, it would protect, preserve, enhance, and interpret the cultural and historical resources of the Civil War defenses located in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland.

Lastly, on the Federal front, legislation that has been introduced in Congress every session for many years are a proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. Various forms of these proposals are general introduced each year. Realistically such bills have no chance of being approved by the necessary two-thirds of Congress, then ratified by three-fourths of the States. Although patriotic in spirit, such legislation is generally introduced for political purposes to favorably enhance the public perception of a Member of Congress during an election year.

State Legislation

New Jersey – Assembly Joint Resolution 22 (and companion bill Senate Joint Resolution 54), are identical measures that would designate May of each year as “Civil War Veterans Recognition

Month," in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

New York – S00283, a bill that would increase from a misdemeanor to a felony, the cemetery desecration of a veteran. This bill has bounced back and forth between the New York Senate and Assembly. It has most recently passed in the Senate and is awaiting action in the Assembly. It is awaiting action in the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

4.7 NATIONAL GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY OFFICER, PETER J. HRITSKO

Since my last report in March of 2013 as G.A.R. National Officer I sent an e-mail to all Departments in every State a G.A.R. Highway Officer update.

Department of California & the Pacific

Thomas Chumley from Dept. of California & Pacific G.A.R Highway Officer reported the highways in Nevada are fairly marked. There are problems in California when the Feds re-designated the terminus from Long Beach to Bishop CA, every jurisdiction in between took down the signs in between a distance of just under 300 miles with is a entirety of metropolitan Los Angles. They may be interested in purchasing G.A.R. Highway signs from me through our Camp 142. I am and looking into the possibility of having a sign made with Historic added for the Bishop area per their request.

Department of Massachusetts

No answer

Department of Iowa

James Johnson Dept. of Iowa G.A.R. Highway Officer reported that Highway Route 6 Tourist Association sell these signs. He wants know how they are able to sell these signs?

Department of New York

No answer

Department of Rhode Island

John Connor Dept. of Rhode Island G.A.R. Highway Officer. reports the state route is approximately 45 miles in each direction merging with several other Interstates Highway intermittently between Connecticut and Massachusetts. In 2011 there were ten strategically placed G.A.R. Highway markers located in Rhode Island. This project was completed by Rhode Island Department of Transportation. Brother Connor reported the signs remains in good condition except for the several periods of heavy snow during most winters. Their biggest problem is not the snow but the snow plows are causing damage to the signs.

Department of Indiana

No answer

Department of Pennsylvania

No answer

Department of Ohio

As Dept. of Ohio GAR Highway Officer I approached the City of Vermilion Council Meeting where I live and brought to their attention there use to be 2 GAR signs one at each end of town. Nobody had a clue as to what happened to these signs. I explained with the help of my Camp I had new signs made up to purchase if they were interested in replacing them. I had one with me to view. I am proud to say that the

City of Vermilion found those 2 signs and they are now back up on US Route 6 at each end of town as they once were.

I continue to work on the different cities in Ohio to place signs along Rt. 6.

It appears it will have to be a process of rechecking occasionally that the signs remain in tact and in good condition or may simply need replaced when missing.

At our Annually Department of Ohio Encampment I suggested a petition to be submitted and placed on the Dept. of Ohio SUVCW website to the US Senators of the State of Ohio for proper marking of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Highway (US Route 6) in the State of Ohio and it was approved.

4.8 COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION AND MARKETING, Mark R. Day, PCC

Brothers of the CoA the following report is submitted for your consideration.

Actions: Since my last report at the CofA meeting in Springfield, Illinois the following have taken place.

1. A contract for advertising was forwarded to the CinC for his approval and subsequently the National Treasurer paid the for the following Advertisements.

a. A 1/6 page ad in the Market Place section of America's Civil War Magazine in Sept 2014, November 2014, and January 2015.

b. A 1/6 page ad in the Market Place Section of Civil War Times Magazine in October of 2014, December of 2014, and February of 2015.

2. With these two purchases and the advertisements, which were purchase last fall and spring; the Committee on Marketing Promotions has expended its 2013-2014 budget allocation.

3. The committee has continued to explore opportunities for other avenues for advertising and has recently and hopes to bring ideas to the CofA at its meeting in November at Gettysburg.

4. The Committee has completed work on the brief elevator speech and business card, which it was assigned to produce, espousing the SUVCW and its goals.

Recommendations:

1. The Russell Johns Advertising Agency has put forth the following proposal for the year 2015:

Please find below a special package offer to run in America's Civil War, Civil War Times and Military History in 2015.

America's Civil War - 6 issues

Civil War Times - 6 issues

Military History - 3 issues

Total Package Price: \$5,250

Angie Rogers

Senior Branch Sales Manager Russell Johns Advertising Agency

Discussion: The current budget for Promotions and Marketing is \$5000.00 per year. The Committee would recommend that the Marketing and Promotions budget be increased to \$5500.00 and the Russell Johns proposal be accepted. The additional \$250.00 requested could be used to selectively advertise in the Civil War News, which is a monthly newspaper read by thousands of reenactors and Civil War enthusiast.

4.9 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE, Robert E Grimm, PCinC

The changes made to the Regulations at the 132nd National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R, and should be published when the proceedings of the 132nd National Encampment are approved and published.

The committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this encampment.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS ARE NOTED IN **BOLD TYPE** for new language and strike troughs of language being eliminated.

PROPOSAL #1

(Resolution from the Dept. of New Jersey)

Chapter I, Article II, Section 6 (See C&R page 14)

Note: If this proposal is adopted dual members would pay national dues only for their home camp, and they would pay department and local camp dues to each department and camp they belong to. The C&R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposal. A similar amendment presented two years ago by the Dept. of New Jersey was rejected by the national encampment.

Section 6: Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in ~~another~~ **one** Camp or a Member-at-Large, may become a dual Member of another Camp. The applicant **is not subject to the national per capita assessment for camps which he joins as a dual member. He pays national per capita assessment only for his primary or home camp. Dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new camp.** ~~need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps.~~

PROPOSAL #2

(Proposal from the National Treasurer in his officer report at the 132nd National Encampment that was referred to the C& R Committee for action)

Chapter I, Article VI, Section 4 (See C&R page 18)

Note: This change will add a new paragraph to Section 4 of this Article of the Regulations. This change calls for the automatic suspension of a camp's charter if the camp fails to file its Form 22, Form 35 or EIN report on time.

The C&R Committee recommends approval of the amendment.

Section 4(c). Any camp which fails to file the Form 22, Form 35, or EIN report by the dates specified herein shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

PROPOSAL #3

(Proposal from the National Treasurer in his officer report at the 132nd National Encampment that was referred to the C& R Committee for action)

Chapter I, Article VII, (See C&R page 20)

Note: This change will add a new Section to this Article of the Regulations. This change calls for the automatic suspension of a camp's charter if the camp fails to file its IRS Form 990N on time.

The C&R Committee recommends approval of the amendment.

Section 5. Any camp which fails to file its U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form 990N, or and future replacements for Form 990N, by the date specified shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

PROPOSAL #4

(Proposal from the National Treasurer in his officer report at the 132nd National Encampment that was adopted and referred to the C& R Committee with instructions to draft the appropriate language for the Regulations.)

Chapter II, Article I, (See C&R page 25)

Note: This change will add a new Section to this Article of the Regulations. This change calls for the automatic suspension of a department's charter if the department fails to file its annual report and pay its per capita dues on time for five (5) consecutive years.

The C&R Committee recommends approval of the amendment.

Section 10. When a department fails to file the 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 revoked. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic revocation.

PROPOSAL #5

(Proposal from National GAR Records Officer Dean Enderlin, PCC)

Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1 (See C&R page 28)

Note: This change reflects the will of the 2004 National Encampment to create the office of Department GAR Records Officer though someone inadvertently forgot to include a motion to amend the C&R.). The C&R Committee recommends approval of the amendment.

Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the Department Council,

Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary – Treasurer), Department Chaplain, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, Department Historian, Department Patriotic Instructor, **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Officer**, and at the option of the Department; a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, A Civil War Memorials Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and such other officers as may be established in its By-Laws.

PROPOSAL #6

(Proposal from the National Treasurer in his officer report at the 132nd National Encampment that was referred to the C& R Committee for action)

Chapter II, Article V, Section 3 (See C&R page 30)

Note: This change will add two new paragraphs to Section 3 of this Article of the Regulations. This change calls for the automatic suspension of a department's charter if the department fails to file its annual consolidated report or EIN report on time.

The C&R Committee recommends approval of the amendment.

Section 3(c). 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 3(d) 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.

PROPOSAL #7

(Proposal from the C&R Committee based on a recommendation from National Counselor Donald Darby)

Chapter III, Article IV Section 1, (See C&R page 37)

Note: This change will require a dual member seeking to change his primary or home department in order to seek a seat on the Council of Administration to make that change at least eighteen months prior to running for the office. It has no effect on a member not attempting to change his primary or home department. The C&R Committee recommends approval of this amendment.

Section 1. **(a)** The officers of the National Organization shall consist of a Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, five members of the Council of Administration (of which no two may be from the same Department), Banner Editor, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, National Chaplain, National Chief-of-Staff, National Civil War Memorials Officer, National Counselor, National GAR Highway Officer, National GAR Records Officer, National Graves Registration Officer, National Historian, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, National Patriotic Instructor and a Washington DC Representative. The same member may hold the office of National Secretary and the office of National Treasurer simultaneously.

(b) A dual member who seeks election to the Council of Administration must be a candidate from his primary or home department.

(c) A dual member for election to the Council of Administration wishing to change his primary or home department must have that change in effect for a period of eighteen months before seeking election to the Council of Administration.

PROPOSAL #8

(Resolution from the Dept. of New Jersey)

Chapter III, Article VI Section 3 (vii), (See C&R page 45)

Note: This proposal eliminates the need for camps to apply to the National Treasurer for reimbursement for Life Members. The National Treasurer states that our auditors require a live signature over a request for reimbursement attesting that each Brother for who a reimbursement is paid is alive and a member of the Order. Therefore, the C&R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposed amendment.

Current Language:

~~Section 3 (vii) All written requests for reimbursement from any of the several Life Member Programs must be submitted to the National Treasurer between January 1 and March 31 of each year. Any requests received after March 31 shall not be reimbursed. (moved from sections below)~~

Proposed Language:

Section 3 (vii) Reimbursement from any of the several life member programs shall be made by the National Treasurer by August 1 yearly in accordance with the Life Member lists submitted in each camp's Annual Report (Form 27a).

PROPOSAL #9

(Resolution from the Dept. of New York as modified by the C&R Committee)

Chapter V, Article VI, (See C&R pages 68-74)

Note: This proposal adds two new sections to this Article of the Regulations which prevents a member from avoiding a Dishonorable Discharge by resigning from the Order while very serious charges are pending against him. The C&R Committee recommends approval of this amendment.

Section 28. That irrespective of any regulations to the contrary a member of the Order who resigns while accusations in the form of charges are pending against him alleging offenses enumerated as First, Second or Third under section one of this article shall be issued a Dishonorable Discharge from the Order signed by the Department Commander.

Section 29. The Executive Director shall maintain a record of all Dishonorable Discharges which shall include the name of the Brother receiving the Dishonorable Discharge, his camp and department and the date of the Dishonorable Discharge.

Robert E. Grim, PCinC, Chairman
Jim Pahl, PCinC

Perley Mellor, PCinC
Donald L. Martin, PDC

Richard D. Orr, PCinC

4.10 LIASION TO CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES, Peter B. Whelpton

Only a few members Sons of Union Veterans and two other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic attended the True Memorial Day Service on May 30th, 2014, at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire.

Our delegation included Camp 9's Gary Ward (NH-PDC), Camp 10's Commander Creighton Hall, Department of Maine Camp 69's Larry Bonney, and myself of Camp 7 in New Hampshire. Heather M. Needleman appeared as the personal representative of President Diane Mellor of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War together with Hillary Ward. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War were represented by Elsie Bonney The Daughters of Union Veterans were represented by Elsie Bonney, President of the Maine Department and Sally Sawyer, also of Maine.

The service included the America's Creed and "Taps," which was composed by a Pennsylvania regimental bugler at the request of Union Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield. The guest speaker was retired Sergeant Major John Solomonides who eulogized all the American military personnel who gave their lives so that the nation would live. He placed special emphasis on the large number of lives lost in the struggle to preserve the Union.

The representation of other Patriotic Societies and organizations was thin. Clearly, many employers were reluctant to allow workers time to participate in the service on Friday, May 30th, at the Cathedral of the Pines.

The Rindge Veterans Association provided the primary color guard as well as a firing salute.

4.11 MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, Henry E Shaw, Jr, Chair

This Report will cover the activities of the National Military Affairs Committee from the 2013 Remembrance Day Weekend (22 November 2013 - 24 November 2013) through and including the date of this Final Report of the National Military Affairs Committee, and, of necessity, is somewhat duplicative of this Committee's Interim Report dated 28 March 2014.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND – 2013

- At the Woolson Ceremonies conducted on Saturday, 23 November 2013, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer of the SVR functioned as Master of Ceremonies and, in the course of the proceedings, presented a check in the sum of \$4,500.00 to a representative of the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument preservation. That donation brings the total to date in the sum of \$73,000.00.
- The Parade was extremely well attended, both from the perspective of the participants and the spectators. In fact, it was necessary to acquire special permission from GNMP to secure the use of a portion of East Confederate Avenue to accommodate the overflow of parade participants. Of concern, however, was the failure of the "horse people" to keep their animals off the grassy areas of the Gettysburg Middle School and to see to the matter of cleaning up after their horses on school grounds. A plan is in the works to address this matter in November of 2014.
- The Ball was, as usual, quite a fine success and very well attended, (over 430) so much so that there was what can best be described as a "traffic jam" that occurred in the course of the Grand

March. A plan is in place to address this "congestion" issue. It appears that a donation in the sum of \$5,000.00 will be presented to the Gettysburg National Military Park on 15 November 2014 in the course of the Woolson Ceremonies. As in numerous prior years, the efforts of Janice Corfman, David Hann and Anne and David Sosnowski who handled the tickets at the door and, Janice Corfman and Anne and David Sosnowski who did the Ball decorations should be recognized.

2014 ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY:

The 58th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was held in Springfield, Illinois on Saturday, 12 April 2014. Through the efforts of PDC Robert M. Petrovic, plans for the event were prepared and finalized and the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel situated at 701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois, was once again selected as the Headquarters Hotel, with a block of rooms having been reserved until 21 March 2014.

- **Schedule of Events for Saturday, 12 April 2014:**

1. Military Parade at Oak Ridge Cemetery stepped off at 10:00 A.M., with Major David M. Lamb, Commander of the Fourth Military District, SVR, in charge of the parade and functioning as Provost thereof.
2. Ceremony and wreath laying at Tomb immediately followed the parade.
3. Luncheon at President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30 P.M. Luncheon program featured remarks by Dr. Trevor Steinback on "Childhood Diseases and the Lincoln Children".

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND, 2014

- As previously reported, on 31 December 2012, contracts, covering the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 were executed with the Wyndham Hotel Management contemplating lodging at both the Wyndham Hotel and the adjacent Courtyard Marriott for the aforesaid four years. Thus, the year 2014 is the second year of the four year contract.
- As previously reported, a 4 year contract for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 was entered into with the Philadelphia Brigade Band for purposes of providing period dance music at the Original Civil War Ball to be held in the Wyndham ballroom. The contract also includes period dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. In addition to playing for the Ball, the Band will also render *The National Anthem* and provide period selections at the Woolson Monument ceremonies and will participate in the Remembrance Day Parade.
- PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, the Editor of *The Banner*, has caused ads for the 2014 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2014 Original Civil War Ball to be published in The Banner. Additionally, the various CW publications have published ads for the 2014 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2014 Original Civil War Ball. Issues of several of these CW publications containing the Remembrance Day 2014 ads were distributed at the 151st reenactment in Gettysburg in July of 2014.
- Through the assistance of PCinC and SVR Web Master Leo Kennedy, Notice of the 2014 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2014 Original Civil War Ball are both posted on the SVR Web site.

- **Schedule of Events for Saturday, 15 November 2014:**

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 12:30 P.M.
 5. Parade Commences at 1:00 P.M.
 6. Original Civil War Ball at Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 P.M.
- **Remembrance Day 2014 Permits:**
 1. **Gettysburg Area School District** – Application for Facilities Lease Agreement for purposes of use of Middle School area for form up of parade was mailed on 21 January 2014. The Facilities Lease Agreement was approved by the School District, received back on 04 February 2014, and the original Agreement was signed and returned to Daniel Golliday, the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the School District on the same date.
 2. **Borough of Gettysburg** – received check for \$1,000.00 from Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield, Inc. (formerly the Steinwehr Avenue Business Improvement District) for the 2014 Remembrance Day Parade fee on 27 January 2014 and on same date sent Application for Parade Permit, the check for \$1,000.00 together with \$30.00 document processing fee (anonymous donor) to Borough of Gettysburg Police Department. **As noted in this Committee's Interim Report dated 28 March 2014, on August 12, 2013, the Gettysburg Borough Council amended Special Event Ordinance No 1389-11 and Resolution No. 031311-1 and designated (commencing in 2014) that the parade fees be changed from \$1,000.00 to a fee based on the hours worked for a special event.** The Parade Permit was approved and was received on 25 April 2014. On 9 July 2014, Edith Smith at the Gettysburg Police Department was contacted by telephone for purposes of determining whether or not an additional amount would be needed. Pursuant to her instructions, an attempt was made to contact Sgt. Larry Runk, by telephone, on 17 July 2014 in order to determine whether or not an additional amount would be needed and if so, how much would be required. Sgt. Runk was not available, but it was ascertained, however, from Edith Smith, that Sgt. Runk had not yet finished work on the parade permit situation, but expects to have the same completed by the week of 21 July - 25 July 2014.

On Monday, 21 July 2014, Sgt. Runk contacted the Committee Chairman by telephone and explained that the additional estimated cost of the parade amounted to the sum of \$742.24 (making a total of \$1,742.24) and further explained that that the final cost could exceed that amount and that the SVR would then be billed for that amount. Sgt. Runk further explained that if the estimated cost was less than \$1,742.24, then, and in that event, any overpayment would be refunded.

Also, on 21 July 2014 and by electronic means, a document under the signature of Joseph F. Dougherty, Gettysburg Borough Police Chief, was received by the Chairman of this Committee, said document containing a detailed explanation of the cost package and

a requirement that the document be signed and returned within 5 business days. This document was forwarded, electronically to all Committee members.

Finally, and also on 21 July 2014, the document hereinabove referred to was signed by the Committee Chairman, and a letter was mailed to Sgt. Runk, containing the signed document. Additionally, and for purposes of moving things along, the Committee Chairman advanced the sum of \$742.24 from his own personal funds.

3. **Gettysburg National Military Park** – for purposes of conducting the Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove, a Special Use Permit Application was mailed to Grace Reese, Special Park Use Manager on 24 January 2014. The Special Use Permit was approved and was received on 31 March 2014.

4. **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation** –a new application procedure has been initiated by PennDOT, insofar as the Remembrance Day Parade traverses two PA routes going through the Borough of Gettysburg, thus, PA Route 97 (Baltimore Street) and Steinwehr Avenue (PA BUS 15). In connection with this, An Application for Special Event Permit (Form TE-300) and 8 associated documents were mailed to PennDOT at the District 8-C office in Harrisburg on 29 April 2014. The Application was approved and the PennDOT Permit (1118) was received on 17 May 2014.

As required by PennDOT, the Pennsylvania State Police was put on notice of the Remembrance Day Parade. In particular, Sgt. William J. McAreavy, Jr., the Commander of the Gettysburg Station of the PSP, was contacted by telephone on 28 April 2014 and on 29 April 2014 a letter was mailed to Sgt. McAreavy formalizing the telephone conversation and enclosing copies of the PennDOT Application and allied documents.

- Certificates of Liability Insurance were applied for and received from the SVR's insurance carrier and accompanied the School District Facilities Lease Agreement Application, the Parade Permit Application to the Borough of Gettysburg and the PennDOT Special Event Permit Application.
- Renewed State Auto Insurance Company Bond for purposes of protecting the Original Civil War Ball funds at no cost to the SVR. Funds for policy premium came from an anonymous donor.
- Original Civil War Ball tickets were ordered and were received on 10 January 2014 and said tickets are in the process of being sold.
- **Further Tasks Performed To Date In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2014:**
 1. On 01 July 2014, Remembrance Day Parade Streamers were ordered from R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
 2. On 01 July 2014, arrangements were made with Noteworthy Music (Robert Ranalli) to provide PA system for Woolson Monument Ceremonies.
 3. On 01 July 2014, arrangements were made with Associated Products Services, Mechanicsburg, PA, for purposes of providing 2 portable sanitary facilities at the parade staging area and secured authorizations from Gettysburg Police Chief and the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Gettysburg Area School District to place the sanitary facilities at the staging area.
 4. On 01 July 2014, 13 wreaths were ordered from The Floral Boutique in Gettysburg and arrangements were made for the wreaths to be delivered to the Woolson Monument on Saturday, 15 November 2014 at 10:00 A.M. **Please note that the cost has increased in the sum of \$2.00, that is, from \$40.00 per wreath in 2013 to \$42.00 per wreath for 2014.**
 5. On 06 July 2014, secured Dance List from Larry Keener-Farley, the Victorian Ensemble Dance Master, so that Dance Cards for the Original Civil War Ball can be prepared.
 6. On 09 July 2014, a formal personalized letter was mailed to PCinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. requesting him to have Cub Scout Pack No. 88 place refuse containers (as required by the Borough of Gettysburg) along the parade route, prior to the 2014 Remembrance Day Parade and then remove the same following the completion of the Parade.

7. On 09 July 2014 a formal personalized letter of invitation was mailed to James A. Getty, requesting him to deliver *The Gettysburg Address* in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
8. On 09 July 2014, a formal personalized letter was mailed to Jeffrey C. Young, owner of Gettysburg Carriage Company, the purpose of which was to arrange to have a carriage at the parade staging area to convey James A. Getty (President Lincoln) and John Hart (Gen. Scott) in the 2014 Remembrance Day Parade.
- **Of Necessity, Further Tasks In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2014, Will Be Addressed Subsequent To The 133rd National Encampment, for example:**
 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 15 November 2014.
 2. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, to present remarks in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, and to lay a wreath on behalf of the SUVCW.
3. Mail formal personalized letters of invitation to all heads of National Allied Orders, National and Pennsylvania Mollus Heads and all Pennsylvania Allied Orders Heads, requesting each to present a wreath in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
4. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain, SVR, requesting him to deliver the Invocation and pronounce the Benediction at the SVR Breakfast and at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
5. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Ivan E. Frantz, Musician Sgt. Major, SVR, requesting him to render *TAPS* at the conclusion of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
6. Arrange to have the Program for the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument printed and have sufficient copies made for distribution at the site of the Woolson Monument, prior to the commencement of the Memorial Service.
7. Pick up Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from the R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
8. Arrange to have Dance Cards for the original Civil War Ball to be printed and boxed.
9. Arrange to have the various Certificates of Appreciation/Thanks prepared.
10. Arrange ceremony for Friday afternoon, 14 November 2014, with Gettysburg business leaders, for presentation of Certificates in recognition of their \$1,000.00 parade permit donation.

National Military Affairs Committee,
 Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC
 Edward J. Krieser, PCinC
 Donald J. Martin, PDC
 Robert M. Petrovic, PDC
 Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Chair

4.12 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, John E Ertell

The Scholarship Committee received nine completed applications by the March 31, 2013 deadline, with all applicants meeting the scholarship criteria. Additionally two other applications were received which were rejected as one was incomplete (lacking any supporting documentation) and the other was received a week after the deadline. After a careful review of the applications, scholastic records and letters of recommendation, the committee unanimously recommended to the National Commander the awarding of this year's scholarships to:

Britta Alexandra Musser
 [Member of Mount Union Church Camp #502 Auxiliary, Department of Pennsylvania]

Nicole Lorraine Zeien

[Member of Mary Logan Tent #26 ASUVCW, Department of Illinois]

Changes enacted to the scholarship criteria in recent years have led to an improvement in the quality of applicants, generally eliminating those who in the past have joined at the last minute in order to apply for the scholarships. Applicants are now required to provide information about their involvement in the SUVCW or Allied Orders as well as their involvement in activities to promote an appreciation of the men and women who served the Union Cause in the Civil War. In September of 2013, the Scholarship Application (Form 12) was revised and posted on the SUVCW website.

In the spring of 2014, as scholarship chairman, I wrote a brief article for inclusion in a future issue of "The Banner" describing the bequest of \$25,000 to the scholarship fund. In the spring of 2013, a bequest check was received from the estate of the late J. Clifford Henke. Brother Henke had served as the Camp Commander of Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #76 and from 1998 to 2000 as Department Commander of the Department of New York. The bequest will help the order sustain the scholarship program for years into the future. The committee hopes that seeing the article, other members of the order will consider helping support the scholarship program through donations or bequests.

The 2013-14 Scholarship Committee consisted of Brothers Theodore J. Zemen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gene D. Turner of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chairman John R. Ertell of Spring City, Pennsylvania. We have appreciated the opportunity to serve as the committee this past year.

4.13 Battle Flag Preservation Committee, Ed Norris

We preformed all duties described in the Constitution & Regulations and the Job Descriptions for National Organization Officers & Standing Committees. We continue to spread the word about preservation efforts through our public Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CWFlags. We now have 311 people following the page, which is an increase of 36.4% over the past year.

Fortunate for us, many states still have ongoing preservation efforts although budget is almost always an issue. New Hampshire recently raised more than \$66,000 through the sale of commemorative bottles. So there are other methods available when government funds are needed.

Recommendation: The job description for this committee should be listed on the National website. The job description was approved at the 131st National Encampment.

4.14 National GAR Records Committee, Dean Enderlin

Commander-in-Chief Freshley and Brothers of the 133rd 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. This report also serves as the annual report of the National GAR Records Officer.

Progress Report and Accomplishments for the 2013-2014 Administrative Year

GAR Records Group on Yahoo.com: The 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.

Communications: Since 1 August 2013, the National GAR Records Officer has received and responded to 255 emails regarding GAR records. This is a sharp increase from previous years, and reflects an increased level of public awareness generated by our new website. Twenty-three submissions were also received using the website's online GAR records notification form. The National GAR Records Officer contributed one article to *The Banner* during the year, which also increased interest in the program and resulted in several new discoveries of GAR records collections.

Five Year GAR Records Project Plan (2012-2017) -- Progress Report: A 5-year Project Plan for the GAR Records Committee was approved at the 131st National Encampment (2012). A progress report for each plan objective is presented below:

1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website and online GAR Records Catalog.

Status: Routinely Updated. The new website marked its one year anniversary on 18 July 2014. It has functioned well over its first year, requiring only minor modifications. Updates to the online GAR Records Catalog and Post History pages generally occur quarterly.

2a) Expand the website content to include separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts.

Status: In Progress. Summary information is added to the history files on the website as time permits. Information includes organizational and dissolution dates for Departments and Posts, meeting places, Post namesakes, and other relevant information. This is a long-term project, and an important component to the program. Newly discovered GAR Posts continue to be added, so this project is evolving and continues to build on the work started by former GAR Post Project chair, Br. Jeff Henningfield, in 2000. We have currently identified 10,121 uniquely named and numbered Posts. Four years ago our total was about 8,600 Posts, so we've come a long way!

2b) Expand the website content to include links to other SUVCW web pages.

Status: Complete to Date. Links to all known SUVCW web pages that present GAR data have been added to the website on each state page.

2c) Expand the website content to include links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections.

Status: In Progress. Links to relevant non-SUVCW websites are added as they are found. The state pages on the website also include bibliographic references, listing important books related to the GAR in the respective state. Additions are added as found or reported.

3) Encourage and assist SUVCW Departments and Camps in developing and/or expanding their respective GAR Records programs.

Status: In Progress, Contingent on Actions of the National Encampment. Numerous communications with Departments, Camps, and Camps-at-Large were made during the year; however, the point of contact varied widely from state to state. Only seven of twenty-eight Departments have a formalized GAR Records Program. Of these, at least four have a GAR Records Officer or equivalent specified in their by-laws. We need to make this universal. When the National GAR Records Officer position was created by the National Encampment in 2004, a Department-level officer counterpart was also created, but the C&R was never updated to include this new office. A recommendation to amend the C&R to correct this omission is expected to be presented in this year's Report of the C&R Committee. A proposed job description for the Department GAR Records Officer is presented in our Recommendations section below. Also included are Recommendations to revise the wording of the job descriptions of the National Historian, National Committee on History, and the Department/Camp Historian. These revisions were a directive of the 2006 National Encampment to avoid overlapping responsibilities of the offices, but were never put into effect. National Historian Bob Wolz, PDC, is an Aide to this committee, and has consented to the inclusion of these recommendations in our committee report.

Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Recommendation: Our committee received a progress report in March 2014 from Br. Brian Pierson, chair of the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning, notifying us of our current scores for achieving our long-term goals. Scores ranged from satisfactory to excellent. We appreciate this mid-year review of our progress and are pleased with the results. One recommendation was included with the progress report: "Establish and publish process for Depts to report locations of GAR records in their territories." We believe the best approach to this is to publish a handbook, similar to those now available to Patriotic Instructors and Graves Registration Officers. Work on this project will be postponed until the related job descriptions are amended, approved and published.

Our committee is pleased with our achievements for the year, and we hope that our accomplishments will meet with the satisfaction of the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment. It has been a privilege to serve.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation 1. We propose the following new Job Description for the Department GAR Records Officer, and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration:

Purpose:

The purpose of the Department G.A.R. Records Officer is to coordinate Department activities associated with the process of seeking, locating, physically examining, inventorying, cataloging and recording, and promoting the preservation and conservation of all extant records of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Activities:

The activities of the Department G.A.R. Records Officer should include:

- (1) Providing guidance to Camps that are actively involved in inventorying G.A.R. records or are researching G.A.R. history.*
- (2) Serving as the point of contact between the Department and the National G.A.R. Records Officer for matters related to G.A.R. records.*
- (3) Compiling and maintaining an inventory of the locations of G.A.R. records within the Department, in a format and form approved by the Order for the collection of records information.*
- (4) Providing annual (or more frequent) G.A.R. records inventory updates to the National G.A.R. Records Officer for inclusion in the National G.A.R. Records Catalog.*
- (5) Compiling information relating to the history of G.A.R. Posts within the Department.*
- (6) Performing all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.*

Recommendation 2. We propose the following amended Job Description for the National Historian, and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.

Purpose

The purpose of the office of National Historian is to collect and preserve all historical or biographical material pertaining to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its membership.

Activities:

The activities of the National Historian should include the responsibilities listed below.

(1) Collect, organize, catalog and ensure the preservation of historical records and holdings of the National Organization which pertain to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(2) Identify and inventory the historical records and holdings in the possession of National Organization officers.

(3) Serve as chairman of the National Committee on History.

(4) Provide research assistance and/or access to the Order's historical holdings to Brothers of the Order and, upon approval by the Commander-in-Chief, to individuals and organizations outside of the Order.

(5) Encourage Department, Camp-at-Large and Camp Historians to identify, inventory or catalog (where possible), and help locate and ensure the preservation of all state and local collections of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War historical records and holdings.

(6) Encourage Departments, Camps-at-Large and Camps to recognize and commemorate Civil War anniversary dates through a variety of means including, Department, Camp-at-Large and Camp meetings and ceremonies, notices in internal newsletters, notices in newspapers, etc.

(7) Assure ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the Order's business.

(8) Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.

(9) Prepare and submit periodic status reports to the Commander-in-Chief on the activities of the National Historian.

(10) Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the National Historian.

Recommendation 3. We propose the following amended Job Description for the National Committee on History, and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.

Purpose:

The purpose of the National Committee on History is to identify and preserve historical and biographical material pertaining to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its membership.

Activities:

The activities of the National Committee on History should include the responsibilities listed below.

(1) Collect, organize, catalog and ensure the preservation of historical records and holdings of the National Organization which pertain to the SUVCW.

(2) Identify and inventory the historical records and holdings in the possession of National Organization officers.

(3) Provide research assistance and/or access to the Order's historical holdings to Brothers of the Order and, upon approval by the Commander-in-Chief, to individuals and organizations outside of the Order.

(4) Encourage Department, Camp-at-Large and Camp Historians to identify, inventory or catalog (where possible), and help locate and ensure the preservation of all state and local collections of SUVCW historical records and holdings.

(5) Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.

(6) Provide regular status reports to the Commander-in-Chief and National Council of Administration.

(7) Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the committee.

Recommendation 4. We propose the following amended Job Description for the Camp and Department Historian, and recommend it be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for their consideration.

Purpose:

The purpose of the office of Historian is to collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and its membership.

Activities:

Camp Historian –

The activities of the Camp Historian should include maintaining and cataloging all historical, biographical and/or photographic material given to or developed by the Camp regarding the Civil War and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Such material would include but not be limited to the following: newspaper articles, Camp membership records, Camp meeting minutes, old Camp financial records, photographs, and donated memorabilia (including Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic artifacts).

Department Historian –

The activities of the Department Historian would be the same as those for the Camp Historian but carried out on a Department level.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT CREDENTIALS, WALT BUSCH

Walt Busch, PDC – Chair
Thomas Brown, PDC
Bruce Laine, PDC
Joseph Hall, PDC
Phil Caines, PCC

1. Since the fall report, the chair has been busy taking preregistration for this national encampment. As of this date 147 brothers have registered for the encampment. Pre-registration will close on 7/30/2014. So far any issues have been corrected and we hope registration will run smoothly this August with 4 out the 5 members of the committee will be working the registration table starting on Thursday .

2. One issue has come up. Since we are concerned with the youth of our organization, a brother mentioned that perhaps we ought to seek that information on the pre-registration form. I think this is wise and can be done relatively easily and make the following

Recommendation: The pre-registration form include a box to be checked “if under 18 – must be accompanied by parent/guardian” and the encampment credentials registration database be amended also to track this information on a yearly basis.

5.2 CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, D. Michael Beard, PDC

Following the 2013 National Encampment the COA modified the signature event application changing the lead time from 90 days to 6 months. The COA also replaced the application insurance language from: “The event will not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk” to: “The National Organization of the SUVCW must be held harmless either by being named as an insured party on any insurance policy covering the event or a legally binding document in which the SUVCW is held to have no legal liability for any part of the event or any unforeseen occurrence during the event. If the organizer is a government entity and assumes all liability or is exempt from suit and that exemption extends to those who partner with the government entity a letter expressing this is acceptable.”

Since the 2013 national encampment, the committee approved two events; Lynn Massachusetts’ 150th Common Soldier Observance (General Lander Camp, Department of Massachusetts) and the 150 Battle of Mine Creek Observance (Department of Kansas). The Department of Massachusetts purchased a \$494 policy for the event. The Kansas Historical Society, a state agency, provided the Department of Kansas with a letter stating any volunteers working the 150th Commemoration were protected from liability under state law.

The Lynn Massachusetts was the only event held since the last encampment.

The time and insurance changes to the application essentially ended interest in sponsoring Sesquicentennial signature events. The committee recommends a return to the 90 day lead time and a change in the insurance language to: For any event not sponsored by a government entity, the Allied Order member proposing the Signature Event will confirm the event sponsors have liability insurance for the event.

5.3 COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY REDESIGN, PCINC STEPHEN A. MICHAELS

On June 30th, the committee completed converting the questions in the 12 online lessons into a multiple-choice format. Completion had been temporarily delayed during the year, when the Committee lost one member, PCinC James B. Pahl (MI), and gained a member, PDC Mark Day (CH).

These lessons, in the form of electronic document files, were forwarded to the webmaster for placement on the National website. This was completed in mid-July.

Should the committee be reappointed, it will move forward, developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations. Power points covering an organizational overview, badge wear, customs and courtesies and history were constructed and used at the Wisconsin Dept. Orientation on April 6th.

5.4 NATIONAL GRAVE REGISTRATION OFFICER AND COMMITTEE, Bruce Frail

It is my honor to report to the 2014 National Encampment the following from the office of National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) and the Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration.

In the past year I have visited 29 National and State Veteran’s Cemeteries in the following states; Alabama, California, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey,

New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and Washington DC. I have also visited many more private and public cemeteries in the above states and more. I have talked to as many of their staffs as I was able to and again the overall outcome was positive. There are a good portion of cemeteries National, State and local that doesn't have their grounds manned.

I have also represented the SUVCW at many other events; National, Regional and State Genealogical Conferences in Alabama, California, New Hampshire, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah and Virginia. I have introduced our database to Universities in California, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington DC.

I would like to report on the National Genealogical Societies Conference in Richmond, VA this year 7 – 10 May 2014. We had only one Brother, Brother Thomas Grund of the Department of Chesapeake offer to assist us at the Conference. We had no Brothers at the Conference on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday; the booth was back to back with my companies' booth and was manned by myself, my staff and stand alone (Saturday). The electricity was supplied by my company for the purpose of showing a power point program and a short video; this was done on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Handouts were designed, manufactured and distributed during the Conference as were membership applications for both the SUVCW & the ASUVCW. We handed out 2000 brochures and 200 applications, the only cost to the SUVCW for these brochures and applications was \$87.63 for the paper used in the brochures, the ink and paper for the applications was provided by American Civil War Ancestor, my wife and I designed & manufactured them.

The costs at this year's Conference were very high, they required \$795.00 for internet use for the week, and the usual cost is free to \$75.00 for the Conference. Unfortunately, they didn't release that information until after the booths were purchased. They also blocked the use of private mobile Wi-Fi or slowed it as much as they could, the result was not being able to leave a computer terminal open for the free use of guests to freely search our database, but instead we showed those who were interested with our mobile devices (Smartphone's and tablets). We did get several people that gave us data on their relatives and about 20 or so became submitter account users (this number could be higher, the number quoted is from those who mentioned the Conference or signed up there). I would recommend we get a booth every year, with the restriction that the Conference is being held in a Union or Border state (Missouri, Kentucky or Maryland).

To date, 26 July 2014, we have currently 637,444 records of veterans in our National Graves Database; this is a increase of 34,678 records this year or 93.7 new records per day. We are 18,7 new records/day above our 3 year plan estimate. We have had 669,036 records submitted since the database went online, as you should be able to see that represents 31,593 that are no longer in our database. They have been deleted by the National Graves Registration Committee as part of the ongoing database correction process, this number equals an additional 2,138 records that have been deleted and 10,733 that have been updated in the past year.

This translates to an estimated 1.92% correction rate to the database, we believe we still have about a 6.5% error rate in the database, This is down from the estimated 12-15 % error rate in the database in 2009, we have come a long way, we need to keep working.

We have 28 new Department Grave Registration Officer Administration accounts of which only 10 Departments and one Camp at Large have applied for and completed the required instruction on. These Departments are; California & Pacific, Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Maine, Rhode Island and South Carolina & Georgia and the Camps at Large are from Oregon. Of these, Florida, Maine and South Carolina & Georgia haven't made any contributions to the database. We also have 7 special administration accounts that have been awarded to people who have proven a dedication to our database; these 7 people are very active. We need to get the rest of the Departments to take our National Graves Registration Project serious.

We have been working with the Program and Policy committee on an Experience and Educational Policy for all Brothers who agree to become a Graves Registration Officer at any level. One of these

proposals was just rejected by the Council of Administration. We will continue to work with both the P & P committee and the C of A to get this done. I have again redesigned our proposal and include it in our recommendations for approval at this year's National Encampment.

The database upgrade is in the third phase, this is the public access area of the database. We have had what we believed was a minor setback with the movement of phase three; this has become a major setback. Our database redesign is about 95% complete; the two major elements that are in question are the addition of photographs and/or biographical pages to each record. Our IT tech/database consultant is looking into the creation of a new base database to work better with our current MySQL 5 and planned future improvements. This is still being done with no charge to the SUVCW but will require a time frame adjustment in the contract.

I would like to thank the following for their support, all of the Brothers of the National Committee on Graves Registration, Department GROs, Camp GROs and all of our submitters of the database. It is due to the time and dedication that these people give to the SUVCW we have been able to improve, standardize, and operate the database as we do today.

Recommendations:

1. I would recommend that the National SUVCW approve the purchase of booth space at the National Genealogical Societies Conference in St. Charles, Missouri, 13 – 16 May 2015.
2. The creation of a new Experience and Educational Policy, see attached document which can be provided to each brother at the National Encampment for feedback. This plan is available in PDF at <http://suvchwgravescommittee.webs.com/formsandbooklets.htm>
3. The review and implementation as needed of the components in part or in whole of my three year plan as submitted on 27 June 2012, This plan is available in PDF at <http://suvchwgravescommittee.webs.com/formsandbooklets.htm>
4. The review of C-in-C General Order #6, Series 2012-2013, dated 3 December 2012, Section 2 – A new temporary committee has been formed called Government Headstone Application Committee. The membership of this committee will be Steve Aarli – IL Chair, Steven Hall – PA, David Burkett – OR, Stephen Siemsen – AZ, John Eger – IN, Stephen Twining – MA, and Bruce Frail – RI. The primary duties of this committee will be to work with the National Committee on Graves Registration (NCGR), assist people inside and outside of the Allied Orders in researching and providing VA Headstones whether they are for unmarked graves or replacement headstones they should also, with the assistance of the NCGR design videos and workshops to show people the proper way to complete forms, raise headstones, level headstones and install all new types of headstones. They will also receive the data from the check boxes of the graves registration forms and transmit that data to local Department and Camps for their action of which they will assist when needed. All contact with Department of Veterans Affairs should be through the office of the National Graves Registration Officer. The programs and Police Committee is tasked to create a job description for this Committee. The next commander-in-Chief can then decide whether to continue the committee as a Standing Committee or a Special Committee. My recommendation is to define the job description of this committee and to continue its existence, as it has not been used since its creation.

5.5 CANADIAN VETERANS MONUMENT COMMITTEE, David M Lamb, DC

It is my unpleasant duty to report to you that there has been very little progress of a substantive nature during the period since the National Encampment in Milwaukee last August. I have maintained contact

with Brother Robert Heath, the founder of this noble project, but have had minimal contact with two other members of the Committee.

While I have always found, in private conversation with members of the Order, that there seemed to be wide interest in the idea of building a monument in the Dominion of Canada to the veterans who served the Union, that interest has not translated into action on the part of any but a few of our brethren. Witnessed by the fact that after four years of asking delegates to the National Encampment to return to their Departments and generate resolutions of support, only five Departments; one Camp; and, the National Officers of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW have been forthcoming with such documents.

In light of the above, I am afraid that I view the continuation of this project, at this point in time, to be something akin to the proverbial "beating of the dead horse". For whatever reasons, it has not sparked the passions of our membership to a substantial degree.

In the past several months I have become aware that a Canadian-based group known as the "Grays and Blues of Montreal" has undertaken a very similar effort and has already garnered considerable support within Canada itself for the project. The "Grays and Blues" is a living-history group based in the Province of Quebec, and a gentleman named Rob McLachlan is spearheading the effort to raise funds to build a monument that is very similar in nature to the one that has been proposed by Brother Robert Heath of this Order.

In discussions that I have had with Mr. Mc Lachlan, his group has already commissioned a professional monument company located in Ontario Province to design the physical edifice to be erected and obtained a cost estimate from them that is well within the range of reasonable for what they intend to build. They have already located a venue at the site of a historic village that is a known tourist destination within easy access of the U.S./Canada Border; and, received unanimous approval and permission from the governors of the "Lost Villages Historical Society" to build the monument on their site. The nearby township of South Stormont, Ontario, has also endorsed the project and agreed to provide maintenance of the site and monument in perpetuity. Funds-raising efforts to acquire the monies necessary to build the monument are beginning in earnest in the coming months, but somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,000.00 Canadian has already been donated and several thousands more have been pledged toward the total cost estimates of approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000.00 Canadian dollars.

In addition to being located within easy access of the U.S. - Canada Border, the site of the monument will be in a historic park setting where "Living History" events staged in an 1860's era village take place on an on-going basis. The site is also in close proximity to the larger venue of "Upper Canada Village" (an Ontario Park recreating another 1860's era village) as well as a nearby monument to the War of 1812, which has become a widely viewed tourist "destination" in itself. It is thought that the erection of a Civil War monument at the Lost Villages site will only ensure further interest in Canada's military participation in both conflicts. The site of the Lost Villages Historic Park is on a major Provincial Highway system that allows easy access from all four directions.

A formal monument dedication date of 1st July, 2017 has already been established that will coincide with the Sesquicentennial of Canadian Federation.

While I obviously agree that it would have been a magnificent accomplishment to have had the SUVCW be the "driving force" behind this effort, the reality of the matter is such that this group of dedicated Canadians has been able to move the idea much further and much faster than we have. And, the further stark reality of the matter is that this group has already resolved what would have been some seriously

complicated international diplomatic issues that would have required nothing short of the involvement of the highest levels of both of our National governments.

In light of the above information, it is my considered opinion that the current Committee should be disbanded and that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would best honor the service and sacrifice of our Canadian veterans by lending whatever support we might be able to garner to the very worthy efforts of Mr. McLachlan and his committee members, one of whom is a former member of Canada's Parliament. I firmly believe that the concept of this monument is a wonderfully worthy idea, but the reality has been that our group does not seem to be able to gain nearly the amount of traction that would be needed to proceed with an effort that would be vastly more complicated than that which is being proposed by the "Grays and Blues".

For further information on the efforts of these individuals I recommend that their website located at www.graysandbluesofmontreal.com/monumrnt-project be visited. I also attach, and thereby make a part of this report, a press release dated February 19th, 2014 relating further information on the efforts of this group of dedicated Canadian historians.

Recommended Action: That the Canadian Veterans Monument Committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be disbanded and that the organization lend its support to the efforts of "The Grays and Blues of Montreal (GBM, et al) who are working to honor the service of the 50,000 British North Americans who participated in the American Civil War 1861-1865.

Immediate Press Release: Long Sault, Ontario, - February 19th, 2014 @ 22:00 hrs.

"First in Canada - National War Monument Project - Commemorating the 50,000 Canadian Veterans who volunteered and served in US Civil War (1861-1865)"

Today, the Executive of the "**Lost Villages Historical Society**", Ault Park, Township of South Stormont, are announcing that they recently met with, reviewed and agreed to enter into an "**Agreement in Principle**", with the "**Grays and Blues of Montréal (GBM)**", a mid-19th Century Living History Re-enactment association.

This agreement is to provide in Ault Park, appropriate land facilities and ongoing maintenance, for the **first ever Canadian soil National War Monument**, dedicated to perpetuating the memory of more than **50,000 Canadian** (British North American) **Veterans**, who volunteered and fought in the **American Civil War** (1861-1865). Intended **Monument dedication timeframe** is anticipated for **July 1, 2017**, to coincide with the **150th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation**.

Presently, it's not well known by many, but historically during these terrible 4 years, over **50,000 volunteers** primarily from **Ontario, Québec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland**, travelled to various Northern or Southern US cities, to enlist in the Federal, or Confederate, Army or Navy or US Marines. By the end of this largest North American war ever, over **620,000 Americans** (on both sides), including **thousands of Canadians (British North Americans)**, **were killed** - with most of these Canadian Veterans long **since forgotten** (however not so for the American Veterans). Also not well known historically, are the facts that during this war, **34 Canadians** on the Federal side (11 - Ontario, 10 - Québec, 7 - Nova Scotia, 3 - New Brunswick, 2 - PEI and 1 - Newfoundland), were awarded the **US Medal of Honor (equivalent to our Victoria Cross)**. In addition, **4 Canadian born Officers** (3 - Québec, 1 - Nova Scotia), were **promoted** to the rank of

General. Today 150 years later NO National Canadian War Monument exists to commemorate and remember these 50,000 Canadian Volunteer Veterans!

Below is a **graphic artist's concept drawing** of what the **proposed 14 foot high** black granite obelisk "**Canadians in the US Civil War Monument**" would look like, along with 2 x 8 feet black granite side stones and a small paved pedestrian walkway, all positioned within Ault Park, site of the Lost Villages Museum (10 Historic buildings), expected to face Highway No 2:



For **fundraising**, it is the intent of the involved Canadian Civil War re-enactment associations and the Lost Villages Society, that the majority of required Monument funds (approx. \$40,000); will come from major and minor private organizations, as well as public donors, historical associations and **many Canadians** today who **knowingly, or unknowingly, had ancestors who volunteered and fought in the American Civil War**. One of the black granite side stones will be a "**Donor Wall**" upon which will be **inscribed** the names of all **organizations, associations and individuals** donating **\$400, or more**. In addition **Tax receipts** will be given to all donors of **\$20, or greater**.

Concerning the "Agreement in Principle" for providing Ault Park land and maintenance for this historic "first ever" National Monument project in Canada, below are statements from the key executives:

Jim Brownell, President of the "Lost Villages Historical Society" (also former MPP – Stormont, Dundas, South Glengarry and current Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, SD&G Highlanders, Cornwall ON), on the occasion of this historic agreement stated: *"A National Monument dedicated to the memory of those Canadians who volunteered and fought in the American Civil War is long overdue. Thanks to the dedication of the Grays and Blues of Montreal - GBM (Québec), and the American Civil War Historical Re-enactment Society - ACWHRS (Ontario), these Canadians will soon be memorialized, at Ault Park. Historical research has proven that numerous veterans of this war were residents from the Lost Villages, and from many communities in Central and Eastern Ontario as well as the province of Québec. The Lost Villages Museum site is an ideal location for this prestigious National Monument, and it has been a pleasure working with Rob McLachlan, and the other volunteers with the Grays and Blues of Montreal"*

Rob McLachlan, President of the “Grays and Blues of Montreal” (A former Regional Marketing Director, IBM Canada and a former Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding, Canadian Grenadier Guards, Montréal QC, and currently a Civil War re-enactment Major, in the 9th Battalion, 1st Division, Army of Northern Virginia), replying to Jim’s remarks said that: *“On behalf of the executive and members of GBM and the ACWHRS, I wish to thank both the Lost Villages Historical Society and the township of South Stormont, for their keenness, interest and support for this long overdue National Canadian Monument project. In addition to commemorating our above mentioned ancestors, this monument will also pay tribute to hundreds of other historically known Canadians, who also served in this terrible war: Two names that immediately come to my mind are: 1) Calixa Lavalée (Composer of our National Anthem, O Canada) who was a 1st Lieutenant in the Federal Army and 2) Dr. Solomon Secord (Grand-nephew of Canada’s War of 1812 heroine, Laura Secord) who was a Surgeon Major in the Confederate Army. Indeed it has been a great pleasure working with Jim Brownell and his enthusiastic Board at the Lost Villages Historical Society and we are looking forward onto continuing on this historic relationship for many years!”*

For more information about: The “Lost Villages Historical Society” (LVHS) please review their website at: www.lostvillages.ca, or for more information about their organization and/or this project, please contact Jim Brownell at: info@lostvillages.ca or jim.k.brownell@gmail.com

For more information about: The “Grays and Blues of Montréal” (GBM) please review their website at: www.graysandbluesofmontreal.com, or for more information about the Grays and Blues and/or this project, please contact Rob McLachlan at: rob.mclachlan@videotron.ca

For more information about: The “American Civil War Historical Re-enactors Society (ACWHRS) please review their website at: www.acwhrs.com, or for more information about their organization and/or this project, please contact Wayne Elliott (President) at: wayneelliott@sympatico.ca

5.6 RESTORE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE, Alan Peterson, PDC

First off, I want to thank my fellow brothers for having confidence in me for chairing this important committee, it has been an honor.

As I stated in my 2013 report, most of you are aware that this committee was formed about 8 + years ago after a gentleman from Louisiana Tech University by the name of David Merchant established the websites with all the information regarding the restoration of Memorial Day, the reasons for doing such and putting up a petition where one could go on and sign the petition.

Over the past couple of years this website has grown, and we have achieved the goal of 20,000 signatures online and another 3000 handwritten signatures that our member have accumulated at various events.

Senator Daniel Inouye of was the sponsor of the bill introduced in the United States Senate, where it was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and that is where it sat for sometime. Senator Inouye passed away a couple of years ago, therefore losing a powerful supporter on this bill.

When the new Congress took office two years ago, Representative Coleen Hanabusa also of introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, bill # H.R. 2225 and again was referred to the Judiciary Committee, where it now sits.

I personally have been in touch with Representative Hanabusa's office and have spoken with her staff on a couple of occasions. Her staff has been very cooperative and has vowed to assist in anyway possible. A suggestion was made to her staff to make Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May) into a three day weekend and put Memorial Day back to where it rightfully belongs. Rep. Hanabusa's staff was very open minded in this regard.

The other reason for considering making Armed Forces Day into a three day weekend was based on the feelings of a lot of the general public, perhaps being selfish and saying "I like my three day weekend"

Brothers, it is the opinion of this committee that feels the reasons for not wanting to change Memorial Day back to the 30th are selfish, and perhaps un-American or they have no idea what Memorial Day really means.

Therefore, the committee is in agreement to propose just that, to propose making Armed Forces Day into a three day weekend, and put Memorial Day back to the 30th. That way, big businesses will still have their "sales" weekend, bargains at the malls and auto dealerships.

On a side note, think back to when Armistice Day, now Veterans Day was moved to the last week of October people got confused, as to why that was done well with the help of the American Legion, it was put back to November 11th, a day of meaning as well.

This is the same situation regarding Memorial Day, yes, people are confused, but in 1091 Congress wanted to give federal employees a three day weekend and that's when they made Memorial Day on the last Monday of May.

IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Our history has been fading since Congress changed the day, no one knows why they have that day from work or school, and if you ask 10 people at random, ask them WHEN Memorial Day is, and you get answers of January to December. Ask them as well WHAT Memorial Day really means, 9 out of 10 will not know the answer.

These questions have been asked hundreds of times at events we attend and we always come away shaking our heads.

We need to keep our history alive.

I recently read a speech at our Camps Memorial Day service in Las Vegas, from a Gold Star mom who lost her son in Afghanistan asking WHERE IS THE "MEMORIAL" IN MEMORIAL DAY?

Those in attendance were impressed, including an aide to our US House of Representative, Joe Heck, who indicated he will definitely sit with Rep. Heck and talk about it. (I have a meeting with Representative Heck on August 14th)

I understand that we are all busy with our lives and some of us have a lot of things on our plates, but there have been couple of members whom we have not heard from, nor why, even requesting feedback, still nothing. and those we picked up recently, especially Brother Jay Godin of New Jersey and Brother Al Platt of Georgia have been very busy and keeping up with communications and working hard in this matter.

Do we need new members? Yes, if you intend to put 100% into this matter. One or two cannot do it alone. Brothers, we are on the cuff of asking for a hearing in front of the Judiciary Committee to bring this matter up for a hearingif that happens we are certain to get publicity

We are almost ready to either send or bring the signatures to Washington for Rep. Hanabusa, as we are over our initial goal of 20,000.

We cannot stop here, we have to continue to push. We are all aware of the problems going on in DC, but this matter is of importance as well, it is our history, and a way to pay honor and respect to all our fallen heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

The committee is urging and encouraging every single member of the SUV, its Allied Orders to jump on board.

I personally do not think our members is doing what I feel they can, regarding this effort WE the SUVCW, MUST step up and show America who we are, what we are all about and that we truly care about our history and our fallen hero's.

We are urging all our members, their families to make contact with our/their elected officials, requesting they support this effort, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Contact other organizations that you belong to, encourage them to support this effort. Please talk it up about making Armed Forces Day into a three day weekend and put Memorial Day back to where it once was and belongs.

Please encourage our Allied Orders to do the same, lets all work

5. 7 COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REGULATIONS, James Pahl, PCinC

The committee was charged with reorganizing the National Regulations and reporting their results to this National Encampment. The committee submits the following outline as to that reorganization:

Chapter I Camps

- Formation
- Membership
- Transfers and discharges
- Meetings
- Officers
- Installation
- Elected Officers Job descriptions & Duties
- Appointed Officers Job Descriptions & Duties
- Optional Officers Job Descriptions & Duties
- Camp council
- Finances
- Committees
- Camp Guard
- By-laws

Chapter II Departments

- Formation
- Membership
- Meetings
- Officers
- Eligibility of Officers
- Election of Officers
- Elected Officers Job Descriptions & Duties
- Appointed Officers Job Descriptions & Duties
- Optional Appointed Officers Job Descriptions & Duties
- Department Council
- Finances
- Committees
- Department at large
- Military Department - SVR
- By-laws

Chapter III National Organization

- Power and authority
- Membership
- Meetings
- Officers
- Eligibility of Officers
- Election of Officers
- Officers Job descriptions & Duties of officers
- Council of Administration
- Finances
- Standing Committees
- Special Committees

Chapter IV Discipline

Chapter V General Regulations

- Reports
- Per capita dues

Bonds
Badges and Medals
Honorary Membership
Membership Card
Life Member Programs
Associates & Juniors
Junior Associates
Flags
Coat-of-arms
Seals
Ritual
Special meetings
Religion & Politics
Proceedings
Rules of Order
Use of GAR Unused Cemetery Grave Plots
Order of Business Department & National

Chapter VI

Amendments, Alterations and additions

The committee has filled in this outline, but due to the size of the document, as not included it in this report, but has recommended it be posted to the Order's web site, so the delegates may fully review it.

The Committee recommends adoption of this reorganized format and the committee be discharged. However, the Committee also recommends that in the event it is discovered items that are part of the existing National Regulations did not get transferred into the reorganized format, the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to reactivate the committee for the sole purpose of incorporating such language into the reorganized format – and that upon the approval of the National Counselor and the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, such language can be inserted into the published Constitution and Regulations.

5.8 COMMITTEE ON VISION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING , BRIAN C. PIERSON, PDC

The Committee continues to track and report our progress toward meeting the goals of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan using key metrics developed last year.

Overall, there appears to have been visible progress in a number of areas since the last Encampment; in others, there remains work to be done.

Scoring Key for Progress on each initiative:

Excellent. Expected to meet 100% (all) of goal by target date.

Satisfactory. Expected to meet 75%-99% (most) of goal by target date.

Marginal. Expected to meet 50-74% (some) of goal by target date.

Unsatisfactory. Expected to meet < 50% (little) of goal by target date.

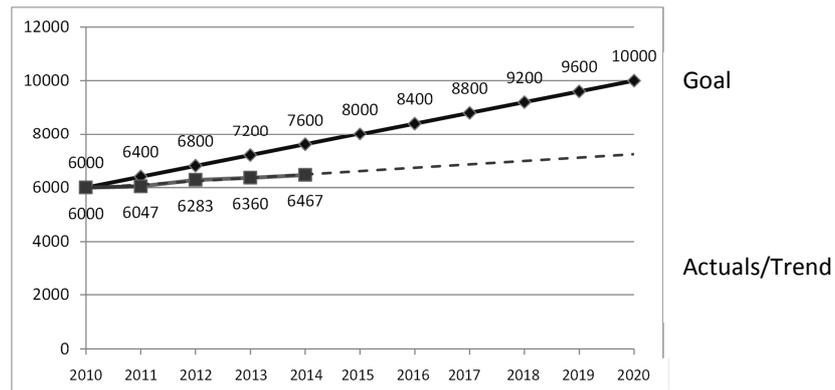
- Important Notes: Scores only indicate progress to the specific goals stated in the Strategic Plan. They are intended to provide useful data for focusing efforts and informing decisions. Scores do not evaluate officers' or committees' performance of their normal duties. A number of factors impact progress to the goals, such as: circumstances beyond one's control; insufficient direction or lack of assignment of task; lack of reporting.

Focus Area: Growth & Leadership

1. Goal: Membership -- 10,000 members (30% increase in new members; 30% reduction in drops) by 2020. Progress: Unsat

Metric: 400 total gain in membership per year to meet goal

Membership growth continues to lag the metric as a result of losses due to deaths and drops. The total net gain was 107 from last year's National Encampment.



Recommendation:

National Membership Committee develop a policy and program to contact dropped members.

2. Goal: Organization Expansion -- Focused Campaigns in South and West – 100% increase in these areas by 2020. Progress: Unsat

However, no one appears to be taking lead on coord between Promotions & Marketing Committee, Department of Pacific, and Camps-at-Large in the Southwest, and the Camp at Large & Department Organizer to develop a coordinated campaign.

3. Goal: Youth Programs

A. Comprehensive SUVCW Juniors program by 2014. Progress: Unsat

B. Allied Orders Youth program (CAR/CoC Model) by 2020. Progress: Unsat

Excellent Progress had been underway by the Committee, but was delayed by the suspension of the recruitment program for members under the age of 18, Juniors and Junior Associates. This issue has now been resolved. However, the Chair of the Juniors Committee resigned from the Order at the end of 2013, further slowing progress.

Recommendation: Re-energize program. Slip target date for Initiative A to 2015.

Focus Area: Research

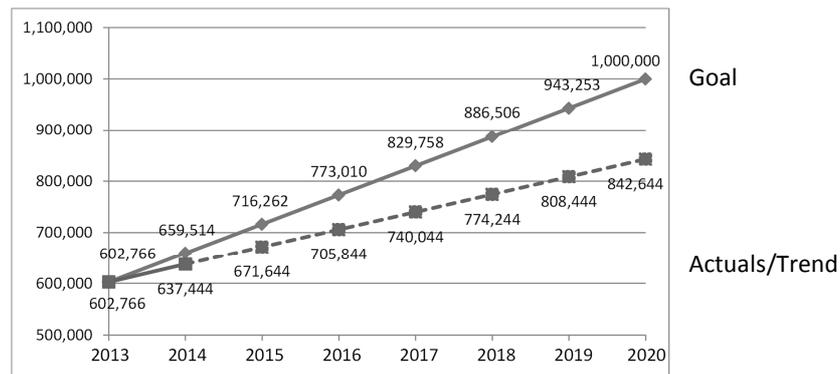
4. Goal: Graves Registration

A. Database redesign by 2014. Progress: Excellent

B. 1.0 million data entries by 2020. Progress: Satisfactory

C. Explore collaboration with National Park Service (link with Soldiers/Sailors database) by 2017. Progress: Unsat

Database redesign is 95% complete, and data is being scrubbed for errors. GRO reports 637,444 records of veterans in the Database; an increase of 34,678 records this year or 93.7 new records per day. GRO requested to revisit numerical goal of 1 million database entries by 2020. He believes it is not achievable at the current rate. GRO estimates the error rate in the database has decreased from 12.5%-15% in 2009 to 6.5% today. Collaboration with the NPS was not reported.



Recommendation:

Explore cooperation/coordination with NPS.

5. Goal: GAR Post Records

A. Research plan/tool complete – web ready by 2012. Progress: Excellent, Complete

B. GAR records complete for states encompassed in 28 departments by 2016. Progress: Satisfactory.

The infrastructure is in place for Departments to participate in this program. Available tools include online form for submitting data, and copies of pre-formatted spreadsheets, available on request.

Recommendation: Assist Depts in reporting locations of GAR records in their territories.

Focus Area: Education

6. Goal: Promote greater awareness of CW history in secondary schools by 2014

Progress: Unsat. (Repeat)

We did not meet this goal by the target date. It appears that this initiative has still not been assigned to an officer or committee. However, both National Patriotic Instructor and Committee on Americanism & Education made some related recommendations in their 2013 annual reports.

Recommendations:

Assign initiative to Committee on Americanism & Education for action Slip target date to TBD.

7. Goal: Patriotism & Citizenship - Establish credibility as a source of information related to patriotism & citizenship by 2016. Progress: Unsat. (Repeat)

No report was made. It appears that this initiative has still not been assigned to an officer or committee. No report was made. However, both National Patriotic Instructor and Committee on Americanism & Education made some related recommendations in their annual reports. It appears that this initiative has not been assigned to an officer or committee.

Recommendations: (Repeat)

Assign initiative to an officer and/or committee for action.

Coordinate with other committees (e.g., GAR Highway; ROTC, Eagle Scouts) and with Marketing & Promotions for synergy.

Focus Area: Preservation

8. Goal: Civil War Monuments & Memorials -- Monument locator/condition database -- web ready by 2012. Progress: Marginal

The Monuments database is being updated & digitized. The Monuments Website has not been established; however, the Committee is coordinating with National Webmaster to bring website and database online within 12 months

Recommendation: Slip target date for website to 2014.

9. Goal: Battle Flag Preservation

A. SUVCW national program defined by 2014. Progress: Marginal

B. State/Federal Grant Pursuit 2015. Progress: Marginal

The National Program is in the process of being defined. The Committee has reported those states that have established battle flag preservation funds. However, we cannot pursue grants as a 501(c)4 entity, so the second goal is dependent on achieving a 501(c)3 determination.

Recommendations:

- Slip implementation of Initiative A to 2015
- Defer grants goal target date until 501(c)3 determination.

10. Goal: Battlefield Preservation

A. SUVCW National program defined by 2016. Progress: Unsat

B. Formal collaborative effort with CWPT defined by 2017. Progress: Unsat

A National Program has not yet been established; nor has a committee been established to address this. There is a link to the Civil War Trust on the Education page of the National Website.

Recommendation: Establish the committee or assign responsibility to an existing committee.

11. Goal: GAR Highway.

A. Expanded program defined by 2014. **Progress:** Satisfactory

B. State/Federal Grant pursuit. **Progress:** Marginal

The National GAR Highway Officer is very engaged within the duties described in the job description. There is not a GAR Highway page on the National Website yet. We cannot pursue grants as a 501(c)4 entity, so the second goal is dependent on achieving a 501(c)3 determination.

Recommendations:

- Coordinate with Nat'l Webmaster to establish a GAR Highway page.
- Defer grants goal target date until 501(c)3 determination.

12. Goal: Canadian Union Vets Monument. Secure land for monument by 2018. Progress: Satisfactory, trending to Marginal

There is a web page on the National Web site soliciting support and donations. **Recommendations:**

- Engage Promotions & Marketing to publicize this widely.
- Solicit grants from public and private US & Can sources after 501(c)3 determination.

Focus Area: Marketing & Promotion

13. Goal: Branding -- Brand strategy established by 2012. Progress: Excellent, complete.

The branding strategy continues to be implemented by Marketing & Promotion Committee in advertisements in national publications. However, the branding strategy needs continued socialization among the Depts and Camps.

Recommendation: Marketing & Promotion Committee publicize the branding strategy to all National Officers, Committees and Departments to ensure the entire Order is in synch.

14. Goal: ID Target markets -- Define target markets for SUVCW advertising by 2012. Progress: Excellent, complete.

Marketing & Promotion Committee is implementing via advertisements in national publications.

15. Goal: Advertising

A. Display and periodical ads defined by 2013. **Progress:** Excellent

B. Multimedia advertising plan developed by 2014. **Progress: Satisfactory**

Ads have already been taken out in Civil War News & Civil War Courier. The committee continues to explore opportunities for other avenues for advertising, but is limited by its budget.

Recommendations:

- Evaluate effectiveness of advertisements towards membership growth. E.g., Survey new and returning members.
- Extend advertising campaign to social media. Coordinate with National Signals Officer, Webmaster, and Communications & Tech Committee.

Focus Area: Technology & Communications

16. Goal: Banner -- Expanded BANNER (additional pages + color) – SCV/SAR model by 2018. Progress: Marginal

The Banner Editor conducted a comparative analysis with SAR and SCV. He estimates a significant cost growth to produce issues with more pages and color; sources of funding would need to be IDed. He also recommends consideration should be given to converting the Banner editor to a paid position. Sources for additional magazine content would need to be IDed.

Recommendation:

Evaluate whether costs would be acceptable.

17. Goal: National Website - Overhaul complete by 2015. Progress: Excellent.

The Webmaster and Asst Webmasters have completed a remarkable overhaul of the SUVCW website so that its design, layout, and backend structure are in an advanced, elite class that presents an attractive image to the public and to fellow brothers. All of the major and primary website pages have been converted to the new design. However, with over 6,000 pages on the SUVCW website, some less prominent pages will take some time to convert.

18. Goal: Web Technology -- 75% of Camps set up with websites by 2016. Progress TBD (repeat).

Statistics not reported.

Recommendation: National Signals Officer direct Depts to report stats in their annual reports.

19. Goal: Social Media. All 28 departments and 50% of Camps set up with Facebook or other media by 2016. Progress TBD (repeat).

Statistics not reported.

Recommendations:

- National Signals Officer was ordered to develop a plan of action for social media, mobile devices & You Tube. Recommend coordination with Comm & Technology Committee
- National Signals Officer require Depts to report social media presence statistics in Dept annual reports.

20. Goal: Electronic Forms/Reports -- Transition to 100% electronic processes complete by 2017. Progress: Marginal (repeat)

Most forms are fillable pdfs on SUVCW website. Progress on electronic reporting is steady.

21. Goal: Increased business operation efficiency - Selective use of webex or other web-based meeting technology by 2016. Progress: Marginal.

Emails are still the primary forum for discussions and coordination.

Recommendation: National Signals Officer be assigned OPR to develop a plan of action for implementing web-based collaboration.

22. Rapid information transfer -- Investigate innovative uses for QR code technology by 2015. Progress: Unsat (repeat)

There is no coordinated strategy. Adoption of QR codes is still at a Dept or Camp level on their own initiatives.

Recommendation: National Signals Officer was ordered to develop a plan of action for social media, mobile devices & You Tube. Recommend coordination with Comm & Technology Committee.

23. Mobile handheld apps - Develop mobile handheld apps for selected SUVCW processes by 2019. Progress: Unsat (repeat).

Plan of action not yet published.

Recommendation:

- National Signals Officer coordinate with Comm & Technology Committee to implement a plan of action for social media, mobile devices & You Tube.

Focus Area: Financial Security

24. Goal: Pursue 501(c)3 tax determination - 501(c)3 transition complete by 2013. Progress: Unsat.

The Order is still awaiting a decision by the IRS. This is outside of our control.

Recommendation: Slip target date as required.

25. Goal: Investments - Implement approved investment approach by 2020. Progress: Excellent, complete.

National Treasurer reported that the investment plan has been completely implemented.

26. Goal: Reduce dependency on per capita dues - Pursue federal/state grants to balance out revenue portfolio – reduce per capita to less than 50% by 2020. Progress: Marginal (repeat).

We cannot pursue grants as a 501(c)4 entity, so this goal is dependent on first achieving a 501(c)3 determination. Donation amounts remain weak; this may also be due to our 501(c)4 status.

27. Goal: Generate seed capital for new projects - Increase QM store revenue to 25% of total revenue by 2020. Progress: Excellent.

On track. Sales remain strong; however, there has been a dip in 2014.

Recommendations: Continue to grow inventory of quality products in QM Store

Conclusion:

The substantive initiatives In Vision 2020 will increase public awareness, to promote organizational growth, to improve collaboration with the Allied Orders and other agencies and organizations, to develop

youth programs, to improve use of information technology, and to develop a sound financial strategy. The committee wholeheartedly recommends the Order's continued commitment to Vision 2020.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6.1 Department of the California and Pacific, Timothy P. Reese

Began Dept. Commander Position on May 9, 2013, installed by:
Commander-in-Chief: Perley Mellor at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA. Began 2nd Term on March 8, 2014 in Sacramento, Ca. Installed by Commander-in-Chief: Ken Freshley.

Personal Activity as DC as of since August 15, 2013 & projected Schedule through August 15, 2014:

- 1.) August 2013: , DC Reese present , Delegation to National Encampment, Wisconsin.
- 2.) October 9,10, & 11th 2013:. DC Reese directed the 7th Annual Ft Mervine's Civil War Encampment in Monterey, Calif. 49 participants, Public turn out was a record breaker.
- 3.) November 11, 2013: DC carried Dept. Colors in the Veterans Day parade in San Jose, CA.

entry formulated by Phil Sheridan Camp of San Jose. Assisted by Camp Lincoln 10 and Aux Walker 52.
- 4.) Jan . 10, 2014: Santa Cruz, 16 San Jose, 17 Ronherth Park, Installed Officers for Camps 10, 4 , and 23. And Jan. 25th Installed Officer's for Camps 22 & 24 at Fort Point San Francisco.
- 5.) Present and re-elected to 2nd term in Sacramento, Ca. March 7,8 & 9th. At the 128th Annual Dept. of Calif. And Pacific. Encampment.
- 6.) *Scheduled May 14 & 23, JROTC Award presentation at two high schools in Monterey County . May 24-25 DC manning a GAR and Civil War artifact display. May 26 Memorial Day, DC read the J. A Logan order 11 during ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery. Santa Cruz. CA.
- 7.) July 4th, DC has created entry for the SUV CW to march in the Independence Day parade in Monterey, CA. SVCnC Tad Campbell and NAVP Rachelle Campbell participated along with 6 other Dept. officers and two camp level brothers and four auxiliary sisters.
- 8.) Eagle Scout Certificate presentations, was made in Scotts Valley, Carmel Valley- May 18, and at Twin Lakes Church in Aptos, on the Same day.
- 9.) DC: Tim Reese is scheduled to lead the departments delegation at the National Encampment in Marietta, GA.

DEPARTMENT SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS: Scheduled in the Dept. of CA & Pacific for year 2014.

1.): January 25, 2014 Fort Point, Living History in San Francisco, Ca.

2.) Possible SSE for Fort Mervine , CA in October 3,4,&5, 2014

----- GOALS for
Dept , CA and Pacific. 2014-15 Administrative year. :

- 1.) Establish Temporary BSA Eagle Scout patch, with looped connection to connect (not sewn) to the right pocket , until another event is put in its place and the patch turns into a keep sake. These event patches are common to the BSA, especially with State and county parks, and other fraternal orders who award new Eagle Scouts. To be accompanied ONLY when SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate is presented in BSA Court of Honor's.
- 2.) Continuing to seek out Radio support, and to formulate a 20 second advertisement recording with emphasis on the Dept. of Ca and Pacific. With web address (SUV PAC.org) instruction to further and increase membership.
- 3.) . Establish: Strategic Planning Committee.
- 4.) To fuse the ASUVCW personnel in assisting with all JROTC presentations . Especially when the cadet is female. Request made at March 8th Dept .Encamp. DC spoke to Aux 103rd Annual Encampment, Sacramento, Ca. And the JROTC Auxiliary Certificate has been forwarded to Committee for decision.
- 5.) To push and achieve Court of Honor appearances by SUVCW
- 6.) To establish multiple areas where the department and camps can distribute membership and SUVCW/GAR profile information besides Family History Centers, Libraries .

DEPARTMENT of CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC COMMITTEE SUBMITS :

< Formulated & Submitted to Dept. Encamp March 8, 2014 . By Bylaws Chair: Daniel R. Earl, PCC

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adopts & established Official Department Seal on March 8th, 2014 by Acclamation. During the Department of California & Pacific's 128th Department Encampment in Sacramento, Ca. Seal design by SVCnC: Tad Cambell, & Dept. Cmdr: Tim Reese.



Department Seal use and implementation has been posted at official Dept. Regulation. Posted on SUV PAC.org On March 1st, 2014 Commander-in-Chief: Ken Freshley sanction the restructure of the Department of California & Pacific's Bylaws and addendum Regulations concerting Dept. Seal.

Camp Disbandment's : The Dept. Sec & Treasurer Owen Stiles has detected two Camps that through vague email submitted a notice of closure/disbandment of Camps Grant 9 of Modesto and Matheson 16 Cazadero, in the latter half of 2011 under DC: Glen Roosevelt, while Camp 9 kept up communication, camp 16 was lost in the records transition among the out going and incoming Dept.

Secretaries, the Department was putting together the National Encampment at the time and the Camp 16 issue was left alone. Camp Grant 9 was disbanded officially on July 29, 2013. Camp

Roderick Matheson #16 was officially disbanded on March 25, 2014. Camp John A. Logan #20 of

Los Gatos has been a shadow Camp with no real communication since 2007, they have filed forms 22 & 27 but not one IRS 990n, they have not filed form 22 for two years, we made contact with CC: Mark Mason, he sent a vague email indicating a camp dissolved. In March 21, 2014 made contact with Camp Secretary Chris Mason, he confirmed the Camp has disbanded and has not engaged in any activity for the past four years. For the camps charter and flag, he referred DC: Reese to CC: Mark Mason, March 23rd, 2014. DC received email from PCC: Mark Mason that he will investigate the location of the items requested to be surrendered according to Constitution & Regulations of the SUVCW.. On March 23rd, 2014, at this time Department is awaiting to received camp property. DC: Reese sent a letter to the Commander-in-Chief: Ken L. Freshley to sanction the revoking of Camp Matheson 16 & Camp 20's Charter. To this date, charter and flag has not been surrendered.

Trouble Shooting:

- 1.) Libraries and Genealogical Societies have been good with rack cards as well as chamber of commerce in various cities., but when pursuing RADIO, will be new territory. Most of the Radio Stations are just Server Box style, the quest for a Non profit , donated air time will be the quest. But monetary desires of the station will be an issue.
- 2.) Infusing ASUVCW with their Commendation Certificate in conjunction with the SUVCW Certificate and award "when the cadet is female." Auxiliary has forwarded this idea to one of their committee's. At the 103rd Aux. Dept. of Ca. & Pac, Activities in

pursuit:

- 1.) Genealogical Societies: Give Seminars on GAR and SUVCW.
- 2.) Agenda of Scheduled Exhibit participations at Civil War Events already scheduled until the end of 2014-15. Addendums will be made as new events arises.
- 3.) Roster has been implemented to participate in JROTC Awards night at various high schools. We pursue to have participants to give commitments to participate in uniform. To involve Auxiliary when the cadet is female.

Recommendations:

Dept. of California and Pacific has no recommendations . But has submitted on May 5th, a resolution to the Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley. Pertaining to posting SUVCW Merchandise see page 4 and 5.

Over all summary: The Department has proceeded and succeeded in some goals, but progress is being made to go even further. The Dept. regrets the loss of charters of Three SUVCW camps #9 & 16, & 20. Two of the camps served notice to disband in 2012, and was finalized by the 2013-14 administration. Number one issue is lack of membership growth.

The Dept. of Ca and Pac.



In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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A Resolution submitted on May 5th 2014 & received
by Commander-in-Chief: Ken Freshley
Department of California and Pacific,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

Providing for direction to the National Webmaster requiring him to establish a webpage on the National website containing a detailed listing of all currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales items; and further, providing for direction to the Editor of *The Banner* to, at least once annually, publish a listing of all currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales items, in *The Banner*, and for other purposes.

Whereas, the Council of Administration of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) has the authority to grant and renew licenses for production and sales of SUVCW

merchandise by Camps and Departments; and,

Whereas, the Council of Administration maintains a listing detailing all SUVCW licensed sales merchandise; and,

Whereas, SUVCW Camps and Departments produce and sell
SUVCW licensed merchandise as a fund raising activity to support their activities; and,

Whereas, awareness of licensed merchandise is essential to facilitate efficiency and prevent duplication with production and sales amongst Camps and Departments; and,

Whereas, knowledge of SUVCW licensed sales merchandise produced by Camps and Departments is generally only by "word of mouth" or by an initial advertisement in *The Banner*; and,

Whereas, only the initial advertisement for SUVCW licensed sales merchandise is published free of charge in *The Banner*; and,

Whereas, the expense for subsequent advertisements in *The Banner* may be cost-prohibitive for Camps and Departments; and,

Whereas, at the 15 August 2004 Council of Administration meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, then-Council of Administration Member Robert M. Petrovic (PDC) “suggested that a list should be created and maintained detailing all SUVCW licensed merchandise”; and,

Whereas, at the 15 August 2004 Council of Administration meeting, then-National Secretary Bennett was charged with exploring this concept, noting that “it should be a simple matter to start such a listing . . . adding items as their licenses are approved”; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Delegates assembled, of the 133rd National

Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in Marietta, Georgia direct the National Webmaster to establish, maintain, and keep updated, a webpage on the National Website containing a detailed listing, including images and/or photographs as appropriate, of all approved currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales items, including the names of the Camps and Departments selling the items; and, be it,

Further resolved, that the Delegates assembled, of the 133rd National

Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in Marietta, Georgia direct the editor of *The Banner* to publish, at least once annually, a listing of all currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales items, including the names of the Camps and Departments selling the items; and, be it,

Finally resolved, that the Delegates assembled, of the 133rd National

Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in Marietta, Georgia direct the the editor of *The Banner* to publish, in each edition of *The Banner*, the website address where a detailed listing of currently licensed SUVCW merchandise sales items may be found on the National Website.

6.2 DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO & WYOMING, JAMES M BARKER

1. The following is a summary of the activities of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming during 2013-14:

a. 4 Jul 2013. Legion of the West Camp 7 participated (in uniform and with other members of Allied Orders) in the 2013 July 4th Parade in Grand Junction, CO.

b. 8-11 Aug 2013. DC Jim Barker, DSVC Gene Cheney & Br. Wally Weart (Camp 100) attended the National Encampment in Milwaukee.

c. 10 Aug 2013. Camp 7 participated in the historical marker dedication event at the Crown Point Veterans Cemetery event in Grand Junction, CO (with other members of Allied Orders).

d. 2 Nov 2013. DC Barker & PDC Geoff Hunt (Camp 100) attended an event celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the Gettysburg Address at the Hiwan Homestead Museum in Evergreen, CO.

e. 8 Nov 2013. Members of Camp 7, with other members of Allied Orders, attended the Grand Junction's Veterans Day Annual All Services Ball.

f. 11 Nov 2013. DC Barker and PDC Eric Richhart (Camp 1) rededicated a GAR Monument at Idaho Falls, ID. The monument had become engulfed in a juniper bush for decades. Lot Smith Camp 1 lead the effort to get the bush removed and the monument repaired. Legion of the West Camp 7, placed flags next to the headstones of the graves of veterans at the Crown Point Veterans Cemetery in Grand Junction, CO.

g. 14 Dec 2013. Camp 7 participated in the *Wreaths Across America* memorial service at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction.

h. 22 Mar 2014. Centennial Camp 100 members DC Jim Barker and CC Gene Cheney (DSVC) were interviewed by a Martinez Elementary School (Colorado Springs, CO) student about The Battle Of Gettysburg for his school project.

i. 3 May 2014. DC Barker represented the Department at the Daughters of the American Revolution Colorado State Regents Banquet honoring veterans.

j. 10 May 2014. DC Barker spoke on Colorado in the Civil War to a meeting of the board of the Colorado Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

k. 24-26 May 2014. Camp 7 placed flags next to the headstones of the graves of veterans at the Crown Point Veterans Cemetery in Grand Junction, CO and the Palisade Municipal Cemetery in Palisade, CO. Camp 7 also participated (with other members of Allied Orders) in the Wreath Laying Ceremony during the 2014 Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction. Several Brothers of Centennial Camp 100 participated as members of the 1st CO Volunteers in the annual Memorial Day activities at Ft Larned, KS. DC Barker and PDC Will Hinkley participated with the VFW and the Memorial Day ceremonies at Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs.

2. Department Historical Program:

a. Survey of GAR Posts: A Survey of GAR Posts that existed in the GAR Department of Colorado & Wyoming is complete. Work has started on a volume of the GAR Posts that existed in the GAR Department of Montana. Future plans will include additional volumes covering the GAR Departments of Utah & Idaho.

b. SUV Department Commanders Biography Book: Completed this year is a book containing the biographies of all Department Commanders not only those from the 1929 reorganization but going back to the original 1883 Department.

c. GAR Department Commanders Biography Book: A new project started is a similar book of biographies of all the GAR Department Commanders.

d. Survey of SUV Camps: Another new project is to compile a Survey of the SUV Camps in the Department, similar in style and content to the Survey of GAR Posts.

3. Graves Registration Program: Over 200 graves have been registered from the Boise, ID area due to the efforts of Br. Alan McKenny (Camp 1). In addition, we are working on seven headstone

applications for previously unmarked graves of Union veterans in two Boise cemeteries. PCC Craig Ayler (DGRO) has revived the Department's Last Soldier Project and has confirmed the "Last Soldier" in eight CO counties. Plans are to extend research to the other five states in the Department.

4. Other Activities:

- a. Centennial Camp 100 completed phase I (flag pole plaza) of its GAR Monument & Veterans Memorial Walkway project at Riverside Cemetery in Denver, CO on 14 June 2013. The Veterans walkway is 1/5 complete.
- b. Efforts are continuing to organize a new camp in Idaho. Brother Brian Edgerton (Camp 1) of Idaho Falls is coordinating this effort.
- c. Centennial Camp 100 presented eight ROTC Medals and one Eagle Scout Certificate.
- d. A Department electronic meeting was established to improve communications among Department officers and Camp Commanders. Additionally, two Department Awards for Outstanding Recruiter and Outstanding Camp were created and the first awards were presented at the Department Encampment on 7 Jun 2014.

6.3 DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA, Mark A. Hale, DC

Planning for the National Encampment has been the bulk of the activities for the Department since my last report. I am pleased to announce that all tickets for tours and the banquet have been printed and will be placed in the delegates Encampment bag for pick up at registration. For those delegates who did not request mailing of shirts and souvenir medals they will also be placed in the Encampment bags. It is the goal of the Encampment committee that registration will be a one stop process. Name badges, delegate ribbons, medals, both souvenir and delegate, banquet tickets, tour tickets, shirts, and Encampment souvenir books will all be placed in the delegates bags prior to Thursday August 16, 2014.

I am also pleased to announce that delegates to the Encampment have booked over 500 room nights which I believe is a record for any Encampment. And according to National Encampment Chairman Jim Crane this year has been the earliest that the shoulder number has been reached. As of this date (July 23, 2014) we are approximately \$10,000 above the contract guarantee with the Hotel.

All entertainment and speakers have been booked for the Encampment and they promise to bring to the delegates an experience that will be a first in the history of the Encampment.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina continues to work towards the formation of two new Camps. One will be in Roswell, Georgia and the second will be in Fitzgerald, Georgia. The paperwork for the Roswell Camp is expected at this Headquarters soon as they have now procured the required five charter members to form the Camp.

All Camps within the Department were active in Memorial Day observances, most of which took place in National Cemeteries. The Kennesaw Mountain Camp also held an observance in a local cemetery on May 30th. It is the plan of Kennesaw Mountain Camp to hold an annual observance on the 30th of May in a local cemetery where Union Veterans are interred.

All Camps in the Department have become members of the Wounded Warrior Project. We have found that support for the Project is a good way to increase membership and establish a rapport with other groups in the area.

The dedication of the Wisconsin Monument at the Allatoona Pass Battlefield will take place on Sunday afternoon August 17, 2014 immediately following the conclusion of the National Encampment.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina looks forward to seeing ya'll at the 2014 National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia

6.4 DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS James Locke Lyon

The Department of Illinois and its Camps are still working hard to meet our obligations to keep alive the History of the Civil War Veterans from our state and those that settled here. A number of camps have done a number of replacement and new gravestones. Camps have also cleaned and repainted canons and had rededication services for these pieces. The General E F Dutton Camp #49 (started in 2011) has taken on a \$10,000 campaign to fix the Civil War monument in front of the DeKalb County Courthouse in Sycamore Illinois.

Our Department Officers are working hard to get information to our camps throughout the state. At our next midterm, these officers will hold breakout sessions to help our camp officers with their duties. We are hoping that this will bring more of our members out to learn from each other. My SVC, JVC, and I have been making the rounds of our camps together to learn how we can best serve them and make our department better.

Our Department Committee for the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield has been meeting and has come up with many great ideas. We are planning an outstanding event for all of our Brothers, Sisters and their families. Illinois has many things that relate to the Civil War, President Lincoln, and Dr. Benjamin Stephenson to see.

Our committee for the Stephenson Memorial Plaza is working hard but needs your support to let all our members know that this is a SUVCW project and not just Illinois. This Plaza would be a fantastic way of remembering the man who created the Grand Army of the Republic. It will be a hundred and fifty years since Dr. Stephenson gave us our start and it is time to show our heartfelt thanks to him and those that have come before us. Without him we would not have our organization.

Two of our older camps have been working hard on starting up a camp in Chicago for the Black Troops. This would be a great addition to our department and the SUVCW.

6.5 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, Rocky L Bartlow, PCC

Since election to my second term as Commander, I have attempted to continue the two-fold focus started in 2013 of promoting comradery between camps and adding youth. The second focus has been stymied due to the Sandusky incident and attending direction from our Commander in Chief in GO#6 to abstain until advice could be received. Given the latest direction on GO#22 I am hopeful that focus can recommence. We currently engage Boy Scout groups and other youth in Memorial Day ceremonies and several camps also participate in awarding the SUVCW ROTC award. Regarding the first item, we have had some success as I will note below.

Over the winter the Department had our annual encampment held at Emporia on January 11. We were proud to have PCinC Brad Schall in attendance to represent the Commander-in-Chief and swear in our officers. PCinC Schall was raised in Kansas and we enjoyed hearing his stories and renewing the ties of friendship.

On Sunday, March 23, the department joined with the Department of Missouri in a ceremony to remember Medal of Honor recipient Private John Henry Ricksecker, who is buried at the Forest Hill

cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. PCC Lane Smith of Franklin Camp #5 in Olathe represented Kansas as Chaplain.

Vital to our purpose as a department is the proper commemoration of Memorial Day. To that end, the four camps of the department have participated in multiple events this year in Wichita, Lawrence, Olathe, and Topeka. In addition, and at the request of, and funding by, PC-in-C Schall, Lawrence and Wichita camps placed wreaths in the GAR section of Eastside Cemetery, Hutchinson; Lincoln monument in downtown Hutchinson; the GAR section of Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita; and the GAR section of Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. Placing of the wreaths will be an annual event.

The Department, via PDC Randy Durbin through Old Abe Camp, was given the opportunity to honor Private Phillip Nickelson of the 114th Illinois. His family has received and set a new stone in the Garnett Cemetery and would like the SUVCW to perform a ceremony. Although the date set, August 9, is the weekend before the National Encampment and many brothers, including myself, were busy with other plans, I realized we might miss this opportunity and issued a call for the help of the department. I'm very proud to report brothers representing all our camps responded and are making the commitment to attend along with other veterans groups and re-enactors to support this family and honor Private Nickelson.

We are also excited as plans are coming together for our first Civil War Sesquicentennial event on October 18, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek. Our department Patriotic Instructor Bill Fischer works for the National Park Service at Fort Scott and is spearheading the effort.

Camps work continually to preserve markers of Union soldiers, field requests for helping with replacement cemetery markers, performing ceremonies and help in researching ancestors. Kansas, as the Soldier's State due to the myriad of soldiers who came here after the war, has many Civil War soldiers so it presents a daunting task in properly recording and honoring those great soldiers and sailors. We consider it one of our highest honors to do that so that they may receive the due owed to the honored dead of our country. They will not be forgotten on our watch.

In addition, our camps continue to show care to remember those who currently serve our country in providing items requested by them including calling cards so they can stay in contact with their families.

Camps and the department are current with our annual forms and IRS filings for 2014 thanks in large part to the diligent efforts of our department secretary PDC Alan Russ and we are proud that our brother also serves as the national Secretary. I am also glad to report a membership of 127, up from 121 in 2013.

Finally, the brothers of Kansas are pleased to attend, along with many of our brothers from across the country, this National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia.

6.6 DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, Ed Norris, DC

Camp 22 was moved to the Chelsea Soldiers Home so that more disabled veterans are able to participate in our organization. An article about Camp 22 was printed in Spring issue of The Banner. We started publishing our electronic Department newsletter, The Clarion Call, again. All of the Camps had their officers installed. We needed to suspend two Camps because of tardiness in reporting their EINs. Both Camps were quick to resolve their suspension. All Camps sent their annual reports to our Department Secretary on time and thus we corrected our past lateness issue in reporting to the National Organization. The Department Encampment was on April 4 and 5 with JVCinC Eugene Mortorff representing the Commander-in-Chief.

Besides our Camps organizing and participating in numerous events, the Department organized and/or participated the following events:

- Attended the 2013 National Encampment in Wisconsin.

- 1st Annual Family Day which was held at Fort Warren.
- Remembrance Day in Gettysburg in which we brought down 28 Brothers and Sisters and a few others traveled on their own. We flagged the graves of the New England soldiers which were not already planned for by other Departments; we worked closely with the Department of New Hampshire on this worthy activity.
- Major General Nathaniel P. Banks Service which was a rededication to his restored gravestone.
- Major General Benjamin F. Butler Birthday Celebration in which has become an annual event for the Department. The now defunct Friends of Major General Benjamin F. Butler Society asked us to continue their ceremony.
- The 14th Annual Lincoln Day Brunch which featured noted author Kevin Levin and his presentation on The Crater. He recently had a book published about the battle.
- Numerous recruiting opportunities throughout the Commonwealth.
- Attended the Testimonial for National President Diane Mellor.
- Attended all three New England Association meetings.
- Much more can be seen and read about on our public Facebook page www.facebook.com/suvcwmass

6.7 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, Paul Davis, DC

The Department of Michigan is an active and busy Department. The 23 Camps and one Camp at Large comprising the 24 Camps of the Department have worked tirelessly to keep green the memory of those who have gone before us. We have performed at many Dedications, Rituals and Ceremonies, parades and other venues in several locations throughout the state in remembrance of our ancestors.

We also participate in several remembrance and memorial services outside the state. The Department of Michigan was present at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois. We were also present at the services for G.A.R. founder Dr. Benjamin Stephenson at Petersburg, Illinois.

Each November the Department of Michigan makes its annual trip to Gettysburg for the Remembrance Day/weekend memorial activities and parade with an estimated 30 to 35 participants. During the 150th Gettysburg commemorative activities, the Allied Orders of the Department of Michigan performed a special and unique Sesquicentennial Michigan Remembers Gettysburg Memorial Service at the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Soil samples from each county in Michigan where Michigan soldiers lived were gathered and distributed on their graves in honor of their never having been able to return to their home lands.

The Department of Michigan continues to work with the members of the Allied Orders to strengthen and improve our working relationships to honor and keep green the memory of those who have gone before us.

The Department of Michigan is very proud to count the 14th Michigan, Company A, Sons of Veterans Reserve as one of our organizations. Several Brothers from many Camps within the Department compose this Sons of Veterans Reserve Company which has been awarded the prestigious SVR Unit Citation for their good works both within the state and nationally.

The Department of Michigan continues to work with both the print and electronic media in the state of Michigan to improve our brand recognition and that of the SUVCW as a national organization. We have enjoyed good success and will continue our public relations and branding efforts.

The work and accomplishments of our Graves Registration Officers and our Memorials Officers is outstanding. Several older monuments have been restored and a few new ones have been created throughout the state primarily by individual Camps within the Department.

The Department of Michigan is very fortunate to have an intact G.A.R. hall in Detroit that has been purchased by private investors who have renovated and restored the building including the many areas that were specific to the Sons of Union Veterans and MOLLUS. Restoration is now nearing completion and a rededication service is being planned for October of 2014.

A second G.A.R. Hall in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, the former James B. Brainerd Post 111, had its Grand Opening and is now an operating G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. In addition to artifact displays, the museum hosts a variety of activities including archiving, display, research, seminars, community tours, and a Civil War day camp for youngsters. Several members of the Sons of Union Veterans are both Board members and are active in these efforts.

The Department of Michigan is strong both financially and administratively. The Department is fortunate to have an excellent Secretary and Treasurer. All reports have been filed in a timely fashion and our Department is financially sound. This year the severe Winter weather in Michigan made the installation of Camp Officers a challenge as travel was difficult and hazardous as expressways were closed at various times due to snow and ice.

The Department of Michigan is well aware of the need to increase our membership and especially bring younger members into the Order. This remains an ongoing challenge for this Department. The Department of Michigan was very fortunate to add 29 new members to our Roster. Unfortunately we lost several Brothers as well. We have had several passings as our Brothers have aged. Advanced age has caused still others to request discharges as they are no longer able to participate. At present we have 448 members, 35 associate members and 6 junior members for a total of 489 members. Even with our 29 new members we still have a loss of 16 members representing a 3% net loss.

Retaining and adding new members is an important challenge we face in the Department of Michigan. It is ongoing and we will continue our recruiting efforts throughout this year and into the future.

An Encampment Committee consisting of the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans, Michigan MOLLUS Commandery, and members of the Allied Orders has been formed for the purpose of exploring the hosting of the 2017 National Encampment. Preliminary research, study, and evaluations have been done and a proposal is currently being written for presentation to the National Encampment Site Committee for their evaluation and consideration.

6.8 DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, George J. Weinmann,DC

The New York Department is honored to be part of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The department went through a hard time this past year, but with the leadership of the officers and members of the department, we are back on track and stronger than ever. The department continues to perpetuate the memory of our Civil War ancestors as it has done since we were chartered.

The past few years during the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, has been no exception. The National Order has recognized our efforts by awarding the department with national awards at recent National Encampments. New York was the recipients of two Alfred Woolson Award Sesquicentennial Signature Event Awards. The first to be awarded was the Elmer Ellsworth Sesquicentennial event that took place at Mechanicville, NY on May 15, 2011. The event marked the anniversary death of the first Union officer killed during the Civil War. The second award was for the 150th Anniversary of the Launching of the USS Monitor in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY. The event was a three day celebration that included a Civil War History Fair, Concert, Memorial Service, Parade, and a Reception with a Civil War Band at the Grand Prospect Hall, a former German Concert Hall. Oliver Tilden Camp #26 and the reenpoint Monitor Museum were the lead organizations to organize the event.

The New York Department, John Ericsson Society and Co. I, 83rd New York Vol. Inf. (9th NYSM) were the supporting organizations. Oliver Tilden Camp was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Award for the "Camp of the Year" at the August 13, 2011 National Encampment. The 131st Encampment of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War took place on May 4, 2014 at Rochester, NY. The department had the honor to have in attendance Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley and Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler. There were 33 members present and two guests. At the encampment a new resolution was passed by the membership in attendance to form "The Rally Around the Flag Committee". Its purpose is to initiate a writing and lobbying campaign to reinstate funding for the New York State Battle Flag Preservation Project. That State funding shall be allocated on an annual basis until the flag collection has completely been conserved and archived. The goal of the committee is to see this endeavor of the preservation of the flag collection through to its fruition". In addition to holding our encampment, the New York Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the New York Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary held their encampments. Ending the encampment was a Memorial Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery GAR Plot. All the organizations that honor the memory of our Civil War ancestors had wonderful and productive encampments. The New York Department continues to support the preservation and protection of Grant's Cottage located in Mt. McGregor, in Wilton, NY. It is recorded on the National Register and NY State Historic Sites. The cottage is where President Grant wrote his memoirs. Thanks to the efforts of the "Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage" and some of the local camps the cottage still stands today. On September 14-15, 2013, members of the George Willard Camp #154 participated in the Annual Saratoga Springs Encampment. In 2012 the Willard Camp and the New York Department co-adopted the Kellog Family Plot in Oakland Cemetery which contains the General Thomas Monument. A memo was signed between Willard Camp and Troy Cemetery Association, a 501c3 organization. Donations will go to the maintenance and repair of the Kellog Family Plot and the General Tomas Monument.

On November 6, 2013, Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 held it annual Remembrance Day Dinner at the Cabin Restaurant in Macedon, NY. The event is held to commemorate Remembrance Day in Gettysburg which honors the Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. New York Department, SUVCW Auxiliary members and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The NY Department participates in Oliver Tilden Camp's annual ceremony for the 192nd Birthday of President and General Ulysses S. Grant at the Grant National Memorial in Manhattan, NY. The event took place on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The event drew many representatives from different Civil War organizations. Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler represented Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley. Keynote speaker was Martin Smith, President, The Civil War Round Table of New York. Bro. Larry Clowers as General Ulysses S. Grant and his wife Connie Clowers as Julia Grant; Patrick Falci (Played A.P. Hill in the movie Gettysburg) Greenpoint Monitor Museum, New York Department, SUVCW Auxiliary; Grant Monument Association; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the United Daughters of the Confederacy were also in attendance. Next year's Grant's Tomb event will honor the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the surrender between General Robert E. Lee and General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse.

Many camps of the department participated in Memorial Day Parades and Memorial Services throughout the state of New York. The Memorial Day observances fulfilled the oath members took when they joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

At the 129th New York Department Encampment a special committee was formed to promote and preserve the USS Monitor site and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. The NY department continues to support Oliver Tilden Camp #26, in NYC and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's efforts to develop the shoreline and establish a building on the museum's land. The museum shares the launch site of the USS Monitor. The museum is applying for Grant money that is available from a \$19.5 Million Dollar lawsuit that was won against Mobile Oil. from an underground oil spill in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY. The money has to be spent on environmental issues within the Greenpoint community, therefore the money cannot be used to build a building for the museum. The museum is applying for Grant money to do a study to develop its

shoreline with a new shore protection, Rip Rap, soil, vegetation, walkway, pier and a dock. The community will benefit from it if the shoreline is developed. It will protect the surrounding properties from flooding from storms like Sandy. NOAA plans to dock its research vessel at the museum's dock and conduct Environmental classes to the public. PS 110 "The Monitor School" is a supporting partner to the project and has provided a classroom in their school for the museum's "Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show". The road show teaches the history of the Civil War, John Ericsson and the USS Monitor. This is exciting times for the Greenpoint Monitor Museum and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War if all goes well as planned.

In conclusion, the Department continues to support and promote patriotism by presenting certificates of commendation to those awarded in the ROTC program and to Boy Scouts that reach the level of Eagle Scout. We will continue to perpetuate and honor the sacrifices our Civil War ancestors made to help to preserve the Union.

6.9 DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA, DENNIS ST. ANDREW, DC

The Department of North Carolina sends greetings to Commander-in-Chief Freshley, PDC, and the 2014 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic 14-17 August 2014, Marietta, Georgia.

I was reelected to a second term as Commander of the Department of North Carolina at the 7th Annual Department Encampment on April 12, 2014 in New Bern, North Carolina. The North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp #5 hosted the Encampment. Eighteen Brothers were in attendance, as was COA Member Steve Hammond as the representative of Commander-in-Chief Freshley. A memorial ceremony honoring PVT. Isaac Powell, 37th U.S.C.T. and his GAR Comrades was held after the Encampment at the Greenwood Cemetery in New Bern, N.C. Isaac Powell was for many years the Commander of the GAR Post #22, New Bern, NC, and was possibly the only the African American to serve as a GAR Department Commander in the South. The ceremony coincided with 100th anniversary of the last GAR Department of Virginia & North Carolina Encampment in 1914.

The Department of NC Elected Officers are as follows: Senior Vice Commander William Fred Fulcher, PCC, Junior Vice Commander Rolf Cole Maris, Secretary/Treasurer John R. France, Council Members Doug Elwell, PDC, Jerry Devine, PDC, and Wendell Small, Jr., PCC.

Membership: The Department of North Carolina membership stands at **88** Brothers in good standing. At this time last year (2013) the membership was at 80, so the Department membership continues to grow. The MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 is the largest Camp with 32 Members. The Department membership includes 7 Life Members, and 2 Junior Members. The Department also gained 3 new Members under the age of 40. There are currently 6 Camps in good standing in our Department, including a Member at Large Camp.

Sesquicentennial: The Department of North Carolina was named the recipient of the **Albert Woolson Award** at the 132nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans, and we are very proud to have received this National award. Our Department received this award for our March 2013 Bentonville Battlefield Union monument dedication Sesquicentennial Signature Event. The Battle of Bentonville, NC, was the largest engagement in North Carolina during the Civil War. This SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event recognized this monument as the first to Union Soldiers on North Carolina State property. The Woolson Award certificate has been framed and matted in a manner befitting this SUVCW National award, and it was displayed at the 7th NC Department Encampment on April 12, 2014 in New Bern, NC. Congratulations and thanks are again in order for the Bentonville Union Monument Committee (PDC Doug Elwell, Chairman), and for all of the Brothers and friends of the Department of NC who gave of their time, effort, and funds to support this most worthy cause and make this sesquicentennial event a big success. New Sesquicentennial commemorations and activities will be encouraged and supported by the Department throughout the remainder of the Civil War Sesquicentennial observance in 2014-15. So far in 2014, the Department has been represented by the MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 at the 149th

commemorations for the battles of Fort Fisher and Bentonville here in North Carolina. The John A. Logan Camp #4 participated in the 149th anniversary surrender commemoration at Bennett Place state historic site in Durham, NC. Both Fort Fisher (January 2015) and Bentonville Battlefield (March 2015) state historic sites have already invited our Department to be part of their 150th anniversary commemorations in 2015, and planning for these events are already underway. Other possible 150th anniversary commemorations in North Carolina in 2015 include the Battle of Monroe's Crossroads (March), the Battle of Averasboro (March), and the Battle of Morrisville Station (April), and the Bennett Place surrender (April).

Eagle Scout Certificate Awards: The Department awarded 11 certificates in 2013, and 11 so far in 2014, to Eagle Scouts in North Carolina. Brother Travis Masters (Union Volunteers Camp 5) is the Department's Eagle Scout Coordinator.

JROTC Awards: The Department supports this award and encourages all Camps to participate in this program. In total, the Camps and the Department awarded more than 20 JROTC medals & certificates, with the Ruger Camp #1 leading the way with 11 awards for 2014.

Memorial Day Observance 2014: The Department of North Carolina participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies at the 4 North Carolina National Cemeteries where Union soldiers are interred as follows: MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 (Wilmington National Cemetery), Gibbon-Burke Camp #2 (Salisbury National Cemetery), NC Union Volunteers Camp #5 (New Bern National Cemetery) and a I placed wreath, as Department Commander, at Raleigh National Cemetery. Daniel Ellis Camp #3 decorated Union graves in Madison County, Weaverville, and Asheville, NC. John A. Logan Camp #4 participated in a Memorial Day remembrance at Bennett Place Historic Site. Other sites visited by Department Brothers for Memorial Day included the evening Luminary ceremony at the Fredericksburg National Cemetery (Brother John France), and as Department Commander, earlier in May, I left flowers and flags at the Hamilton-Sleight Post #8 GAR monument & burial plot in the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, NY. As Department Commander, I also sent out a Memorial Day message to all Camps/Brothers of the Department of NC encouraging them to take part in honoring Union Veterans of the Civil War and fallen US veterans of all wars on Memorial Day.

Memorial University: Six Brothers of the Department of NC have graduated from the Memorial University Officer Training Course. Department Sec/Treas. John France is our latest graduate, and he was presented with a Memorial University certificate and pin at our April 2014 Department Encampment meeting. The Department leadership continues to support and encourage our members to participate and complete this valuable course.

Civil War Memorials I appointed Brother Skip Riddle (Union Volunteers Camp #5) as Department Civil War Memorials Officer at our April 2014 Encampment. He will be working on locating and recording all North Carolina memorials dedicated to Union soldiers & sailors, and then forwarding this information on to the National Civil War Memorials Committee.

Recruiting/Educational Efforts: Camps throughout the Department have and will continue to participate in recruiting and educational activities at historic commemorations and on patriotic holidays. Camp & Department recruiting and SUVCW educational activities and patriotic events in North Carolina in the past year included efforts at Fort Fisher, Bentonville Battlefield, New Bern Battlefield, the 150th Skirmish at Warm Springs reenactment in Hot Springs, NC, the unveiling of the 1st NC Regiment of Colored Volunteers NC historical marker in New Bern, NC, and at the Bennett Place surrender site. Multiple new Members to our Order were recruited during these events over the past year. Recruiting goals for the Department of NC are for each Brother to recruit one or more new Members to our Order during the year in order to grow and strengthen our Camps, Department, and National Organization. I have nominated Department Brothers John R. France, and Max Speers, PCC, as National Aides for their recruiting efforts during the past administrative year.

In Memoriam: Brother Lee S. Harford, Jr., Ph.D., PCC, passed away Friday, March 14th, 2014, at [Cape Fear Valley Center Medical](#) in Fayetteville, NC. Brother Lee was currently serving as Department of NC Senior Vice Commander and Department Historian, as well as the MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 Historian and Camp Council Member. Previously, Brother Lee served our Order as the Charter Camp Commander of the General James B. McPherson Camp #1, Department of Georgia & South Carolina. Brother Lee also was a veteran of the US Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel from the uniformed Army in 2002. Brother Lee Harford, Jr., derived his right to membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from his ancestor Patrick S. Harford, who enlisted on 11 August 1861 as a Private in Company D, 1st Regiment New Jersey Cavalry.

6.11 DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND, BENJAMIN FRAIL, DC

It is my honor to report the following from the Department of Rhode Island; we have had a very good year. We have held several different events throughout the year.

At our 5th Annual Awards Dinner on 4 April 2014 was held at The Imperial Room at Rhode Place in Cranston, Rhode Island, We had 48 Brothers, Sisters and guests in attendance and all seemed to enjoy themselves, we look forward to our 6th Annual Awards Dinner on 3 April 2014 at the same location. During our dinner, our Department Citizen of the Year Award, our highest citizen's award, The Stephen H. Kettle Award was awarded to Mr. Robert Chorney of Warwick, Rhode Island, who was voted on by the Department officers and was nominated by Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 as their Citizen of the Year.

Robert has giving great assistance working on one of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3's cemetery restoration projects in Coventry, Rhode Island, CY030 Pine Grove cemetery and CY109 Manchester cemetery, both border each other and are located off of Washington Street. To date the camp's membership has worked with three other organizations and the town to clear major debris from over 5 acres of land (tree & brush removal), reset over 200 headstones that had been knocked over (several weighing over 500 pounds and one over 1200 pounds) and repaired more than 150 headstones that were damaged. This project has been going on for two years now and Robert has spearheaded the headstone repair and resetting by going to the cemetery and working every Monday and Friday for the better part of these two years. This project was started by Camp #3 due to the fact that these two cemeteries are both in Coventry, the home of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 and there are over 110 Civil War veterans buried here.

We held our 130th Annual Department Encampment at the Benefit Street Arsenal in Providence, Rhode Island and we were hosted by Brigadier General Richard J. Valente to a personal tour of the collection held at that location. Our new slate of Department officers were elected and all ran unopposed, a statement to our open communication within the Department of Rhode Island.

We are currently working on relocating of Archives form the different locations around the state to a new location and partnership with the Providence Public Library's Rhode Island Collection. This promises to be a great fit for the SUVCW, the PPL, and all the citizens of Rhode Island and we are truly looking forward to this new partnership. Our Archives committee is working to achieve this goal and hopes to have it completed by the end of this year.

Our hats are also off to Brother John (Jack) Connor of Elisha Dyer Camp#7 for his continued great work with the Departments GAR Highway Project, our Eagle Scout Project and our ROTC Jr. Project of which he heads all three. Jack has kept the projects moving forward in a very positive manner, has kept open the lines of communication with the different agencies and organizations involved and has been very busy.

Our other camps have also been busy, the Department as a whole flagged 6700+ graves for Memorial Day and all Camps took part in their own ceremonies or assisted other Camps with theirs. Brothers Michael Lannigan and Russell Dean (both of Zenas R Bliss Camp #12) have co-chaired the position of

Graves Registration Officer and have made good headway on the Rhode Island section of the National Graves Registration Database.

The Department also takes great pride in helping one of our Brothers', Brother Brian E. Guiot of Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp #11. Brian and his company sponsored a Tribute to Elisha Hunt Rhodes at his grave located at Swan Point cemetery in Providence, Rhode Island. With his health in question, Brian came to the Department to get assistance for this project and several of the camps came together to give him the help he needed to make this worthwhile event a major success. Several proclamations were delivered and read; prominent members of the community were present to give talks about the different parts of Elisha Hunt Rhodes life, including his Great Grandson Robert Hunt Rhodes, a member of Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp #11) who personally accepted the proclamations and overwhelming support of the crowd. A program of this event will be presented to the National Secretary for the record.

I would like to thank the following people who have helped the Department of Rhode Island and who have assisted me in my duties: Brothers Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC; Henry Duquette, PDC; Bruce D. Frail, PDC; Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC; John (Jack) A. Connor, PCC; Stephen Hackett, PCC; Jamie P. McGuire, PCC;; Douglas A. Dwyer, PCC; Joseph R. Faiola, CC; Chester A. Browning and all of the other Brothers of the Department of Rhode Island that give of their time to help us achieve our goals.

I would also like to thank Sister Anna L. Frail, PDP for her continued support of the Department and I would like to announce that under her management, the Department of Rhode Island, ASUVCW has another added another auxiliary to Rhode Island. They are Sarah Ballou Auxiliary #3 and are attached to Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, we believe the names speak for themselves. Thank to all the other ladies of the ASUVCW for all that you do to support us.

6.12 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT, Whitney J. Maxfield

Although one of the smallest departments in the Order, the brothers of the Green Mountain Department continue to play an important role in remembering Vermont's Civil War soldiers. The Department of Vermont is currently composed of four camps located in Burlington, Chelsea, Rutland, and Barre. At present, the Department has fifty-one lineal brothers, and no Associates.

At the Department Encampment in May 2013, Whitney J. Maxfield, a former commander of the Barre Camp and winner of the Whitehouse Award for Brother of the Year was elected. Whit has continued in the traditions of his predecessors and has led the Department through a turning point in its history. He visited each camp in Vermont at least once over the course of the year. A highlight was in November of 2013 when he attended the first meeting of Stannard Camp 2 in Hinesburg, Vermont. Stannard Camp is the first Sons camp in Chittenden County in nearly fifty years, and contains brothers from throughout northern Vermont. The meeting was well attended, and the officers were installed.

In Barre, the brothers of William Scott Camp 302 continue to be active by volunteering their time at the Vermont Historical Society. In addition, members have embarked on an ambitious project to register the graves of all Union veterans in Washington County, Vermont. Members are currently studying the feasibility of erecting a monument in Calais, Vermont.

The brothers of Ripley Camp 4 in Rutland County meet monthly and continue to put out flags and GAR markers each spring on the graves of Union veterans in rural parts of the county. In addition, many of the members of the camp are members of the Second Vermont reenacting group, and volunteer their time to educate the public at the history of Vermont.

Stannard Camp 2 remains very active in northwestern Vermont, with members living in Chittenden, Franklin, and Lamoille Counties. The camp meets quarterly at the Brownell Library in Essex Junction. In April 2014, the camp was honored to swear in a member of the Vermont National Guard who was wounded in Afghanistan. Members of the camp are involved in several projects, including one to locate the graves of Vermont Civil War veterans who came home and died after the war of wounds or disease. As a camp, members will attend the annual Cambridge Civil War Days, as well as the 150th anniversary of the St. Albans Raid.

The entire Department, and many throughout the Order were saddened to learn of the February 9, 2014 passing of Brother Merlin "Tuffy" Doyle. Tuffy was a World War II vet, and a sixty-five year member of Hall Camp 28, serving as camp and department commander, as well as New England Regional Commander. He is best remembered for his decades of service as the secretary of the department. Tuffy's funeral was well attended by members of the Sons from around New England. A graveside ceremony on May 23, 2014 was attended by members of the Vermont Sons, as well as PCiC's Kennedy and Mellor. Tuffy singlehandedly kept this Department alive for nearly two decades, and he will be forever missed. A Sons grave marker proudly flies an American flag over his earthly remains. The Doyle family is in the process of working with the Department to donate some artifacts that Tuffy had collected as camps closed.

HEK Hall Camp in Chelsea is the oldest camp in New England, and continues to exist. Several brothers are involved in looking to relocate or rebuild the camp. Recruiting is the Department's main focus, as we continue to lose members each year. Members regularly give talks at local libraries and in June 2014 they set up a booth at the bi-annual Vermont History Expo, assisting the public in researching their Civil War ancestors.

The 2014 Encampment was held at the GAR Hall in Stowe, Vermont on April 26, 2014. Commander Whitney Maxfield was reelected as commander. The meeting was well attended by brothers from across the four camps. PCiC Richard Orr was in attendance and was thanked by a presentation of a book on the St. Albans Raid and a jug maple syrup. The brothers enjoyed meeting at this historic location.

In May 2014, the Department entered into an agreement with the Vermont Historical Society to house the Department Archives. Unlike many other states, Vermont never had a central repository of their historical holdings. These records were transferred from brothers from throughout the Department and cataloged by the senior vice department commander. After much debate, it was decided to place them in trust with the Vermont Historical Society so that future generations of Vermonters can have access to these priceless treasures. The agreement, signed by Commander Maxfield acknowledges that this was not a gift, and members have free and unlimited access to the material. This partnership will allow the Department of Vermont to focus our activities on grave registration and other important tasks, without worrying about the safe keeping of historical documents.

The 2015 Encampment will be held in Barre, Vermont on April 25, 2015.

6.13 DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN, Kim J. Heltemes

- As Department Commander for Wisconsin, I represented the Department at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and at the Stephenson G.A.R. Memorial ceremony in Illinois during the April 12, 2014 weekend.
- On May 18, I attended the Open House at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.
- The next day, May 19, I attended the meeting for Old Abe Camp #8 at Wisconsin Veterans Home

at King.

- On Memorial Day, I attended the ceremonies at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King and was a guest speaker.
- Also, on Memorial Day, we went to Bowler, WI, for a dedication of the Mohican Stockbridge/Munsee tribal memorial. I have been trying to establish an all Native American Camp at the reservation. Work is still in progress.
- Our Department Encampment was on June 7 at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum ay Madison, WI. I was re-elected as the Department Commander.
- I attended the Old Abe Camp meeting on June 16.
- On June 21, I went with camp members went through a local cemetery to plan on camp work there.

C.K. PIER BADGER CAMP # 1

- In May they held a c e r e m o n y i n W o o d National Cemetery for two men who earlier earned the Medal of Honor 150 years ago.
- On Memorial Day they held a commemoration at Calvary Cemetery featured Chaplain Dean Collin.

Henry Harnden Camp #2

- Camp 2 held the Department Encampment in Madison.

Major General John Gibbon Camp #4

- Camp meetings were held monthly.

Old Abe Camp #8

- Camp 8 split their Memorial day ceremonies between Oshkosh, King, and Bowler, WI
- Camp meetings were held at the Appleton American Legion.
- On July 21, they held a dedication in Ogdensburg, WI.

L.G. Armstrong Camp #49

- Camp 49 got financing to save the last remaining functional GAR Hall in Wisconsin in the "Save Wisconsin's GAR Hall Project."

Coville Camp #56

- Memorial Day ceremonies were held at the GAR Memorial in Litchfield, MN.

Addendums:

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CAPITAL BUDGET 2014 - 2015

	2014-2015
GENERAL FUND	hi
Dies	
Medals	
Trim tools new supplier	\$2,000
New dies	\$5,000
Total	
I	\$7,000
 HEADQUARTERS FUND	
 Total	
I	\$0
 Total Capital Budget	\$7,000

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
 SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 2014 - 2015 BUDGET

2014 - 2015
 budget

GENERAL FUND

Income

Donations

Donations	\$500
NMAL Donation	\$500
Fund Raising GAR Challenge Coins	\$1,000

Investments

Interest	\$800
Dividends	\$8,000

Sales

Quartermaster Sales	\$40,000
QM Shipping & handling	\$6,000
Misc	\$10

Program

Banner Subscriptions	\$150
National Encampment Registration Fees	\$3,000
Per Capita Dues (16.00)	\$98,000
Life Membership Per Capita current program 164 @16	\$2,624
Life Membership Per Capita old programs 208 @ 16	\$3,328
New Camp & Department Application Fee	\$250
Web Page Service	\$175
Reinstatement Fee	\$600
Misc	\$50
Subtotal	\$164,987
Reserve Funds	\$63
Total Income	\$165,050

Expenses

Sales

Quartermaster Supplies	\$30,000
QM Shipping & handling	\$4,000
Paypal Fees	\$800
Cash shortage and overage	\$500
Pennsylvania Sales Tax	\$300
New York Sales Tax	\$300
Georgia Sales Tax	\$100
Administrative	
CinC Expenses	\$10,000
Nat. Secretary Expenses	\$3,000
Nat. Treasurer Expenses	\$3,000
Nat. Quartermaster Expenses	\$3,000
JVCinC Recruiting Expenses	\$600
CinC Representatives Expenses	\$5,000
Banner Editor Travel Expenses	\$1,750
Bank Charges	\$150
Bad Debt	\$100
Misc	\$100
Bad Debt	\$100
Contract Services	
Accounting services	\$3,500
Audits FY ending 30 June 2011 & 30 June 2012	\$8,000
501(c)(3) conversion	\$7,500
Bureau Charitable Org Registration	\$5,000
Facilities & Equipment	
Depreciation	\$1,500
Insurance	
Insurance - Officers Bond	\$0
Insurance - General Liability, D&O & QM Supplies	\$4,000
Operations	
Office Expenses	\$1,000
Software	\$0
Proceedings transcribing	\$1,500
Proceedings Printing	\$300
Past CinC Jewel	\$1,300

Postage	\$600
Printing & photocopying	\$1,000
Web Site	\$500
Misc	\$100
Contingency	\$4,000

Program

National Encampment Host Committee	\$1,000
Awards	\$1,200
Misc Committee Expenses	\$200
National Encampment Photographer	\$550
National Encampment Photographer Supplies	\$100
National Encampment	\$2,500
Fund raising	\$800
Banner	\$37,500
Special Projects	\$5,000
Telephone	\$50
Graves Registration	\$4,500
Genealogical Conference	\$500
National Encampment Site Committee	\$500
Sons of Confederate Veterans Representative	\$300
Misc Expenses	\$150
Refund Overpayment Per Capita Dues	\$100
Past Proceedings -- digitize	\$2,500
Subtotal Expenses	\$160,050
Transfer to GAR Fund	\$5,000
Transfer to Permanent Fund	
Transfer to Nat. Headquarters Fund	
Total Expenses	\$165,050

Net Gain/Loss \$0

GAR FUND
Income

Donations

Donations	\$100
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Investments

Interest	\$100
Dividends	\$100

Program

Registration fee New Members (50%)	\$1,500
National Partiotic Instructor Appeal	\$50
Challenge Coins	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$0
Hyde Bequest draw against restricted donation	<u>\$2,500</u>
Subtotal	\$4,850
Transferred from General Fund	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total Income	\$9,850

Expenses**Program**

Scholarship	\$2,500
Scholarship Hyde Bequest	\$2,500
Lincoln Memorial	\$125
Lincoln Tomb	\$1,750
Remembrance Day	\$800
Challenge Coin	\$1,000
Cathedral of the Pines	\$100
Tomb of the Unknown	\$200
GAR Campfire	\$500
Grants Tomb	\$175
Memorial Day Arlington	\$200
Misc	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,850

Net Gain/Loss	\$0
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PERMANENT FUND**Donations**

Individuals businesses, corporations	\$100
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Income Restricted

NMAL New Member Fees	\$10
Honor Roll	\$100
Misc	\$10
Total Income Restricted	<u>\$120</u>

Income Temporarily Unrestricted

Interest	\$3,400
Dividends	\$3,750
Misc	\$0
Total Temporarily Unrestricted	<u>\$7,150</u>

Expenses**Program**

Life Member Reimbursements (165 @ \$4)	\$660
Life Member Reimbursement Program 2 (43 @ \$10)	\$430
Life Member Per Capita (208 @ \$23)	\$4,784
Life Member Cards	\$0
Postage	\$0
Misc	\$75
Subtotal Expenses	\$5,949
Transfer Income to General Fund	
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,949</u>

Net Gain/Loss \$1,321

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND**Investments**

Interest	\$100
Dividends	\$150
	<u>\$250</u>

Income temporarily Restricted

Life Member Fees	\$6,000
Misc	\$0
Interest/earnings/dividends	\$180

Total Income Restricted	<u>\$6,430</u>
	\$0
Expenses	
Life Member Per Capita (164 @ \$23)	\$3,772
Life Member Cards	\$10
Misc	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,782</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$2,648

SENIOR VICE CINC FUND

Income

Donations

Individuals businesses, corporations	\$100
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Investment Income

Interest	\$5
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Program

Registration Fee New Members (50%)	\$1,500
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Donations	<u>\$0</u>
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Total Income	<u>\$1,505</u>
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Expenses

Program

Membership Advertising	\$5,000
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Memorial University	<u>\$150</u>
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Total Expenses	<u>\$5,150</u>
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Net Gain/Loss	(\$3,645)
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Senior Vice CinC Fund Reserve	\$3,645
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

Income

Donations

Donations	\$25
Investments	
Interest	\$6
dividends	\$6
Mutual Fund Appreciation	\$3,500
Program	
Per Capita Dues \$5	\$30,625
Life Membership Per Capita current program 164 @5	\$820
Life Membership Per Capita old programs 208 @ 5	<u>\$1,040</u>
Subtotal	\$36,022
Transfer from General Fund	\$0
Total Income	\$36,022

Expenses

Administrative

Executive Director	\$17,000
Executive Director Expenses	\$1,500

Facilities & Equipment

Rent	\$9,270
Depreciation	\$600

Operations

Telephone & Internet	\$2,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$500
Office Expenses postage & supplies	\$1,000
Contingency	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total Expense	\$35,870

Net Gain/Loss	\$152
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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND

Income

Donations	
Individuals	\$100

Program

Per Capita Dues \$2	\$12,250
Life Membership Per Capita current program 164 @2	\$328
Life Membership Per Capita old programs 208 @ 2	\$416
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Subtotal Income	\$13,094
Civil War Memorial Fund Reserves	\$0
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Total Income	\$13,094

Expenses

Program

Grants	\$13,000
Bank Charges	\$0
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Total Expenses	\$12,000

Net Gain/Loss	\$1,094
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CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND

Income

Investment	
Donations	\$0
Interest	\$0
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Total Income	\$0

Expenses

Administrative

Legal Fees	\$0
Misc Exp	\$0
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Total Expenses	\$0

Net Gain/Loss	\$0
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LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY FUND

Income

Donations

MOLLUS	\$1,100
SUVCW from GAR Fund	\$1,750

Program	
Luncheon	\$2,500
Photographs	\$0
Misc	\$0
Lincoln Tomb Fund Reserve	\$0
Total Income	<u>\$5,350</u>

Expenses

Operations	
Postage, travel, telephone	\$300
Program	
Luncheon	\$1,500
Meeting Room	\$0
Speaker	\$250
Music at Tomb	\$1,000
Equipment Rental	\$375
Bus Rental	\$350
Programs & Ribbons	\$500
Photographs	\$100
Umbrella Tent	\$350
Misc Expenses	\$100
Bank Charges	\$10
Total Expenses	<u>\$4,535</u>

Net Gain/Loss \$815

Grand Total Income \$244,571

Grand Total Expenses \$242,186

Net Difference Income - Expenses \$2,385

Total Reserve Funds Use (\$3,645)

Net Change in Assets (\$1,260)

Appendix 2

General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

**Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
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SERIES 2013-2014
27 August 2013**

1. To all of the Brothers that attended the 132nd National Encampment in Brookfield, WI, I extend my sincerest thanks for your support and faith in me. I am honored and will work diligently and efficiently to serve the Order.
2. I wish to thank all of the hard working Brothers from the Department of Wisconsin for an outstanding and wonderful encampment.
3. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of them a productive year and look forward to continue working with them in perpetuating the memory of our noble ancestors.
4. All National Special Committees in place from 2012-2013 will remain in place to serve the Order.
5. The Headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief is transferred from Brookfield, WI to 4287 Windsor Avenue, Willoughby, OH, 44094 and all correspondence to the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to that address. Electronic communications are available at CinC@suvcw.org and phone (440) 942-2559.
6. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000 .
7. All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order can be directed to Richard Orr, PCinC, National Treasurer, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251; (412) 931-1173; treasurer@suvcw.org.
8. All other correspondences to the Order may be directed to the National Secretary, Alan L. Russ, PDC, P.O. Box 673, St. Francis, KS 67756-0673; (785) 332-2118; secretary@suvcw.org
9. Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be directed to Don Martin, PDC, 6025 St. Route 722, Chillicothe, OH 45601; (740) 663-4961; CofA2@suvcw.org
10. The National Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule. All Departments please contact the National Chief of Staff, Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC, 43 Beverly Circle, RI 02828; ChiefofStaff@suvcw.org ; (401) 949-1780 with Department Encampment dates and locations so planning can be made for attendance to as many as possible.

11. All requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC, 5 Benny Lane, Ithaca, New York 14850; (607) 272-7314, QM@suvchw.org.
12. All Departments are encouraged to submit articles for the BANNER. Articles should be submitted to Banner Editor Stephen Michaels, PCinC, 6623 S. North Cape Road, Franklin, WI 53132, (414) 425-4648 (phone and fax), banner@suvchw.org.
13. The death of a Brother should be reported to National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL 60126, paptom@msn.com. Please include the deceased Brothers full name, date of passing, name of Camp and Department and the rank and unit of his Union ancestor.
14. All Camps are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to their Department Headquarters on time. All Departments are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to National Headquarters on time. It may be necessary to drop members and suspend Camps to complete this obligation. Our Camps and Departments must be firm in their obligations.
15. Please make every effort to keep Camp and Department websites up to date. These websites serve as a vital means of communication, and for some Camps and Departments, the only means of communication. It is imperative that schedules of meetings, Events and other activities are maintained. These websites are also resources for the general public, especially those that are contemplating membership in our Order. We must show that we are an active organization.
16. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting and a final report for the 133rd National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their respective Departments upon the same schedule.
17. It is the intention of the Commander-in-Chief to continue the program of recognizing Brother's for their recruiting efforts. A Brother who recruits at least three new Members or Associates during the 2013-2014 administrative year will be declared a National Aide in General Orders and be issued a ribbon with the National Organization's colors to be pinned behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new Brothers or Associates in that time will, in addition, receive a Certificate of Merit. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported to the National Secretary through Department Secretaries by July 1, 2014.
18. I am creating a new committee for the purpose of investigating the Membership process and the capability of improving the actual membership process, including an online process, this new committee will be called Committee on Membership Process Development. Committee Chairman and Members to be listed in the National Officers and Committee lists as published.
19. I am creating a new committee for the purpose of revising the current Memorial University program and to look at adding more testing modules for leadership training. This will be called Committee on Memorial University Redesign. Committee Chairman and Members to be listed in the National Officers and Committee lists as published.

Ordered this 27th Day of August, 2013.
Ken L. Freshley, Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #2
SERIES 2013-2014
27 August 2013

Appointment of Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

1. The National Military Affairs Committee has recommended that Major General Robert E. Grim.
2. I concur with their recommendation and hereby appoint Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for a term of three years, at the rank of Major General, commencing on 15 November 2013 and ending on 14 November 2016 or until properly relieved.

Ordered this 27th Day of August, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #3
SERIES 2013-2014
22 September 2013

1. Background: In 2011, incidents regarding activities at a major State University came to the public eye. These allegations resulted in a criminal trial which ended 22 June 2012 in a conviction. During this time the SUVCW was aware of the issues and there were questions regarding its effect on the recruitment of Members under the age of 18, and Juniors/Junior Associates into the Order. During this time the Order has taken minor steps to move on this matter. Also, during this time Federal and States have enacted policies/laws in regard to the protection of minors and the requirements enacted on various organizations. To this date the Order has not fully learned how and what laws/requirements affect our type of organization. As such the Order, through ignorance or lack of policies, is vulnerable to law suits for not taking proper action to safeguard minors within our organization. Further, as the various Departments within the Order encompass many legal jurisdictions (e.g. California/Pacific,

Colorado/Wyoming, Department of the Chesapeake to name a few) there are questions as to which to follow or a requirement to follow all or the strictest. A prime example is the Department of Pennsylvania in which the latest State requirements are far stricter than Federal mandates.

2. As Commander-in-Chief, I am well aware to the strict wording of the SUVCW Constitution Chapter I, Article V, Section 2b (page 4 of the SUVCW C&R annotated) which states “If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the last proceeding 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 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.” However I do find that the action by proceeding Encampments and the current changes to State and Federal mandates/laws have placed the Order in a precarious situation. The laws have changed and we have not kept up with them or have not at least made changes to protect our members and the Order as a whole.

3. In Accordance with SUVCW Constitution Chapter I Article V Section 2b (page 4 of the SUVCW C&R annotated) the following General Order, with the aforementioned background, is proposed for approval of the SUVCW Council of Administration:

“Effective immediately, and with the approval of the Council of Administration, the recruitment program for members, under the age of 18, Juniors and Junior Associates is hereby suspended until the next immediate National Encampment in August 2014. This action is taken to permit the Order to assess State/Federal mandates/laws and promulgate policies for the protection of the youth within our Order, as well as the Order itself. As stated in the “Background” above, the Statutes of the Federal law and some States have passed the Order by without action on our part. This suspension will permit the Order to establish a committee to ascertain what actions we are required to have in place to comply with the aforementioned Federal/State Laws, it will also provide the upcoming encampment with wording to better protect our youth. Regarding this issue, Departments and Camps will, at a minimum, comply with all State laws dealing with Child Protection until such time as the Order can complete this task. Consideration should be given having parents or legal guardians attend meetings and events.”

4. I am establishing a committee of attorney members to assist the construction of policy regarding our youth. This committee will report to the CofA at the Spring 2014 meeting and hopefully have a written policy that can be presented to the National Programs and Policy or the C&R Committee prior to the 2014 Encampment where such wording can be enacted.

5. This General Order should be taken in the light as a protection for OUR youth and OUR Order, not as an action to punish or lessen our membership. The youth of OUR Country are OUR GREATEST Hope and Treasure. And with all Treasures, they should be guarded with our utmost care.

Ordered this 22nd Day of September, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #4
SERIES 2013-2014
01 October 2013

The Department of Connecticut has filed Form 35 (Department Annual Report) and has sent the proper per capita with the National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their Charter has hereby been lifted and they are reinstated to good standing with the National organization.
Ordered this 1st Day of October, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #5
SERIES 2013-2014
06 October 2013

1. With the approval from the Council of Administration, I hereby authorize the Ohio Department Commander on behalf of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to pursue appropriate legal relief in the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, to address the present proposed sale of the two GAR Ordnance Rifles situated in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in the City of Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, specifically, injunction proceedings to prevent the sale of the two cannons and declaratory judgment proceedings to address and cause title to the two cannons to be formally vested in the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and for such other legal relief as may be just and proper under the circumstances and for the National Organization, SUVCW, to pay the filing fee in the sum of \$200.00 as required by the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, and up to \$50 for any incidental cost that may arise, from the Heritage Defense Fund.

2. Also, that this type of issue in general be referred to the National Committee on Program and Policy for development of an official policy for such situations.
Ordered this 6th Day of October, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #6
SERIES 2013-2014
29 October 2013

It is with deep regret and heavy heart that I announce the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert of the Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73 of Chillicothe, Ohio. PCinC Medert passed away this morning. He was very instrumental not only at the National Level as a Commander-in-Chief during the year of 1995-1996, He was a 2 year Ohio Department Commander during the years of 1991-1993 and active in his own Camp.

Services for David R. Medert will be held on Friday (November 1st, 2013), at Grandview Cemetery beginning at 1 PM. The hearse will be escorted to the cemetery by the State Highway Patrol. At 1 PM there will be a Masonic service followed by a clergy service and last will be a military service which will provide a rifle salute. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Ross County Historical Society at 45 W. 5th St. Chillicothe, OH 45601, (740) 772-1936.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 29th Day of October, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #7
SERIES 2013-2014
11 November 2013

1. Background: A prospective member enquired into his eligibility of becoming a member as he had been convicted of issuing checks of which there were non-sufficient funds (NSF) to cover the amounts for which the checks were written. He has since received a gubernatorial pardon for said crimes. According to the regulations of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War a person convicted of “infamous Crimes” cannot be considered for membership. **The question asked is twofold:**

- 1) **does a gubernatorial pardon “erase” the conviction and**
- 2) **is a conviction of NSF an “infamous crime” as stated in the SUVCW Regulations?**

2. **Opinion:** Pardon, gubernatorial or for the matter presidential, Do NOT erase the conviction or the criminal record. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (an circuit which covers Alaska, Arizona, most of California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Washington State, Guam and the North Mariana Islands) has ruled in support the pardon does not expunge the criminal offense. As late as 22 October 2013, the Ohio Supreme Court, in

a 6-1 decision, upheld the ruling of the Ninth District Court of Appeals. Judge Judith Lanzinger decision states “Although a pardon grants the recipient relief from any ongoing punishment for the offense and prevents any future legal disability based on that offense, it does not erase past conduct,” Justice Lanzinger wrote. “What is done is done.” Based on this ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the ruling of the Ohio Supreme Court and after consulting with various State Pardon and Parole Boards, all state that a pardon does NOT expunge or erase a criminal conviction. The second portion of the question addresses the term “Infamous Crimes” and whether a conviction of NSF is considered as such. In reading “Barron’s Law Dictionary” it states “A crime which works infamy in the person who commits it. (189 S.E. 441) At common law, any infamous crime was one that rendered the person convicted thereof incompetent as a witness. (4 N.Y. Cr. R. 545, 546). This was based on the theory of untrustworthiness whereby a testimonial disqualification was imposed to prevent the introduction of evidence thought not entitled to credence. In this sense, infamous crimes comprehend treason, felonies, and any crime involving the element of deceit (crimen falsi). 23 F. 136, 137) and examined the nature of the crime, rather than the nature of the punishment inflicted. The modern view of infamous crimes, which under Art. V of the Constitution (this is the U.S. Constitution not SUVCW) must be prosecuted by indictment, and is a crime that is punishable by death or imprisonment in a State penal institution, with or without hard labor for more than one year. See 604 F, 2d, 569, 572. Under this view, it is determined by the nature of the punishment, which a court is authorized to impose, and not by the character of the crime. The common law procedure of excluding witnesses because of prior infamous convictions is no longer followed, although such convictions may affect the credibility of the witness. (See 182. A. 2d 15, 16).

3. Based on all the above it is my official opinion that the prospective member is NOT eligible for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in as much he was convicted of an infamous crime (NSF), and that the Pardon did not expunge that conviction.

Note: When addressing “disabilities” these would include the loss by the felon to 1) own or possess firearms, 2) right to enter the Armed Forces 3) right to vote, as a few, these also vary from State to State.

4. So with the above Official Opinion #4, I am also in agreement, so therefore this General Order #7 affirms that a prospective member is NOT eligible for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in which he was convicted of infamous crime (NSF), and that the pardon did not expunge that conviction and is still part of one’s record.

Ordered this 29th Day of October, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Special General Order #1
SERIES 2013-2014
19 November 2013

Brothers,

As contained in General Order No. 5 in regards to the authorization for the Department of Ohio to pursue appropriate legal relief in the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, to address the proposed sale of the GAR Ordnance Rifles presently situated in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in the City of Wilmington, Ohio. The attorney representing the Department of Ohio in this action will be filing in the Clinton County Common Pleas Court asking for a Declaratory Judgment giving ownership of the two Civil War cannons to the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and seeking a permanent injunction prohibiting Sugar Grove Cemetery from selling or removing the cannons or the war memorial. All members of the SUVCW will refrain from issuing any statements regarding this action and all media inquiries received shall be referred to attorney:

Mike Daugherty, 202 West Locust Street, Wilmington, OH 45177,
Phone 937-382-2345, email: Mike@clintoncountylawyer.com

Ordered this 19th Day of November, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #8
SERIES 2013-2014
30 December, 2013

Brothers,

1. It is with regret that I have to inform you that with the recommendation of the Missouri Department Commander Larry D. Dietzel, I hereby revoke the Camp Charter for the Richard J. Oglesby Camp No. 16 located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

2. This Camp has not submitted any of the required paperwork or monies due for the year of 2013, there has been multiple attempts to help and motivate the Camp and all have failed, the remaining Members have chosen to transfer to other Camps.

3. The Department Commander or his appointed Officer will retrieve all the Richard J. Oglesby Camp No. 61 property and records.

Ordered this 30th Day of December, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #9
SERIES 2013-2014
7 January 2014

Brothers,

It is with deep regret and heavy heart that I announce the passing of Real Son and Brother John W. Dinsmore, Colonel, USAF (Ret) on 4 November 2013 at the age of 85. Brother Dinsmore was a Real Son, his father was Pvt. Samuel P. Dinsmoor Co. B, 116 OH Inf. Brother Dinsmore joined the SUVCW on 14 Jan 1996, as a member of Centennial Camp 100 he later transferred his membership to Legion of the West Camp 7. Internment was at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver with full military honors.

Here is a link to Brother Dinsmore's obituary courtesy of Brother Russ:

+William+&lname=Dinsmoor+%28Ret.%29&city=Denver&st=Colorado

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 7th Day of January 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #10
SERIES 2013-2014
7 January 2014

Brothers,

I was asked for a decision for a question that is not directly covered by our Constitution and regulations.

The question was asked:

If a Brother resigns when he is currently suspended and /or is under disciplinary proceedings, what is the course of action for the disciplinary hearing council ? Can they not accept the resignation? I requested a formal opinion from the National Counselor and his Opinion #5 states:

That a Brother has resigned from the Order, while under suspension; The Hearing Council should be dissolved. As he is no longer a member, the Order has no Jurisdiction over him. A Department Order should be issued stating that the Hearing Council is dissolved and state the reason why. The Department Order should also state that the Brother resigned while under suspension and that because of this, the only way that he could return to the ranks of the SUVCW would be upon the approval of the Camp to which he belonged at the time of his suspension/resignation AND with the approval of a majority vote of the Department Encampment. This Department Order will remain as a record in the Department history and serve as what is required for the individual to return to the SUVCW.

I fully agree and support this opinion and will add my own comments;

First item, we are not a law enforcement agency and do not have jurisdiction over individuals outside of our Order. When a Member resigns, we receive his resignation; we do not accept it, vote on it or reject it.

Second item, all items of this situation should be well documented as to provide the future Brothers the required information if such an individual tries to return to the SUVCW, so they will have the proper information to make an informed decision.

Lastly Department or Camp Orders need to be issued to dissolve the hearing council and state the restrictions for returning to the Order, in accordance with our C&R - National Regulations, Chapter 5, Article 6 , Section 25.

Ordered this 7th day of January, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ, Secretary, National Order
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #11
SERIES 2013-2014
28 January 2014

Brothers,

It is with deep regret and heavy heart that I announce the passing of Real Son and Brother Charles A. Cox. He was Born 29 November 1915 in Pawnee, Oklahoma. His father was Joseph H. Cox, Co. F. 127th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the Atlanta campaign storming Missionary Ridge and was later captured and sent to Andersonville prison but escaped enroute. Real Son Charles was a SUVCW member of Indian Nation Camp Three in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 28th Day of January 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Special General Order #2
SERIES 2013-2014
6 February 2014

Brothers,

It is my sad duty to report the passing of one of this organizations long term and active Member, PDC Merlin Thomas Doyle, "Tuffy" of the Department of Vermont. He was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans H.E.K. Hall Camp #28 of Chelsea for sixty-five years, he was a member of the George Washington Lodge #51 F. & A. M. of Chelsea where he was a Past Master; he was a member of the Lady Washington O.E.S. Chapter #86 of Chelsea, Coburn-Eastman V.F.W. Post #8451 of Chelsea and V.F.W. Post #792 of Montpelier, VT. He served as VFW Vermont State Commander from 1997 to 1998. He was a member of the Knights Templar of Barre, VT, Orange County Farm Bureau and Chelsea Fish & Game Club, where he helped with the ski tow and fishing derby. He was a lister for the Town of Chelsea from 1966-1983, and also served as Justice of the Peace, Fence Viewer and on the Board of Civil Authority. He also served as a Masonic representative to the Veterans Administration Hospital in White River Jct., VT. He was a charter member of the Advisory Board of the Vermont Veterans' Memorial Cemetery located in Randolph Center, VT; and on the Board of Directors of Upper Valley Services. For many years Tuffy, coordinated the annual Memorial Day and Veterans' Day programs. He and his wife placed American flags on the graves of Veterans and were responsible for the flags up and down Main Street in Chelsea. Patriotism was important to Tuffy and he was instrumental in helping his fellow Masons place the new flag pole on the town green in Chelsea. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Boardway & Cilley Funeral Home, 300 VT RT 110, Chelsea, VT 05038. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the United Church of Chelsea in Chelsea, VT with Pastor Tom Harty officiating. A Masonic burial service will be held later this spring in the Highland Cemetery in Chelsea with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either:

First Branch Ambulance Inc., P.O. Box 74, Chelsea, VT 05038; or Chelsea Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 264, Chelsea, VT 05038 or the United Church of Chelsea, P.O. Box 98, Chelsea, VT 05038.

Ordered this 6th Day of February, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #12
SERIES 2013-2014
16 February 2014

Brothers,

It is with deep regret that, I announce the passing of Real Daughter Cora Lee Jackson, a resident of Washington DC and active supporter of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2. Cora Lee Jackson was born on 20 June 1919 and was the 14th child of Pvt. Alonzo Johnson. Pvt. Johnson was a member of Company F 45th Regiment Infantry USCT a unit, which was part of the 25th Corps. Pvt. Johnson saw service in the final Campaigns of the Civil War and was present at Appomattox Court House on 9 April 1865. The passing of Cora Lee Jackson is one more reminder that we are losing the last living links to the men of the Civil War; she leaves a legacy of commitment that will be carried into the future by her nephew our SUVCW Brother Ricardo Johnson. It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 16th Day of February 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #13
SERIES 2013-2014
18 February 2014

Brothers,

On February 16, 2014, I requested a formal approval from the Council of Administration to file charges against Brother Michael Farrell, Department of Florida under the Article VI, Section 1, items Second, Fourth and Fifth, I requested to utilize Section 17 (Summary Discipline). Most of you are aware of the unrest in the area of Olustee Battlefield in Florida. In the communications with the Department of Florida, specifically to Brothers Mike Farrell, PDC about the proposed monument on the Olustee Battlefield these communications have degraded to the point of disrespect to the Office of Commander-in-Chief and to the elected National Officers of the SUVCW. Here were the specific charges:

Second -- Disobedience of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies or other lawful orders of the SUVCW, emanating from proper authority.

- I had specifically request to remain informed of the progress and procedures of this project, to this date, I have not received any communications from the Department of Florida.

Fourth -- Conduct unbecoming a Brother in his relation to the Order.

- Direct disrespect to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (via emails)

Fifth -- Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

- As a Department Officer and a past Department Commander, Brother Farrell should know that his position is a role model for the rest of the Brothers in his Department and to the other Brothers in the Order and his actions and communication prove otherwise.

Please Note:

I did give Brother Farrell the opportunity to offer a formal apology to forego this action.

Brother Mike Farrell has resigned from the Order while under formal disciplinary proceedings, but before a "hearing council" was established, therefore I hereby order all disciplinary proceedings to cease against Brother Farrell. This Brother resigned while under formal disciplinary proceeding and that because of this, the only way that he could return to the ranks of the SUVCW would be upon the approval of a majority vote of the Council of Administration. This General Order will remain as a record in the SUVCW history and serve as what is required for the individual to return to the SUVCW.

Ordered this 18th day of February, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Attest:
Alan Russ
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #14
SERIES 2013-2014
22 March 2014**

Brothers,

The Department Commander of California and Pacific, Commander Timothy Reese has requested the revocation of the charters of the Col. Roderick Matheson Camp No. 16 of Cazadero, California and the John A. Logan Camp No. 20 of Los Gatos, California. These Camp has been inactive for some time and has continuously failed to file reports and IRS 990-N's with the Department. The remaining active Camp member should be transferred (if desired) to another Camp within the Department. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 and hereby revoke the charters of the Col. Roderick Matheson Camp No. 16 of Cazadero, California and the John A. Logan Camp No. 20 of Los Gatos, California. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Department of California and Pacific any and all properties of said Camps including but not limited to the camp charters and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camps.

Ordered this 22nd day of March, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Attest:
Alan Russ
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #15
SERIES 2013-2014
10 April 2014

Brothers,

The Department Commander of Pennsylvania, Commander Richard R. Essenwein has requested the revocation of the Charter of Camp GAR Post 2 #299, of Philadelphia, PA. This Camp has been inactive for some time and has continuously failed to file reports and IRS 990-N's with the Department. The remaining active Camp members should be transferred (if desired) to another Camp within the Department. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 and hereby revoke the charter of the Charter of Camp GAR Post 2 #299, of Philadelphia, PA. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Department of Pennsylvania any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 10nd day of April, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Alan Russ, National Secretary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #16
SERIES 2013-2014
10 April 2014

1. Per Chapter II, Article V, Section 3(b) of the Regulations, Departments are required to submit Entity Identification Number (EIN) reports to the National organization on or before 15 March each year. Based on a report from National Treasurer Richard Orr, there is one Department that has not complied.
2. These reports shall consist of EIN number and IRS contact person for each Camp. Contact information shall include name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if applicable.)
3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires EIN reports to be submitted by 01 April. Failure to file on time puts our tax exempt status at risk. It has taken the National organization several years to pull back into good standing with the IRS, and as such, we cannot afford another misstep.
4. Therefore I hereby declare the Department of Oklahoma in violation of this requirement, and therefore I am suspending the Department of Oklahoma, which means that the Department will not be in good standing with the National organization and will lose their right to vote at the National encampment unless this is resolved immediately.

Ordered this 10th day of April, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Alan Russ, National Secretary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #17
SERIES 2013-2014
15 May 2014

Brothers,

1. As of this date, two of the three Camps of the Department of Oklahoma have corrected all issues with the IRS and are now in good standing and are attached to the National organization.
 2. The Department and remaining Camp have completed and submitted the application for reinstatement as non-profits and paid the required IRS fee. They are simply awaiting the paper work to be returned from the IRS.
 3. Therefore I hereby declare the Department of Oklahoma and all the Camps in this Department reinstated to Good Standing and all rights restored effective as the date of this General Order.
 4. It is also ordered that the Department of Oklahoma produce and submit the Department and Camp EIN reports and to be sent to the National Treasurer within 7 days of this order.
- Ordered this 15th day of May, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #18
SERIES 2013-2014
16 May 2014

Brothers,

1. This General Order is to inform the Order that I have appointed Brother James Crane as the National Site Committee Chair, effective immediately.
 2. Brother Bob Petrovic has stepped down in lieu of him running for the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. We thank him for all his efforts as the past chair of this committee.
 3. Brother Petrovic is still remaining a member of the above stated Committee.
- Ordered this 16th day of May, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ, National Secretary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #19
SERIES 2013-2014
16 May 2014

Brothers,

This a General Order ultimately concerns the issue that have happened late last year and this year. These actions that are being taken by the Auxiliary are very serious and also very delicate situations. Please review the entire history that is provided as it will clarify my final decision. Please be advised that this situation was not taken lightly and required a lot of research and discussions.

HISTORY

Original Situation and Opinion 19 August 2013

The Department Commander of the SUVCW in the Department of Pennsylvania provided the following information and requested an Opinion of the National Counselor:

“The President of a local Pennsylvania Auxiliary was notified by the Pennsylvania Department President that the local President had been brought up on charges by three members of her local Auxiliary group. Because of this the Department President, under orders/advice of the Department Auxiliary Council, had removed the local Auxiliary President from office. The local Auxiliary President questioned the legality of such action as she had not been notified of any charges, nor had been notified of a trial. The Pennsylvania Department Commander, when asked to the legality of such action recommended that the local President contact the Auxiliary Department President. Apparently following this contact, the order was then rescinded by the Auxiliary Department President.

The SUVCW Pennsylvania Department Commander then asked for an opinion regarding what authority as SUVCW Department Commander has to intervene or become involved in the aforementioned issue.

Opinion 1 – issued on 19 August 2013

It is the opinion of the SUVCW National Counselor, in concurrence with the SUVCW Commander-in-Chief, that members of the SUVCW, Department and Camp Officers of the SUVCW and the SUVCW, National, should not and will not involve themselves in the internal affairs of any of the Allied Orders. In the current aforementioned situation the legality of any action of the A.S.U.V.C.W., is governed only by the by-laws of the local Auxiliary, the Auxiliary Department and the National Auxiliary Constitution and Regulations. The redress of any charges filed by members of the Auxiliary toward any of their members should be made in accordance with that ASUVCW Department and ASUVCW National procedures and without any interference from the SUVCW or its members.

It has been my understanding that in the past, members of the SUVCW have joined the ASUVCW and have acted as counselors and advisors to that Order. These brothers can only act as members/associates of the ASUVCW, as delineated by the ASUVCW C&R and have no authority to act on the behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the internal affairs of the ASUVCW. Each of the Allied Orders are a SEPARATE and INDEPENDENT organization and as such answer to their Constitution and Regulations. Regarding you addressing the current situation to the members of your camp or to be members of the local Auxiliary, I believe reading this Opinion at the meeting will answer any and all questions that may come before the floor.

Current Situation:

On 31 March 2014 a letter was received by ASUVCW National Vice President Sister Rachelle Campbell from the National Past Presidents Association stating charges against sitting ASUVCW National President Diane Mellor and requesting that she notify SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley that charges had been filed and that a Trial was requested of him in the matter. At that time CinC Freshley first informed the parties that charges filed in this manner were not in order and that

names of those making the charges needed to be added to said charges. CinC Freshley was again provided a letter dated 6 May 2014 with the required names.

Additional remarks to Opinion 1 – issued 15 May 2014

It appears that the members filing the charges mis-interpreted their by-laws regarding discipline of their President. I have been told that the ASUVCW by-laws states something to the Order that if not covered in the ASUVCW By-laws/ASUVCW C&R then use of the SUVCW C&R would occur. What it means is that the ASUVCW would conduct that charges against their National President using the methods DESCRIBED in the SUVCW C&R not that the SUVCW would assign a trial commission or issue a conviction. As in the situation and Opinion stated above, the SUVCW, its officers and members, have no jurisdiction or authority over the members of the ASUVCW. The ASUVCW and all the other Allied Orders are, stating once again, are independent with its own Regulations/By-laws. Brothers wishing to be involved in this matter will not and shall not represent themselves as representatives of the SUVCW. The Commander-in-Chief should consider this request be out of order as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have no jurisdiction in this matter.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Donald E. Darby, PCinC, National Counselor

THEREFORE:

I hereby fully agree with the included Official Opinion, and I am issuing this General Order as final ruling on this request from the ASUVCW. While I fully understand the request from the ASUVCW and the sensitivity of the nature of this situation, I still have to rule the original request and subsequent requests OUT OF ORDER.

1. SUVCW does not have jurisdiction of authority over the members of the ASUVCW
2. The reference in your CR&R to refer to our C&R, is just that, a reference. What it means is that the ASUVCW would conduct that charges against their National President using the methods DESCRIBED in the SUVCW C&R not that the SUVCW would assign a trial commission or issue a conviction, it does NOT defer the responsibility to the SUVCW.

3. There was a reference by individuals involved that there was precedent of past participation. There is no official SUVCW General Order, Official SUVCW Minutes or Official SUVCW Proceedings that show the Official appointing a Brother(s) to any such ASUVCW hearing council. So that leaves me with ruling that the “precedent” does not apply and cannot influence this ruling.

Therefore, unless such Brother is an full ASUVCW member, that Brother (Sister) can take part in this disciplinary proceeding, with the understanding it is as an ASUVCW member ONLY, as the SUVCW, we will not and cannot not interfere with ASUVCW or any other Allied Order’s internal affairs. Please forward all questions, inquiries or concerns to the National Counselor – Don Darby, PCinC or myself (Ken Freshley, CinC).

Ordered this 16th day of May, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Alan Russ

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #20
SERIES 2013-2014
25 May 2014

Memorial Day

Brothers,

1. As we are humbled by looking up at the great statue of our 16th President at the Lincoln Memorial, with words that are engraved in the marble wall behind this great man, "IN THIS TEMPLE AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS ENSHRINED FOREVER", this should cause us to reflect on all the veterans that have given us the ultimate gift, when they gave their lives to protect the freedom we appreciate today.

2. As Camps and Departments make plans to honor our Civil War ancestors this Memorial Day weekend, let us also reflect on the freedom we continue to enjoy by those military veterans that have gone after them. Our freedom is not free. It has been earned by thousands of Americans who have sacrificed their blood and lives for this great country.

3. I ask that all Brothers either as part of their Camp, SVR Unit or individually, participate in an event in their communities on Monday, 26 May, the day of National observance to fulfill the charge left to us by General Logan as legal heirs to the GAR.

4. If at all possible all Brothers should try to observe the 30th day of May as this day was established for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion.

Ordered this 25th day of May, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Attest:
Alan Russ
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #21
SERIES 2013-2014
12 June 2014

Brothers,

For authority to issue a replacement charter, the governing document is Chapter I, Article I, Section 2, of the National Regulations as contained in the annotated 2012 Blue Book. Specifically, footnote 11 applies to this section, and states: "11 The request for a replacement Charter should be made to the Commander-in-Chief who should then issue a General Order for a replacement Charter. If the names of the members listed on the lost or damaged Charter are known, they may be listed on the replacement Charter. If the original charter names are not known, then no names should be listed. It should be noted on the new charter that it is a replacement charter. NC Grim, Op III, 128th 261." Brother Joseph S. Hall has requested for his Camp, General Zenas R. Bliss, Camp No. 12, to obtain a blank replacement Charter for his camp. The Charter has been missing for quite some time and they want to get a replacement Charter. The \$25 replacement fee has been paid.

Therefore, this General Order approves this request for a replacement Charter for the General Zenas R. Bliss, Camp No. 12, the original names are not known, so this replacement Charter will not have the original names listed. The replacement Charter will be given at the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia as requested.

Ordered this 12th day of June, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #22
SERIES 2013-2014
15 June 2014

Brothers,

1. HISTORY

In Accordance with SUVCW Constitution Chapter I Article V Section 2b (page 4 of the SUVCW C&R annotated) the past General Order #3:

“Effective immediately, and with the approval of the Council of Administration, the recruitment program for members, under the age of 18, Juniors and Junior Associates is hereby suspended until the next immediate National Encampment in August 2014. This action is taken to permit the Order to assess State/Federal mandates/laws and promulgate policies for the protection of the youth within our Order, as well as the Order itself. As stated in the “Background” above, the Statutes of the Federal law and some States have passed the Order by without action on our part. This suspension will permit the Order to establish a committee to ascertain what actions we are required to have in place to comply with the aforementioned Federal/State Laws, it will also provide the upcoming encampment with wording to better protect our youth. Regarding this issue, Departments and Camps will, at a minimum, comply with all State laws dealing with Child Protection until such time as the Order can complete this task. Consideration should be given having parents or legal guardians attend meetings and events.”

2. The committee of attorney members have reviewed many different policies regarding our youth. This committee supplied a report and a recommendation to the CofA at the Spring 2014 meeting.

3. Therefore and I am issuing this General Order #22 to rescind the previous General Order #3 and I will have a written policy that will be presented to the National Programs and Policy or the C&R Committee prior to the 2014 Encampment where such wording can be enacted.

4. This General Order #22 also resumes the acceptance of new Junior and Junior Associates membership applications.

5. Here are the initial objectives of the policy that all Brothers should use as MINIMUM requirements for having Juniors and Junior Associates in our Camps and at our events.

A. All Brothers under the age of 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in ANY SUVCW activity.

B. At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted 'one on one' contact with a Brother under the age of 18. Any interaction with a Brother under the age of 18 must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age 18 at all times.

C. Any Brother who witnesses or suspects in good faith any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any member under the age of 18 will immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first and local Camp and Department Commanders immediately.

D. Every Brother over the age of 18 who may have contact with a Brother under the age of 18 should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America at <http://www.myscouting.org> , You will need to create an account, then select the Training, E-Training, then choose the youth protection training. It takes about 30 minutes to complete. Upon completion, you will be able to print a certificate along with a wallet-size certification card which is good for a period of 2 years. While this training is not a requirement, it is highly suggested that it is completed to be used as a tool to protect our youth and Brothers.

E. Ultimately, all Brothers also need to comply with all applicable Local and State laws pertaining to child abuse.

F. I also want to thank all the Brothers for the understanding and conformance of the previous General Order #3 and for the hard work of the Committee who performed the tireless research on this issue.

Ordered this 15th day of June, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Alan Russ

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #23

SERIES 2013-2014

18 June 2014

Brothers,

The Department Commander of Oklahoma, Commander Johnny Manley has requested the revocation of the Charter of Camp Captain David L. Payne #2, of Stillwater, Oklahoma. This Camp has been inactive for some time and has continuously failed to file reports and IRS 990-N's with the Department and been suspended for the past three years. The remaining active Camp members should be transferred (if desired) to another Camp within the Department. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 and hereby revoke the charter of the Charter of Camp Captain David L. Payne #2, of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Department of Oklahoma any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 18th day of June, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #24
SERIES 2013-2014
21 August 2014**

Brothers,

This is a mandated change from the 2014 National Encampment. (Change in Red) This a General Order ultimately concerns the issue that have happened late last year and this year. These actions that are being taken by the Auxiliary are very serious and also very delicate situations. Please review the entire history that is provided as it will clarify my final decision. Please be advised that this situation was not taken lightly and required a lot of research and discussions.

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Opinion 1 – issued on 19 August 2013

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Nationally, should not and will not involve themselves in the internal affairs of any of the Allied Orders. In the current aforementioned situation the legality of any action of the A.S.U.V.C.W., is governed only by the by-laws of the local Auxiliary, the Auxiliary Department and the National Auxiliary Constitution and Regulations. The redress of any charges filed by members of the Auxiliary toward any of their members should be made in accordance with that ASUVCW Department and ASUVCW National procedures and without any interference from the SUCVCW or its members. It has been my understanding that in the past, members of the SUCVCW have joined the ASUVCW and have acted as counselors and advisors to that Order. These brothers can only act as members/associates of the ASUVCW, as delineated by the ASUVCW C&R and have no authority to act on the behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the internal affairs of the ASUVCW. Each of the Allied Orders are a SEPARATE and INDEPENDENT organization and as such answer to heir Constitution and Regulations. Regarding you addressing the current situation to the members of your camp or to be members of the local Auxiliary, I believe reading this Opinion at the meeting will answer any and all questions that may come before the floor.

Current Situation:

On 31 March 2014 a letter was received by ASUVCW National Vice President Sister Rachelle Campbell from the National Past Presidents Association stating charges against sitting ASUVCW National President Diane Mellor and requesting that she notify SUCVCW Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley that charges had been filed and that a Trial was requested of him in the matter. At that time CinC Freshley first informed the parties that charges filed in this manner were not in order and that names of those making the charges needed to be added to said charges. CinC Freshley was again provided a letter dated 6 May 2014 with the required names.

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It appears that the members filing the charges mis-interpreted their by-laws regarding discipline of their President. I have been told that the ASUVCW by-laws states something to the Order that if not covered in the ASUVCW By-laws/ASUVCW C&R then use of the SUCVCW C&R would occur. What it means is that the ASUVCW would conduct that charges against their National President using the methods DESCRIBED in the SUCVCW C&R not that the SUCVCW would assign a trial commission or issue a conviction. As in the situation and Opinion stated above, the SUCVCW, it officers and members, have no jurisdiction or authority over the members of the ASUVCW. The ASUVCW and all the other Allied Orders are, stating once again, are independent with its own Regulations/By-laws . Brothers wishing to be involved in this matter will not and shall not represent themselves as representatives of the SUCVCW. The Commander-in-Chief should consider this request be out of order as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have no jurisdiction in this matter.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Donald E. Darby, PCinC, National Counselor

THEREFORE:

I hereby fully agree with the included Official Opinion, and I am issuing this General Order as final ruling on this request from the ASUVCW. While I fully understand the request from the ASUVCW and the sensitivity of the nature of this situation, I still have to rule the original request and subsequent requests OUT OF ORDER.

1. SUCVCW does not have jurisdiction of authority over the members of the ASUVCW.
2. The reference in your CR&R to refer to our C&R, is just that, a reference. What it means is that the ASUVCW would conduct that charges against their National President using the methods DESCRIBED in the SUCVCW C&R not that the SUCVCW would assign a trial commission or issue a conviction, it does NOT defer the responsibility to the SUCVCW.
3. There was a reference by individuals involved that there was precedent of past participation. There is no official SUCVCW General Order, Official SUCVCW Minutes or Official SUCVCW Proceedings that

show the Official appointing a Brother(s) to any such ASUVCW hearing council. So that leaves me with ruling that the “precedent” does not apply and cannot influence this ruling. Therefore, Any brother voluntarily serving any allied orders in an unofficial capacity is not a representative of the SUVCW. Please forward all questions, inquiries or concerns to the National Counselor – Don Darby, PCinC or myself (Ken Freshley, CinC).

Ordered this 21st day of August, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #25
SERIES 2013-2014
21 August 2014

Brothers,

This Final General Order for the 2013-2014 administrative year documents the new Camp charter and the awards that were presented at the 2014 National Encampment at Marietta, Georgia. I would like to thank the Brothers for entrusting me to be your Commander-in-Chief for the past year, it was a great honor and a privilege to serve you all. I would like to especially like to thank Brothers Jim Houston and Jim Crane and the Department of South Carolina & Georgia for the wonderful encampment that was held at Marietta, Georgia. I look forward to the future National Encampments in Richmond, VA and Springfield, IL. The following Camp was chartered during the 2013-2014 administrative year, the Commander-in-Chief wishes each of this new Camp the best of luck going forward:

John W. Foster Camp No. 2, Evansville, IN, Department of Indiana

The following awards were presented at the 2014 National Encampment:

Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award – Brother of the Year, Fredric C. Lynch, Department of OH

Abraham Lincoln Award – Camp of the Year, General Wm Carlin Camp 25, Dept of CA

Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Linder Award, (Department with the most new members) Department of Ohio - 54 new Members

U.S. Grant Cup Award (Department with highest percentage of gain of new members) Department of Texas (24%)

Under Forty Award (Department with the greatest number of new members under age 40) Department of Ohio (14 new members)

Marshall Hope Award – Most Outstanding Newsletter - Department - The Western Tribune – Dept of CO & WY

Camp - They Will Not Be Forgotten – Col Hecker Camp #443, Dept of IL

Albert Woolson Award (Most Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event) Battle of Mine Creek 150th Anniversary Commemoration, Department of Kansas, SUVCW

Horace Greeley Award – Most Outstanding Website - Department - Missouri

Camp – John W. Foster Camp #2, Dept. of Indiana

Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star: Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain, Department of Illinois; David Klinepeter, Department of Pennsylvania; James Getty, Department of Pennsylvania
Meritorious Service Award: Danny E. Krock - Dept of Iowa; Andrew Wheeler – Dept of NY
National Aides John R. France – Department of NC (3 new members;) Max Speers – Department of NC (3 new members;) David Rish – Department of Ohio (14 new members) Ronald Marvin – department of Ohio (6 new members;) Larry Snyder – Department of Ohio (3 new members;) William Smith – Department of Ohio (4 new members;) Jeffrey Graf – Department of WI (3 new members;) Steven F. Coffman, Department of Indiana (5 new members;)
Dr. Mary Walker Award – Ladies Appreciation, National Award Danielle Michaels, Department of WI, ASUVCW
B.F. Stephenson Award – Brother who recruits most new members, David Rish – Department of Ohio (15 new members) Ordered this 21st day of August, 2014.
Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Attest:
Alan Russ National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #25a
SERIES 2013- 2014
16 August 2014**

Brothers,
This amended Final General Order for the 2013-1014 administrative year and the awards that here to be presented at the 2014 National Encampment at Marietta, Georgia. I would like apologize to the Brothers and Award Recipients for the oversight, this General Order #25a was approved for distribution after the discovery of the oversight.

The following are corrections for omitted awards that were to be presented at the 2014 National Encampment:

National Aides
Douglas K. Fidler -Department of TN (11 new members)

SUVCW Scholarships (2), National Award Britta Alexandra Musser
Nicole Lorraine Zeien
Ordered this 16th day of August, 2014.

Ken L. Freshley
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Alan Russ
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

APPENDIX 3
Attendees of the 133rd National Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
133rd Annual National Encampment
Attendees by Department**

Department of California and Pacific

Frank C. Avila	Daniel M. Bunnell	Tad D. Campbell	Kevin Coyne
Michael P. Drouin	Daniel R. Earl	Dean A Enderlin	Kenneth Felton
Linn Malaznik	Timothy P. Reese	James Monteton	D. Brad Schall
Thomas T. Graham	David T. Schleeter		

Department of Chesapeake

D. Michael Beard	Mark R. Day	Charles (Ben) Hawley	Steve S. Hammond
Kevin L. Martin	Andrew M. Johnson	Kenneth D. Hershberger	Eugene G. Mortorff
Michael A. Paquette	Lee D. Stone	W. Faron Taylor	Robert D. Pollock
Charles Poland	Lawrence E. Slagle		

Department of Florida

Charles D. Custer	David R Acheson	James G. Ward	
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Georgia and South Carolina

David Beam	Alan H. Bright	Theodore H. Golab	Marvin A. Greer
Mark A. Hale	Edward C. Hackney	Eric B. Peterson	Brian C. Pierson
Steve Reilly	Raymond L. Wozniack		

Department of Illinois

Gregory M. Carter	Terry R. Dyer	Leonard C. Cassaro, Sr.	William E. Johnson, Jr.
Jerome W. Kowalski	James L. Lyon	Tom Oestreicher	Harry W. Reineke IV
Charles E. Wright	Paul T. Zeien, Jr.		

Department of Indiana

John K. Eger	Dennis H. Rigsby	Edward J. Krieser	Craig A. Powers
J. Alan Teller			

Department of Iowa

Richard Grim	Courtney Stahr	David M. Lamb	Ronald Rittel
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Department of Kansas

Rocky L. Bartlow	Alan L. Russ	Conrad M. Fisher	Roy A. Lafferty
Mark A. Britton	Craig E. Dunstan	Kent M. Melcher	

Department of Kentucky

John B. Kalbfleisch	Bruce Fortin	James C. Kiger	
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Department of Maine

David W. Sosnowski

Department of Massachusetts

Dexter A. Bishop	Perley E. Mellor	Conley W. Ford	Michael Needleman
Edward Norris	Kenneth E. London	Daniel W. Murray	Stephen J. Twining
Albert Smith			

Department of Michigan

Dale L. Aurand	Christopher Cox	Harold (Skip) Bryant	Paul Davis
Gary A. Granger	Ronald G. Shull	Loyd D. Lamphere, Jr.	David S. Smith
James B. Pahl	Donald W. Shaw		

Department of Missouri

Martin R. Aubuchon	Walter E. Busch	Donald D. Palmer, Jr.	Robert M. Petrovic
Joe Rainey			

Department of Nebraska

Paul Hadley	Jerry Lippincott	Merle A. Rudebusch	
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Department of New Jersey

Robert Wilhelm	Clarence (Buzz) Smithcors		
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Department of New York

George W. Artley	George J. Weinman	Danny L. Wheeler	
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Department of North Carolina

James Crabtree	Douglas P. Elwell	Dennis C. St. Andrew	
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Department of Ohio

Dennis M. Brown	Gordon R. Bury II	Shawn A. Cox	James T. Crane
Donald E. Darby	Johnathan C. Davis	Kenneth L. Freshley	Thomas W. Graham
Tim Graham	Robert E. Grim	Frank R. Hillard	James H. Houston
John M. Huffman	Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.	Fred C. Lynch	Donald L. Martin
Henry E. Shaw, Jr.	Dustin Martin	Shane L. Milburn	Robert J. Wolz

Department of Pennsylvania

Douglas McMillin	Richard D. Orr	John M. McNulty	David W. Demmy, Sr.
Charles E. Kuhn	George L. Powell		

Department of Rhode Island

John A. Connor	Henry C. Duquette	Stephen E. Hackett	Joseph S. Hall, Jr.
Michael J. Stewart	Leo F. Kennedy	Bruce D. Frail	

Department of Tennessee

Carl Addison	Michael P. Downs	Charles H. Engle	Douglas K. Fidler
Samuel C. Gant	Geoffrey C. Hintze	George A. Huttick	David H. McReynolds
George A. Huttick	Roger A. Tenney		

Department of Texas

Donald L. Gates	George F. Hansen		
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Department of Vermont

John H. Cogan			
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Department of Wisconsin

Thomas J. Brown	Patrick L. Fallon	Eric D. Graff	Kim J. Heltemes
Bruce C. Laine	Brian D. McManus	Stephen A. Michaels	Alan O. Petit
Andrew C. Willenbring			

Camps-at-Large

Loran T. Bures	Cole T.A. Bures	John R. Conrad	David Palmater
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National Membership-at-Large

Adam Gaines			
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APPENDIX 4
Past Commanders-in-Chief of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan
2004	Stephen A. Michaels	Wisconsin
2005	Donald E. Darby	Ohio
2006	James B. Pahl	Michigan
2007	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Pennsylvania
2008	David V. Medert	Ohio
2009	Leo F. Kennedy	Rhode Island
2010	D. Brad Schall	California
2011	Donald E. Palmer	Missouri
2012	Perley E. Melor	Massachusetts
2013	Kenneth L. Freshley	Brookfield, Wisconsin

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

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
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

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
58th	1939	August 29-30	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10-12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15-18	Columbus, Ohio
61th	1942	September 15-17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20-23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12-14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1-4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10-14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26-30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28-31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20-24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19-23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24-28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23-27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8-13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21-25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 9-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18-22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17-21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16-20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21-25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20-24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19-23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18-23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16-20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15-19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6-10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18-22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17-21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23-27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15-19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13-17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5-9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18-22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10-14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15-19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14-18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13-17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12-15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10-14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9-13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14-18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 13-19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12-16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10-15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10-13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9-12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14-17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13-16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12-15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11-14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13-16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13-15	Portland Maine
113th	1994	August 11-14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10-13	Columbus, Ohio

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
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 rd	2014	August 14-17	Marietta, Georgia

Appendix 6
National Treasurer's Spreadsheets

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
At August 31, 2013

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 47,211.16	\$ (2,585.50)	\$ (9,935.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (24,838.75)	\$ -	\$ (708.00)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (1,813.36)	\$ 7,797.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 47,391.86	\$ (2,585.50)	\$ (9,935.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (24,838.75)	\$ -	\$ (708.00)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (1,813.36)	\$ 7,977.70
Total Liabilities	\$ 47,391.86	\$ (2,585.50)	\$ (9,935.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (24,838.75)	\$ -	\$ (708.00)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (1,813.36)	\$ 7,977.70
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 458,817.81	\$ 14,054.66	\$ 9,156.08	\$ (5,196.35)	\$ 46,106.18	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 108,190.94	\$ -	\$ 405.00	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 642,133.41
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 374.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 36,636.01
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00							
Net Income	\$ 85,556.55	\$ 748.54	\$ 9,331.00	\$ 448.59	\$ 27,706.60	\$ -	\$ 692.50	\$ 2,243.91	\$ -	\$ 315.36	\$ 127,043.05
Total Equity	\$ 544,748.36	\$ 14,928.20	\$ 18,487.08	\$ 211,608.24	\$ 73,812.78	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 133,883.44	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 6,813.36	\$ 1,022,168.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 592,140.22	\$ 12,342.70	\$ 8,551.58	\$ 211,558.44	\$ 48,974.03	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 133,175.44	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,030,146.17

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
At September 30, 2013

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 312,809.33	\$ 12,343.21	\$ 8,163.58	\$ 6,135.41	\$ 8,466.84	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 28,325.44	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 381,749.90
Accounts Receivable	\$ 64.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184.50
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -										\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 8,476.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,457.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,934.32
Inventory	\$ 27,325.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,325.54
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 35,802.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,457.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,259.86
Total Current Assets	\$ 348,676.18	\$ 12,343.21	\$ 8,163.58	\$ 6,255.41	\$ 15,924.35	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 28,325.44	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 425,194.26
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 13,968.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,916.78
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (13,239.54)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,982.46)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (23,222.00)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 729.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 965.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,694.78
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,883.74	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 275,883.74
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,746.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290,993.81
Total Other Assets	\$ 207,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,746.14	\$ 30,883.74	\$ -	\$ 104,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 566,877.55
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 556,905.20	\$ 12,343.21	\$ 8,163.58	\$ 212,001.55	\$ 47,773.85	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 133,175.44	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 993,766.59
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,627.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,627.92
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,650.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,650.00
Due To Other Funds	\$ 5,379.20	\$ (2,738.00)	\$ (10,165.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (25,430.60)	\$ -	\$ (915.50)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (2,128.80)	\$ (35,532.25)
Deferred Revenue	\$ 1,122.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,122.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 9,151.70	\$ (2,738.00)	\$ (10,165.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (25,430.60)	\$ -	\$ (915.50)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (2,128.80)	\$ (31,759.75)
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 10,779.62	\$ (2,738.00)	\$ (10,165.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (25,430.60)	\$ -	\$ (915.50)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (2,128.80)	\$ (30,131.83)
Total Liabilities	\$ 10,779.62	\$ (2,738.00)	\$ (10,165.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (25,430.60)	\$ -	\$ (915.50)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (2,128.80)	\$ (30,131.83)
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 458,817.81	\$ 14,054.66	\$ 9,156.08	\$ (5,196.35)	\$ 46,106.18	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 108,190.94	\$ -	\$ 405.00	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 642,133.41
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 374.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 36,636.01
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00							
Net Income	\$ 86,933.77	\$ 901.55	\$ 9,173.00	\$ 891.70	\$ 27,098.27	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,243.91	\$ -	\$ 630.80	\$ 128,773.00
Total Equity	\$ 546,125.58	\$ 15,081.21	\$ 18,329.08	\$ 212,051.35	\$ 73,204.45	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 134,090.94	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 7,128.80	\$ 1,023,898.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 556,905.20	\$ 12,343.21	\$ 8,163.58	\$ 212,001.55	\$ 47,773.85	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 133,175.44	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 993,766.59

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT NOVEMBER 30, 2013**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 165,428.16	\$ 12,344.24	\$ 18,199.08	\$ 7,300.79	\$ 27,594.97	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 17,884.88	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 254,345.21
Accounts Receivable	\$ 64.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184.50
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -										\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 12,346.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,415.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,762.58
Inventory	\$ 33,397.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,397.09
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 45,743.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,415.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,159.67
Total Current Assets	\$ 211,236.48	\$ 12,344.24	\$ 18,199.08	\$ 7,420.79	\$ 33,010.82	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 17,884.88	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 305,689.38
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 19,387.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,414.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,801.24
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (13,413.01)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,013.38)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (23,426.39)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 5,974.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,374.85
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 32,383.17	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 407,383.17
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,006.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,253.81
Total Other Assets	\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207,006.14	\$ 32,383.17	\$ -	\$ 114,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 699,636.98
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 544,710.53	\$ 12,344.24	\$ 18,199.08	\$ 214,426.93	\$ 67,794.79	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 132,734.88	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,013,701.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,307.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,307.59
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,650.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,650.00
Due To Other Funds	\$ 7,336.49	\$ (2,915.50)	\$ (328.00)	\$ (19.80)	\$ (796.85)	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ 756.75	\$ -	\$ (3,658.09)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 1,107.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,107.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 11,093.99	\$ (2,915.50)	\$ (328.00)	\$ (19.80)	\$ (796.85)	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ 756.75	\$ -	\$ (3,658.09)	\$ 3,757.50
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 12,401.58	\$ (2,915.50)	\$ (328.00)	\$ (19.80)	\$ (796.85)	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ 756.75	\$ -	\$ (3,658.09)	\$ 5,065.09
Total Liabilities	\$ 12,401.58	\$ (2,915.50)	\$ (328.00)	\$ (19.80)	\$ (796.85)	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ 756.75	\$ -	\$ (3,658.09)	\$ 5,065.09
Equity											

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT NOVEMBER 30, 2013**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 165,428.16	\$ 12,344.24	\$ 18,199.08	\$ 7,300.79	\$ 27,594.97	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 17,884.88	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 254,345.21
Accounts Receivable	\$ 64.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184.50
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -										\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 12,346.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,415.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,762.58
Inventory	\$ 33,397.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,397.09
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 45,743.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,415.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,159.67
Total Current Assets	\$ 211,236.48	\$ 12,344.24	\$ 18,199.08	\$ 7,420.79	\$ 33,010.82	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 17,884.88	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 305,689.38
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 19,387.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,414.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,801.24
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (13,413.01)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,013.38)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (23,426.39)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 5,974.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,374.85
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 32,383.17	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 407,383.17
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,006.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,253.81
Total Other Assets	\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207,006.14	\$ 32,383.17	\$ -	\$ 114,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 699,636.98
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 544,710.53	\$ 12,344.24	\$ 18,199.08	\$ 214,426.93	\$ 67,794.79	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 132,734.88	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,013,701.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,307.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,307.59
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,650.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,650.00
Due To Other Funds	\$ 7,336.49	\$ (2,915.50)	\$ (328.00)	\$ (19.80)	\$ (796.85)	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ 756.75	\$ -	\$ (3,658.09)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 1,107.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,107.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 11,093.99	\$ (2,915.50)	\$ (328.00)	\$ (19.80)	\$ (796.85)	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ 756.75	\$ -	\$ (3,658.09)	\$ 3,757.50
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 12,401.58	\$ (2,915.50)	\$ (328.00)	\$ (19.80)	\$ (796.85)	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ 756.75	\$ -	\$ (3,658.09)	\$ 5,065.09
Total Liabilities	\$ 12,401.58	\$ (2,915.50)	\$ (328.00)	\$ (19.80)	\$ (796.85)	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ 756.75	\$ -	\$ (3,658.09)	\$ 5,065.09
Equity											

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT JANUARY 31, 2014

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 177,441.35	\$ 12,345.28	\$ 18,014.08	\$ 9,433.00	\$ 23,711.92	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 17,898.32	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 264,437.04
Accounts Receivable	\$ 78.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 198.50
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -										\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 10,058.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,874.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,933.07
Inventory	\$ 28,743.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,743.49
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 38,802.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,874.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,676.56
Total Current Assets	\$ 216,322.22	\$ 12,345.28	\$ 18,014.08	\$ 9,553.00	\$ 27,586.11	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 17,898.32	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 307,312.10
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 19,418.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,414.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,832.74
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (13,593.19)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,252.32)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (23,845.51)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 5,825.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,161.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,987.23
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,189.88	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 409,189.88
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,006.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,253.81
Total Other Assets	\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207,006.14	\$ 34,189.88	\$ -	\$ 114,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 701,443.69
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 549,647.59	\$ 12,345.28	\$ 18,014.08	\$ 216,559.14	\$ 63,937.85	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 132,748.32	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,016,743.02
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,378.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,378.13
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850.00
Due To Other Funds	\$ 8,627.13	\$ (3,080.50)	\$ (388.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (933.35)	\$ -	\$ (615.00)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,296.73)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 232.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 9,709.63	\$ (3,080.50)	\$ (388.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (933.35)	\$ -	\$ (615.00)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,296.73)	\$ 1,082.50
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 20,087.76	\$ (3,080.50)	\$ (388.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (933.35)	\$ -	\$ (615.00)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,296.73)	\$ 11,460.63
Total Liabilities	\$ 20,087.76	\$ (3,080.50)	\$ (388.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (933.35)	\$ -	\$ (615.00)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,296.73)	\$ 11,460.63
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 455,921.13	\$ 14,054.66	\$ 9,156.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,101.09	\$ -	\$ 2,243.91	\$ -	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 491,974.87
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 84,795.00	\$ 46,106.18	\$ -	\$ 133,190.94	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 275,759.13
Permanently Restricted				\$ 127,624.65							
Net Income	\$ 73,638.70	\$ 1,246.12	\$ 9,246.50	\$ 4,189.29	\$ 18,765.02	\$ 87.00	\$ 172.38	\$ (230.00)	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,798.73	\$ 109,923.74
Total Equity	\$ 529,559.83	\$ 15,425.78	\$ 18,402.58	\$ 216,608.94	\$ 64,871.20	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 133,363.32	\$ 12,150.92	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 9,296.73	\$ 1,005,282.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 549,647.59	\$ 12,345.28	\$ 18,014.08	\$ 216,559.14	\$ 63,937.85	\$ 4,188.09	\$ 132,748.32	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,016,743.02

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR														
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET														
AT FEBRUARY 28, 2014														
			General	Sr. Vice	Preservation	Permanent	National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	Consolidated	
			Operating	Commander	Fund	Fund	Headquarters	Tomb	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership	Totals	
								Observance	Fund	Defense	Monument			
ASSETS														
Current Assets														
	Checking/Savings													
	Cash & Cash Equivalents		\$ 156,602.35	\$ 12,345.75	\$ 18,014.08	\$ 10,294.33	\$ 23,560.23	\$ 6,112.09	\$ 16,148.32	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 244,482.15	
	Accounts Receivable		\$ 88.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,308.50	
	Other Current Assets													
	Undeposited Funds		\$ -										\$ -	
	Prepaid Expenses		\$ 9,503.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,103.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,606.61	
	Inventory		\$ 30,312.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,312.63	
	Total Other Current Assets		\$ 39,815.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,103.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,919.24	
	Total Current Assets		\$ 196,506.73	\$ 12,345.75	\$ 18,014.08	\$ 10,414.33	\$ 26,663.59	\$ 7,212.09	\$ 16,148.32	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 288,709.89	
Fixed Assets														
	Furniture and Equipment		\$ 20,918.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,414.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,332.74	
	Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.		\$ (13,917.77)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,252.77)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (24,170.54)	
	Total Fixed Assets		\$ 7,000.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,161.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,162.20	
Other Assets														
	Other Assets													
	Marketable Securities		\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,189.88	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 409,189.88	
	Certificates of Deposit		\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,006.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,253.81	
	Total Other Assets		\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207,006.14	\$ 34,189.88	\$ -	\$ 114,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 701,443.69	
	TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 531,007.52	\$ 12,345.75	\$ 18,014.08	\$ 217,420.47	\$ 63,014.88	\$ 7,212.09	\$ 130,998.32	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 999,315.78	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY														
Liabilities														
Current Liabilities														
	Accounts Payable		\$ 1,175.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,288.78	
	Other Current Liabilities													
	Accrued Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Due To Other Funds		\$ 8,923.57	\$ (3,148.00)	\$ (429.00)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,034.60)	\$ -	\$ (687.50)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,311.42)	\$ -	
	Deferred Revenue		\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,011.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,281.00	
	Total Other Current Liabilities		\$ 9,193.57	\$ (3,148.00)	\$ (429.00)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,034.60)	\$ 2,011.00	\$ (687.50)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,311.42)	\$ 2,281.00	
	Total Current Liabilities		\$ 10,369.40	\$ (3,148.00)	\$ (429.00)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,034.60)	\$ 2,011.00	\$ (574.55)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,311.42)	\$ 3,569.78	
	Total Liabilities		\$ 10,369.40	\$ (3,148.00)	\$ (429.00)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,034.60)	\$ 2,011.00	\$ (574.55)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,311.42)	\$ 3,569.78	
Equity														
	Unrestricted Net Assets		\$ 455,921.13	\$ 14,054.66	\$ 9,156.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,101.09	\$ -	\$ 2,243.91	\$ -	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 491,974.87	
	Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 84,795.00	\$ 46,106.18	\$ -	\$ 133,190.94	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 275,759.13	
	Permanently Restricted					\$ 127,624.65								
	Net Income		\$ 64,716.99	\$ 1,314.09	\$ 9,287.00	\$ 5,050.62	\$ 17,943.30	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (1,618.07)	\$ (230.00)	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,813.42	\$ 100,387.35	
	Total Equity		\$ 520,638.12	\$ 15,493.75	\$ 18,443.08	\$ 217,470.27	\$ 64,049.48	\$ 5,201.09	\$ 131,572.87	\$ 12,150.92	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 9,311.42	\$ 995,746.00	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ 531,007.52	\$ 12,345.75	\$ 18,014.08	\$ 217,420.47	\$ 63,014.88	\$ 7,212.09	\$ 130,998.32	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 999,315.78	

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR														
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET														
AT MARCH 31, 2014														
									Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	Consolidated
			General	Sr. Vice	Preservation	Permanent	National	Tomb	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership	Totals	
			Operating	Commander	Fund	Fund	Headquarters	Observance	Fund	Defense	Monument			
ASSETS														
Current Assets														
	Checking/Savings													
	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 161,978.24	\$ 12,346.27	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 10,806.04	\$ 18,762.83	\$ 6,981.09	\$ 16,035.37	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 245,828.92	
	Accounts Receivable	\$ 93.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213.50	
Other Current Assets														
	Undeposited Funds	\$ -											\$ -	
	Prepaid Expenses	\$ 9,186.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,332.53	\$ 231.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,749.70	
	Inventory	\$ 27,774.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,774.75	
	Total Other Current Assets	\$ 36,960.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,332.53	\$ 231.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,524.45	
	Total Current Assets	\$ 199,032.66	\$ 12,346.27	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 10,926.04	\$ 21,095.36	\$ 7,212.09	\$ 16,035.37	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 285,566.87	
Fixed Assets														
	Furniture and Equipment	\$ 20,918.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,414.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,332.74	
	Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (14,089.26)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,308.95)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (24,398.21)	
	Total Fixed Assets	\$ 6,829.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,105.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,934.53	
Other Assets														
	Other Assets													
	Marketable Securities	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,310.57	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 409,310.57	
	Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,006.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,253.81	
	Total Other Assets	\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207,006.14	\$ 34,310.57	\$ -	\$ 114,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 701,564.38	
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 533,361.96	\$ 12,346.27	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 217,932.18	\$ 57,511.16	\$ 7,212.09	\$ 130,885.37	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 996,065.78	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY														
Liabilities														
Current Liabilities														
	Accounts Payable	\$ 495.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 474.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 969.17	
Other Current Liabilities														
	Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Due To Other Funds	\$ 9,522.32	\$ (3,210.50)	\$ (457.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,105.85)	\$ -	\$ (824.00)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,611.42)	\$ -	\$ -	
	Deferred Revenue	\$ 812.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,011.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,823.50	
	Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 10,334.82	\$ (3,210.50)	\$ (457.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,105.85)	\$ 2,011.00	\$ (824.00)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,611.42)	\$ -	\$ 2,823.50	
	Total Current Liabilities	\$ 10,829.99	\$ (3,210.50)	\$ (457.50)	\$ 424.20	\$ (1,105.85)	\$ 2,011.00	\$ (824.00)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,611.42)	\$ -	\$ 3,792.67	
	Total Liabilities	\$ 10,829.99	\$ (3,210.50)	\$ (457.50)	\$ 424.20	\$ (1,105.85)	\$ 2,011.00	\$ (824.00)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,611.42)	\$ -	\$ 3,792.67	
Equity														

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT APRIL 30, 2014

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 157,772.25	\$ 12,346.78	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 10,609.59	\$ 18,780.85	\$ 4,201.24	\$ 15,935.37	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 238,565.16
Accounts Receivable	\$ 93.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213.50
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 8,822.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,561.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,384.24
Inventory	\$ 25,738.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,738.44
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 34,560.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,561.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,122.68
Total Current Assets	\$ 192,426.73	\$ 12,346.78	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 10,729.59	\$ 20,342.55	\$ 4,201.24	\$ 15,935.37	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 274,901.34
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 20,918.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,414.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,332.74
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (14,260.75)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,324.41)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (24,585.16)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 6,657.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,089.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,747.58
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,310.57	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 409,310.57
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,006.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,253.81
Total Other Assets	\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207,006.14	\$ 34,310.57	\$ -	\$ 114,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 701,564.38
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 526,584.54	\$ 12,346.78	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 217,735.73	\$ 56,742.89	\$ 4,201.24	\$ 130,785.37	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 985,213.30
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,240.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,392.88
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Funds	\$ 10,811.32	\$ (3,228.00)	\$ (477.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,155.85)	\$ (8.28)	\$ (917.22)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (5,711.42)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 930.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 930.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 11,741.32	\$ (3,228.00)	\$ (477.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,155.85)	\$ (8.28)	\$ (917.22)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (5,711.42)	\$ 930.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 16,981.91	\$ (3,228.00)	\$ (477.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,003.56)	\$ (8.28)	\$ (917.22)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (5,711.42)	\$ 6,322.88
Total Liabilities	\$ 16,981.91	\$ (3,228.00)	\$ (477.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,003.56)	\$ (8.28)	\$ (917.22)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (5,711.42)	\$ 6,322.88
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 455,421.13	\$ 14,054.66	\$ 9,156.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,101.09	\$ -	\$ 2,243.91	\$ -	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 491,474.87
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 84,795.00	\$ 46,106.18	\$ -	\$ 133,190.94	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 275,759.13
Permanently Restricted				\$ 127,624.65							
Net Income	\$ 54,181.50	\$ 1,395.12	\$ 8,835.50	\$ 5,365.88	\$ 11,640.27	\$ 108.43	\$ (1,488.35)	\$ (230.00)	\$ 10.00	\$ 4,213.42	\$ 84,031.77
Total Equity	\$ 509,602.63	\$ 15,574.78	\$ 17,991.58	\$ 217,785.53	\$ 57,746.45	\$ 4,209.52	\$ 131,702.59	\$ 12,150.92	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 10,711.42	\$ 978,890.42
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 526,584.54	\$ 12,346.78	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 217,735.73	\$ 56,742.89	\$ 4,201.24	\$ 130,785.37	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 985,213.30

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MAY 31, 2014

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 164,119.30	\$ 12,347.30	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 11,450.20	\$ 18,476.75	\$ 5,303.24	\$ 15,935.37	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 246,551.24
Accounts Receivable	\$ 67.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 187.50
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -										\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 7,353.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 790.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,144.38
Inventory	\$ 24,115.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,115.96
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 31,469.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 790.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,260.34
Total Current Assets	\$ 195,656.27	\$ 12,347.30	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 11,570.20	\$ 19,267.62	\$ 5,303.24	\$ 15,935.37	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 278,999.08
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 20,918.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,414.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,332.74
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (14,432.24)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,339.87)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (24,772.11)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 6,486.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,074.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,560.63
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,310.57	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 409,310.57
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,006.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,253.81
Total Other Assets	\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207,006.14	\$ 34,310.57	\$ -	\$ 114,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 701,564.38
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 529,642.59	\$ 12,347.30	\$ 17,514.08	\$ 218,576.34	\$ 55,652.50	\$ 5,303.24	\$ 130,785.37	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 989,124.09
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 573.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 759.33
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Funds	\$ 14,756.82	\$ (3,290.25)	\$ (1,066.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (2,630.85)	\$ (8.28)	\$ (986.47)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (7,461.42)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 6,087.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 560.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,107.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 20,844.32	\$ (3,260.25)	\$ (506.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,230.85)	\$ (8.28)	\$ (956.47)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (7,461.42)	\$ 8,107.50
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 21,417.75	\$ (3,260.25)	\$ (506.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,230.85)	\$ (8.28)	\$ (770.57)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (7,461.42)	\$ 8,866.83

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MAY 31, 2014

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total Liabilities	\$ 21,417.75	\$ (3,260.25)	\$ (506.50)	\$ (49.80)	\$ (1,230.85)	\$ (8.28)	\$ (770.57)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (7,461.42)	\$ 8,866.83
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 456,300.13	\$ 14,054.66	\$ 9,156.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,101.09	\$ -	\$ 2,243.91	\$ -	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 492,353.87
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 84,795.00	\$ 46,106.18	\$ -	\$ 133,190.94	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 275,759.13
Permanently Restricted				\$ 127,624.65							
Net Income	\$ 51,924.71	\$ 1,427.89	\$ 8,864.50	\$ 6,206.49	\$ 10,777.17	\$ 1,210.43	\$ (1,635.00)	\$ (230.00)	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,963.42	\$ 84,519.61
Total Equity	<u>\$ 508,224.84</u>	<u>\$ 15,607.55</u>	<u>\$ 18,020.58</u>	<u>\$ 218,626.14</u>	<u>\$ 56,883.35</u>	<u>\$ 5,311.52</u>	<u>\$ 131,555.94</u>	<u>\$ 12,150.92</u>	<u>\$ 1,415.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,461.42</u>	<u>\$ 980,257.26</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$ 529,642.59</u>	<u>\$ 12,347.30</u>	<u>\$ 17,514.08</u>	<u>\$ 218,576.34</u>	<u>\$ 55,652.50</u>	<u>\$ 5,303.24</u>	<u>\$ 130,785.37</u>	<u>\$ 12,897.67</u>	<u>\$ 1,405.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 989,124.09</u>

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT JUNE 30, 2014

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 262,347.37	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 17,320.58	\$ 12,063.01	\$ 11,309.76	\$ 5,311.52	\$ 16,749.24	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 351,506.48
Accounts Receivable	\$ 819.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 383.71	\$ 26.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14.87	\$ 1,243.91
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -										\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 8,494.61	\$ 2,428.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,270.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,192.61
Inventory	\$ 25,022.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,022.05
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 33,516.66	\$ 2,428.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,270.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,214.66
Total Current Assets	\$ 296,683.13	\$ 27,428.00	\$ 17,320.58	\$ 12,446.72	\$ 20,605.99	\$ 5,311.52	\$ 16,749.24	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 14.87	\$ 397,965.05
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 20,918.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,414.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,332.74
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (14,799.01)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,532.22)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25,331.23)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 6,119.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,881.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,001.51
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 35,218.94	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 410,218.94
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,006.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,253.81
Total Other Assets	\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 207,006.14	\$ 35,218.94	\$ -	\$ 114,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 702,472.75
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 630,302.68	\$ 27,428.00	\$ 17,320.58	\$ 219,452.86	\$ 57,706.89	\$ 5,311.52	\$ 131,599.24	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,014.87	\$ 1,108,439.31
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,759.20	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,759.20
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ 6,650.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,650.00
Due To Other Funds	\$ 27,445.60	\$ 13,386.20	\$ (11,696.50)	\$ 4,744.00	\$ (29,266.25)	\$ 8.28	\$ (639.53)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,718.55)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 93,498.00	\$ 474.00	\$ 11,434.00	\$ -	\$ 28,585.00	\$ -	\$ 474.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,465.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 127,593.60	\$ 13,860.20	\$ (262.50)	\$ 4,744.00	\$ (681.25)	\$ 8.28	\$ (165.53)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,718.55)	\$ 141,115.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 130,352.80	\$ 13,860.20	\$ 737.50	\$ 4,744.00	\$ (681.25)	\$ 8.28	\$ (165.53)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,718.55)	\$ 144,874.20
Total Liabilities	\$ 130,352.80	\$ 13,860.20	\$ 737.50	\$ 4,744.00	\$ (681.25)	\$ 8.28	\$ (165.53)	\$ 746.75	\$ (10.00)	\$ (4,718.55)	\$ 144,874.20
Equity											

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO AUGUST 31, 2013

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Obeservance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	76.00										76.00
National Encamp. Printing	982.27										982.27
Natl encampment awards	275.89										275.89
Challenge Coins	110.21										110.21
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	9,680.98										9,680.98
Total Program Expenses	13,167.59	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,667.59
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	18,052.96	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	1,871.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,424.42
Net Income	85,556.55	748.54	9,331.00	448.59	27,706.60	0.00	692.50	0.00	0.00	315.36	124,783.78

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER, 2013**

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Obeservance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Grave Registrations	1,000.00										1,000.00
Lincoln Birthday Committee											-
Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins											-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	76.00										76.00
National Encamp. Printing	982.27										982.27
Natl encampment awards	275.89										275.89
Challenge Coins	110.21										110.21
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	9,680.98										9,680.98
Total Program Expenses	13,167.59	0.00	2,888.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,055.59
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	19,223.03	0.00	2,888.00	0.00	3,071.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,182.89
Net Income	86,933.77	901.55	9,173.00	891.70	27,098.27	0.00	900.00	0.00	0.00	630.80	126,498.29

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO OCTOBER 31, 2013**

	General	Sr. Vice			National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
	Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Tomb	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership	Consolidated
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Obeservance	Fund	Defense	Monument		Totals
Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76										262.76
National Encamp. Printing	982.27										982.27
Natl encampment awards	275.89										275.89
Challenge Coins	110.21										110.21
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	13,709.92										13,709.92
Total Program Expenses	17,383.29	0.00	2,888.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,811.29
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	26,992.14	0.00	2,888.00	0.00	8,257.65	0.00	540.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	38,927.79
Net Income	81,335.28	934.57	9,187.00	1,330.80	21,964.48	0.00	420.94	-250.00	0.00	945.66	115,523.07

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR												
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT												
JULY 1, 2013 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2013												
		General	Sr. Vice			National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
		Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership	Consolidated
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
Income												
	Donations											
	Individual, Business Contributions	303.12	135.00	120.00	20.00	10.00		10.00	10.00			608.12
	Corporate											-
	In Memory Donations											-
	MOLLUS											-
	NMAL Donation	500.00										500.00
	Fundraising - Challenge Coins	525.00						155.00				680.00
	SUVCW cont. from GAR Fund											-
	Donations - Inkind											-
	Total Donations	1,328.12	135.00	120.00	20.00	10.00	-	165.00	10.00	-	-	1,788.12
	Investments											
	Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	726.54	2.58		1,276.10	2.25		13.44				2,020.91
	Dividend Income/Mutual Funds	318.88			480.98	1,515.65					60.09	2,315.51
	Total Investments	1,045.42	2.58	-	1,757.08	1,517.90	-	13.44	-	-	60.09	4,336.42
	Sales											
	QM Sales	16,540.15										16,540.15
	Web Page Service											-
	QM Shipping & handling	1,219.00										1,219.00
	Miscellaneous Revenue	-				16.85						16.85
	Total Sales	17,759.15	-	-	-	16.85	-	-	-	-	-	17,776.00
	Program Income											
	Banner Subscriptions	60.00										60.00
	National Encampment Reg. Fees	3,859.00										3,859.00
	Per Capita Dues	95,938.00		12,139.00		30,347.50						138,424.50
	Life Membership Fees										2,100.00	2,100.00
	Life Member Cards											-
	Honor Roll				250.00							250.00
	New Member Fees		942.50					942.50				1,885.00
	Membership Dues											-
	Charter Application Fees	100.00										100.00
	Luncheon						87.00					87.00
	Miscellaneous											-
	Reinstatement Fees	230.00										230.00
	Rememberance Day											-
	Transfer from SR. Vice Fund											-
	Ticket Sales (Blue Gray Ball)											-
	Web Site income	97.50										97.50
	Total Program Income	100,284.50	942.50	12,139.00	250.00	30,347.50	87.00	942.50	-	-	2,100.00	147,093.00
	Total Income	120,417.19	1,080.08	12,259.00	2,027.08	31,892.25	87.00	1,120.94	10.00	-	2,160.09	170,993.54

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR												
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT												
JULY 1, 2013 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2013												
		General	Sr. Vice			National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
		Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership	Consolidated
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
Cost of Goods Sold												
Cost of Goods Sold												
Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales												
	Cost Of Sales - QM sales	8,363.43										8,363.43
	QM Shipping & Handling	1,039.57										1,039.57
	Paypal Fees	210.55										210.55
	Cash Shortage and Overage	222.80										222.80
	Total Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	9,836.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,836.35
	Total COGS	9,836.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,836.35
	Gross Profit	110,580.84	1,080.08	12,259.00	2,027.08	31,892.25	87.00	1,120.94	10.00	-	2,160.09	161,157.19
Expense												
	Bad Debt Expense											-
Administrative Expenses												
	CinC expenses	3,985.01										3,985.01
	Nat. Sec. Expenses	1,283.07										1,283.07
	Nat. Treasurer Exp.	732.73										732.73
	Nat. QM Expenses	3,000.70										3,000.70
	CinC Repr. Expenses											-
	Executive Director					4,250.00						4,250.00
	Executive Director Expenses					362.85						362.85
	Jr. Vice Expenses	298.20										298.20
	COA per Diem											-
	Banner Editor Expenses	272.08										272.08
	Bank Charges	50.00										50.00
	Misc. Expenses	100.00										100.00
	Total Administrative Expenses	9,721.79	-	-	-	4,612.85	-	-	-	-	-	14,334.64
Contract Services												
	Accounting Fees	1,160.00										1,160.00
	Legal Fees								250.00			250.00
	Audit Fees											-
	Total Contract Services	1,160.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	250.00	-	-	1,410.00
Facilities and Equipment												
	Rent					3,854.15						3,854.15
	Depr and Amort - Allowable	237.07				77.30						314.37
	Total Facilities and Equipment	237.07	-	-	-	3,931.45	-	-	-	-	-	4,168.52
Insurance												
	Liability Insurance	875.85										875.85
	Directors & Officers	96.00										96.00
	Total Insurance	971.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	971.85
Operations												

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR												
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT												
JULY 1, 2013 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2013												
		General	Sr. Vice			National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
		Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership	Consolidated
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
	Rememberance Day							702.00				702.00
	Cathedral of the Pines											-
	Grants Tomb											-
	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier											-
	Blue-Gray Donation to NPS											-
	GAR Campfire							500.00				500.00
	Grave Registrations	1,000.00										1,000.00
	Lincoln Birthday Committee											-
	Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins											-
	Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
	Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76										262.76
	National Encamp. Printing	982.27										982.27
	Natl encampment awards	275.89										275.89
	Challenge Coins	110.21										110.21
	Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
	Special Projects											-
	Donation to GAR Fund											-
	Banner	19,140.92										19,140.92
	Total Program Expenses	22,814.29	0.00	2,888.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,202.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,904.29
	W/O Intercompany balances											-
	Total Expense	37,553.40	0.00	2,888.00	0.00	9,406.79	0.00	1,202.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	51,300.19
	Net Income	73,027.44	1,080.08	9,371.00	2,027.08	22,485.46	87.00	(81.06)	-240.00	0.00	2,160.09	109,857.00

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Obeservance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76										262.76
National Encamp. Printing	982.27										982.27
Natl encampment awards	275.89										275.89
Challenge Coins	122.02										122.02
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	19,140.92										19,140.92
Total Program Expenses	22,826.10	0.00	3,083.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,202.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,111.10
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	38,114.20	0.00	3,083.00	15.00	15,090.00	0.00	1,202.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	57,754.20
Net Income	82,109.56	1,168.10	9,204.50	2,304.01	19,547.54	87.00	66.44	-240.00	0.00	2,174.57	116,347.15

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 31, 2014

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Gross Profit	123,162.30	1,246.12	12,329.50	4,204.29	35,010.51	87.00	1,374.38	20.00	10.00	2,798.73	180,144.10
Expense											
Bad Debt Expense	(14.00)										(14.00)
Administrative Expenses											
CinC expenses	3,985.01										3,985.01
Nat. Sec. Expenses	1,283.07										1,283.07
Nat. Treasurer Exp.	732.73										732.73
Nat. QM Expenses	3,000.70										3,000.70
CinC Repr. Expenses											-
Executive Director					8,500.00						8,500.00
Executive Director Expenses					592.98						592.98
Jr. Vice Expenses	298.20										298.20
COA per Diem											-
Banner Editor Expenses	272.08										272.08
Bank Charges	50.00										50.00
Misc. Expenses	100.00										100.00
Total Administrative Expenses	9,721.79	-	-	-	9,092.98	-	-	-	-	-	18,814.77
Contract Services											
Accounting Fees	1,772.75										1,772.75
Buerau of Charitable Orgainzation Registrations	7,500.00										7,500.00
Legal Fees							250.00				250.00
Audit Fees											-
Total Contract Services	9,272.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	250.00	-	-	9,522.75
Facilities and Equipment											
Rent					5,395.81						5,395.81
Depr and Amort - Allowable	279.47				316.24						595.71
Total Facilities and Equipment	279.47	-	-	-	5,712.05	-	-	-	-	-	5,991.52
Insurance											
Liability Insurance	2,067.94										2,067.94
Directors & Officers	134.40										134.40
Total Insurance	2,202.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,202.34
Operations											
Advertising											-
Bank Fees											-
Office Expenses	353.72										353.72
Software											-
Proceedings Transcription	1,464.00										1,464.00
Proceedings Printing	129.45										129.45
Computer & Printers	129.99										129.99
Dies											-
Miscellaneous	89.00										89.00
Quartermaster Supplies											-
Past CinC Jewel											-
Penalties											-
Postage	346.39				158.92						505.31
Printing & Photocoying				15.00							15.00
Supplies					105.75						105.75
Software					116.59						116.59

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO JANUARY 31, 2014

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Telephone					1,059.20					1,059.20
Internet Cable										-
Web Hosting	213.43									213.43
Total Operations	2,725.98	-	-	15.00	1,440.46	-	-	-	-	4,181.44
Program Expenses										
National Encamp. Host Comm.										-
Awards	392.00									392.00
Scholarships										-
Grants			3,083.00							3,083.00
Life Member Reimbursements										-
Life Member Per Capita										-
Luncheon										-
Meeting Room										-
Speaker										-
Advertising										-
Equipment Rental										-
Printing										-
Miscellaneous										-
Wreath										-
Musicians										-
Photographs										-
Refreshments										-
Decorations										-
Bus Rental										-
Travel & Meetings	290.00									290.00
Lincoln Memorial										-
Lincoln Tomb										-
Rememberance Day						702.00				702.00
Cathedral of the Pines										-
Grants Tomb										-
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier										-
GAR Campfire							500.00			500.00
Grave Registrations	1,000.00									1,000.00
Lincoln Birthday Committee										-
Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins										-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00									500.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76									262.76
National Encamp. Printing	1,099.44									1,099.44
Natl encampment awards	275.89									275.89
Challenge Coins	122.02									122.02
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24									252.24
Special Projects										-
Donation to GAR Fund										-
Banner	21,140.92									21,140.92
Total Program Expenses	25,335.27	0.00	3,083.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,202.00	0.00	0.00	29,620.27
W/O Intercompany balances										-
Total Expense	49,523.60	0.00	3,083.00	15.00	16,245.49	0.00	1,202.00	250.00	0.00	70,319.09
Net Income	73,638.70	1,246.12	9,246.50	4,189.29	18,765.02	87.00	172.38	-230.00	10.00	2,798.73

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

	General	Sr. Vice				Lincoln			Civil War	Canadian	Life	
	Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	National	Tomb			Heritage	CW	Membership	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Defense	Monument			Consolidated
					Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
Income												
Donations												
Individual, Business Contributions	331.55	145.00	140.00	40.00	20.00		20.00	20.00	10.00			726.55
Corporate												-
In Memory Donations												-
MOLLUS						1,100.00						1,100.00
NMAL Donation	500.00											500.00
Fundraising - Challenge Coins	1,025.00						235.00					1,260.00
SUVCW cont. from GAR Fund												-
Donations - Inkind												-
Total Donations	1,856.55	145.00	140.00	40.00	20.00	1,100.00	255.00	20.00	10.00	-	-	3,586.55
Investments												
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	768.70	4.09		2,530.99	4.20		26.88					3,334.86
Dividend Income/Mutual Funds	7,741.59			2,134.63	4,496.01						103.42	14,372.23
Total Investments	8,510.29	4.09	-	4,665.62	4,500.21	-	26.88	-	-	-	103.42	17,707.09
Sales												
QM Sales	28,236.07											28,236.07
QM Shipping & handling	3,133.51											3,133.51
Miscellaneous Revenue	-				16.85						5.00	16.85
Total Sales	31,369.58	-	-	-	16.85	-	-	-	-	-	5.00	31,386.43
Program Income												
Banner Subscriptions	132.00											132.00
National Encampment Reg. Fees	3,859.00											3,859.00
Per Capita Dues	96,666.00		12,230.00		30,575.25							139,471.25
Life Membership Fees											2,700.00	2,700.00
Life Member Cards											5.00	5.00
Honor Roll				360.00								360.00
New Member Fees		1,165.00					1,165.00					2,330.00
Membership Dues												-
Charter Application Fees	125.00											125.00
Luncheon												-
Miscellaneous	3.00											3.00
Reinstatement Fees	310.00											310.00
Rememberance Day												-
Web Site income	135.00											135.00
Total Program Income	101,230.00	1,165.00	12,230.00	360.00	30,575.25	-	1,165.00	-	-	-	2,705.00	149,430.25
Total Income	142,966.42	1,314.09	12,370.00	5,065.62	35,112.31	1,100.00	1,446.88	20.00	10.00	2,813.42	-	202,110.32
Cost of Goods Sold												
Cost of Goods Sold												
Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales												
Cost Of Sales - QM sales	15,117.30											15,117.30
QM Shipping & Handling	2,183.15											2,183.15
Paypal Fees	440.71											440.71
Cash Shortage and Overage	745.53											745.53
Total Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	18,486.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,486.69
Total COGS	18,486.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,486.69
Gross Profit	124,479.73	1,314.09	12,370.00	5,065.62	35,112.31	1,100.00	1,446.88	20.00	10.00	2,813.42	-	183,623.63

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

	General	Sr. Vice				Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life		
	Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	National	Lincoln	Heritage	CW	Membership		Consolidated
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Headquarters	Obeservance	Defense	Monument			Totals
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund			Totals
Program Expenses												
National Encamp. Host Comm.	500.00											500.00
Awards	392.00											392.00
Scholarships												-
Grants			3,083.00									3,083.00
Life Member Reimbursements												-
Life Member Per Capita												-
Travel & Meetings	290.00											290.00
Lincoln Memorial								112.95				112.95
Lincoln Tomb								1,750.00				1,750.00
Remembrance Day								702.00				702.00
Cathedral of the Pines												-
Grants Tomb												-
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier												-
GAR Campfire								500.00				500.00
Grave Registrations	1,000.00											1,000.00
Lincoln Birthday Committee												-
Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins												-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00											500.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76											262.76
National Encamp. Printing	1,099.44											1,099.44
Natl encampment awards	275.89											275.89
Challenge Coins	122.02											122.02
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24											252.24
Donation to GAR Fund												-
Banner	25,986.92											25,986.92
Total Program Expenses	30,681.27	0.00	3,083.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,064.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,829.22
W/O Intercompany balances												-
Total Expense	59,762.74	0.00	3,083.00	15.00	17,169.01	0.00	3,064.95	250.00	0.00	0.00		83,344.70
Net Income	64,716.99	1,314.09	9,287.00	5,050.62	17,943.30	1,100.00	(1,618.07)	-230.00	10.00	2,813.42		100,278.93

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR												
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT												
JULY 1, 2013 TO MARCH 31, 2014												
							Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
		General	Sr. Vice			National	Tomb		Heritage	CW	Membership	
		Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Defense	Monument		Consolidated
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
	Quartermaster Supplies											-
	Past CinC Jewel											-
	Postage	369.19				158.92						528.11
	Printing & Photocoying				15.00							15.00
	Supplies					105.75						105.75
	Software					116.59						116.59
	Telephone/Internet					1,363.68						1,363.68
	Web Hosting	328.99										328.99
	Total Operations	2,864.34	-	-	15.00	1,744.94	-	-	-	-	-	4,624.28
	Program Expenses											
	National Encamp. Host Comm.	500.00										500.00
	Awards	392.00										392.00
	Scholarships											-
	Grants			3,583.00								3,583.00
	Life Member Reimbursements				474.00							474.00
	Travel & Meetings	290.00										290.00
	Lincoln Memorial							112.95				112.95
	Lincoln Tomb							1,750.00				1,750.00
	Rememberance Day							702.00				702.00
	Cathedral of the Pines											-
	Grants Tomb											-
	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier											-
	GAR Campfire							500.00				500.00
	Grave Registrations	1,000.00										1,000.00
	Lincoln Birthday Committee											-
	Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins											-
	Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
	Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76										262.76
	National Encamp. Printing	1,099.44										1,099.44
	Natl encampment awards	275.89										275.89
	Challenge Coins	122.02										122.02
	Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
	Donation to GAR Fund											-
	Banner	25,986.92										25,986.92
	Total Program Expenses	30,681.27	0.00	3,583.00	474.00	0.00	0.00	3,064.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,803.22
	W/O Intercompany balances											-
	Total Expense	60,550.06	0.00	3,583.00	489.00	22,794.02	0.00	3,064.95	250.00	0.00	0.00	90,731.03
	Net Income	66,610.84	1,377.11	8,815.50	5,088.33	12,510.83	1,100.00	(1,481.57)	-230.00	10.00	3,113.42	96,806.04

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO APRIL 30, 2014**

	General	Sr. Vice					Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
	Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	National	Tomb		Heritage	CW	Membership	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Obeservance	GAR	Defense	Monument		Consolidated
							Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
Gross Profit	129,101.52	1,395.12	12,418.50	5,918.88	35,372.87	3,111.00	1,684.88	20.00	10.00	4,213.42		193,137.77
Expense												
Bad Debt Expense	(14.00)											(14.00)
Administrative Expenses												
CinC expenses	10,985.01											10,985.01
Nat. Sec. Expenses	1,610.50											1,610.50
Nat. Treasurer Exp.	1,496.48											1,496.48
Nat. QM Expenses	3,000.70											3,000.70
CinC Repre. Expenses	2,851.82											2,851.82
Executive Director						12,750.00						12,750.00
Executive Director Expenses						988.74						988.74
Jr. Vice Expenses	460.05											460.05
Banner Editor Expenses	943.09											943.09
Bank Charges	50.00											50.00
Misc. Expenses	100.00											100.00
Total Administrative Expenses	21,497.65	-	-	-	13,738.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,236.39
Contract Services												
Accounting Fees	2,709.50											2,709.50
Buerau of Charitable Orgainzation Regist	10,251.50											10,251.50
Legal Fees								250.00				250.00
Audit Fees												-
Total Contract Services	12,961.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	250.00	-	-	-	13,211.00
Facilities and Equipment												
Rent						7,708.30						7,708.30
Depr and Amort - Allowable	947.03					388.33						1,335.36
Total Facilities and Equipment	947.03	-	-	-	8,096.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,043.66
Insurance												
Liability Insurance	2,593.45											2,593.45
Directors & Officers	192.00											192.00
Total Insurance	2,785.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,785.45
Operations												
Advertising	1,072.00											1,072.00
Bank Fees												-
Office Expenses	353.72											353.72
Software												-
Proceedings Transcription	1,464.00											1,464.00
Proceedings Printing	129.45											129.45
Computer & Printers	129.99											129.99
Miscellaneous	89.00											89.00
Quartermaster Supplies												-
Past CinC Jewel												-
Postage	369.19					158.92						528.11

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO APRIL 30, 2014**

	General	Sr. Vice				Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
	Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	National		Heritage	CW	Membership	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Tomb		Defense	Monument		Consolidated
						Observance		GAR			Totals
						Fund		Fund	Fund		
Printing & Photocoying				15.00							15.00
Supplies						105.75					105.75
Software						116.59					116.59
Telephone/Internet						1,515.97					1,515.97
Web Hosting	356.16										356.16
Total Operations	3,963.51	-	-	15.00	1,897.23	-	-	-	-	-	5,875.74
Program Expenses											
National Encamp. Host Comm.	500.00										500.00
Awards	392.00										392.00
Scholarships											-
Grants			3,583.00								3,583.00
Life Member Reimbursements				538.00							538.00
Travel & Meetings	290.00										290.00
Lincoln Memorial								112.95			112.95
Lincoln Tomb							3,002.57	1,750.00			4,752.57
Rememberance Day								710.28			710.28
Cathedral of the Pines								100.00			100.00
Grants Tomb											-
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier											-
GAR Campfire								500.00			500.00
Grave Registrations	1,000.00										1,000.00
Lincoln Birthday Committee											-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76										262.76
National Encamp. Printing	1,099.44										1,099.44
Natl encampment awards	275.89										275.89
Challenge Coins	122.02										122.02
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	28,085.03										28,085.03
Total Program Expenses	32,779.38	0.00	3,583.00	538.00	0.00	3,002.57	3,173.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,076.18
											-
Total Expense	74,920.02	0.00	3,583.00	553.00	23,732.60	3,002.57	3,173.23	250.00	0.00	0.00	109,214.42
Net Income	54,181.50	1,395.12	8,835.50	5,365.88	11,640.27	108.43	(1,488.35)	-230.00	10.00	4,213.42	83,923.35

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR												
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT												
JULY 1, 2013 TO MAY 31, 2014												
							Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
		General	Sr. Vice			National	Tomb		Heritage	CW	Membership	
		Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Observance	GAR	Defense	Monument		Consolidated
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
	Postage	369.19				158.92						528.11
	Printing & Photocoying				15.00							15.00
	Supplies					105.75						105.75
	Software					116.59						116.59
	Telephone/Internet					1,668.26						1,668.26
	Web Hosting	414.03										414.03
	Total Operations	4,742.38	-	-	15.00	2,049.52	-	-	-	-	-	6,806.90
	Program Expenses											
	National Encamp. Host Comm.	500.00										500.00
	Awards	392.00										392.00
	Scholarships											-
	Grants			3,583.00								3,583.00
	Life Member Reimbursements				538.00							538.00
	Travel & Meetings	290.00										290.00
	Lincoln Memorial							112.95				112.95
	Lincoln Tomb						3,002.57	1,750.00				4,752.57
	Remembrance Day							710.28				710.28
	Cathedral of the Pines							100.00				100.00
	Grants Tomb											-
	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier							185.90				185.90
	GAR Campfire							500.00				500.00
	Grave Registrations	1,000.00										1,000.00
	Lincoln Birthday Committee											-
	Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
	Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76										262.76
	National Encamp. Printing	1,099.44										1,099.44
	Natl encampment awards	275.89										275.89
	Challenge Coins	122.02										122.02
	Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
	Donation to GAR Fund											-
	Banner	30,085.03										30,085.03
	Total Program Expenses	34,779.38	0.00	3,583.00	538.00	0.00	3,002.57	3,359.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,262.08
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	Total Expense	79,810.31	0.00	3,583.00	553.00	24,671.18	3,002.57	3,359.13	250.00	0.00	0.00	115,229.19
	Net Income	51,924.71	1,427.89	8,864.50	6,206.49	10,777.17	1,210.43	(1,635.00)	-230.00	10.00	5,963.42	84,411.19

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR											
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT											
JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014											
		General	Sr. Vice			National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life
		Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	
	Proceedings Transcription	1,464.00									
	Proceedings Printing	129.45									
	Computer & Printers	129.99									
	Miscellaneous	89.00									
	Quartermaster Supplies										
	Past CinC Jewel										
	Postage	517.13				158.92					
	Printing & Photocopying				15.00						
	Supplies					105.75					
	Software					116.59					
	Telephone/Internet					1,820.55					
	Web Hosting	418.45									
	Total Operations	3,300.95	2,172.00	-	15.00	2,201.81	-	-	-	-	-
	Program Expenses										
	National Encamp. Host Comm.	500.00									
	Awards	667.89									
	Scholarships										
	Grants			5,853.00							
	Life Member Reimbursements				538.00						
	Life Membership Per Capita				4,784.00						3,772.00
	Travel & Meetings	377.63									
	Lincoln Memorial										
	Lincoln Tomb						3,010.85	1,750.00			
	Rememberance Day							702.00			
	Cathedral of the Pines							100.00			
	Grants Tomb										
	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier							185.90			
	GAR Campfire							500.00			
	Grave Registrations	1,000.00									
	Lincoln Birthday Committee										
	Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00									
	Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76									
	National Encamp. Printing	1,099.44									
	Challenge Coins	125.75									
	Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24									
	Donation to GAR Fund										
	Banner	35,629.24									
	Total Program Expenses	40,414.95	0.00	5,853.00	5,322.00	0.00	3,010.85	3,350.85	0.00	0.00	3,772.00
	Total Expense	94,098.13	2,172.00	5,853.00	5,337.00	26,182.72	3,010.85	3,350.85	250.00	0.00	3,772.00
	Net Income	43,634.75	(611.86)	7,427.00	2,289.21	12,281.96	1,202.15	(1,426.17)	-230.00	10.00	3,235.42

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014**

	General	Sr. Vice	Preservation	Permanent	National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
	Operating	Commander			Headquarters	Tomb		Heritage	CW	Membership	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Obeservance	GAR	Defense	Monument		Consolidated
						Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
Proceedings Transcription	1,464.00										1,464.00
Proceedings Printing	129.45										129.45
Computer & Printers	129.99										129.99
Miscellaneous	89.00										89.00
Quartermaster Supplies											-
Past CinC Jewel											-
Postage	517.13				158.92						676.05
Printing & Photocopying				15.00							15.00
Supplies					105.75						105.75
Software					116.59						116.59
Telephone/Internet					1,820.55						1,820.55
Web Hosting	418.45										418.45
Total Operations	3,300.95	2,172.00	-	15.00	2,201.81	-	-	-	-	-	7,689.76
Program Expenses											
National Encamp. Host Comm.	500.00										500.00
Awards	667.89										667.89
Scholarships											-
Grants			5,853.00								5,853.00
Life Member Reimbursements				538.00							538.00
Life Membership Per Capita				4,784.00						3,772.00	8,556.00
Travel & Meetings	377.63										377.63
Lincoln Memorial								112.95			112.95
Lincoln Tomb						3,010.85	1,750.00				4,760.85
Rememberance Day							702.00				702.00
Cathedral of the Pines							100.00				100.00
Grants Tomb											-
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier							185.90				185.90
GAR Campfire							500.00				500.00
Grave Registrations	1,000.00										1,000.00
Lincoln Birthday Committee											-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	500.00										500.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	262.76										262.76
National Encamp. Printing	1,099.44										1,099.44
Challenge Coins	125.75										125.75
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	252.24										252.24
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	35,629.24										35,629.24
Total Program Expenses	40,414.95	0.00	5,853.00	5,322.00	0.00	3,010.85	3,350.85	0.00	0.00	3,772.00	61,723.65
Total Expense	94,098.13	2,172.00	5,853.00	5,337.00	26,182.72	3,010.85	3,350.85	250.00	0.00	3,772.00	144,026.55
Net Income	43,634.75	(611.86)	7,427.00	2,289.21	12,281.96	1,202.15	(1,426.17)	-230.00	10.00	3,235.42	67,645.04