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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
135th National Encampment, August 12, 2016**

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The officers and members of the 135th Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. Color guard, post the colors. Having been posted, we will move on. I appoint the following Brothers as Encampment Officers. Brother Adam Gaines will be the Guide. Is Brother Robert Heath here? You will be the Guard. Brother Kent Melcher will be the Parliamentarian. Everyone give him a hand. This is his first time doing that for us.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We want to get him as much encouragement as we can. Guide determine if all present are entitled to remain. Color Bearer, please assist on the right. And if I could have a member of the Credentials Committee please come up and see me, when you get a chance.

Adam W. Gaines, National Guide

Yes. Adam Gaines, National Guide. All members are entitled to stay.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Is Brother Crane in the room? Brother Crane, if you'd please stop over and see Brother Orr, it would be appreciated. Brother Davis, National Secretary, please call the roll of the officers of the Encampment.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Johnathon Davis, National Secretary.	
Commander-in-Chief, Eugene G. Mortorff.	Present
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin.	Present
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day.	Present
National Treasurer, Richard D. Orr.	Present
National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler.	Present
Council of Administration member, Edward Norris.	Present
Council of Administration member, Walter Busch.	Present
Council of Administration member, Brian C. Pierson.	Present
Council of Administration member, Donald Shaw.	Present
Council of Administration member, Donald Darby.	Present
Council of Administration member, Tad Campbell.	Present
Banner Editor, James Pahl.	Present
Executive Director, David Demmy, Senior.	Present
National Aid-de-Camp, Aaron Taylor.	Present
National Organization Expansion Officer, Loran Bures.	Present
National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski.	Present
National Chief of Staff, Michael Paquette.	Present
Parliamentarian, Kent Melcher.	Present
National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter Busch.	Present
National Color Bearer, Robert Heath.	Present

Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book, Assistant National Secretary, Department-at-Large and Assistant National Treasurer, James Pahl.	Present
Assistant National Counselor and Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Donald Darby.	Present
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James Lyon.	Present
National GAR Highway Officer, Peter Hritsko.	Present
National GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin.	Present
National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce Frail.	Absent
National Guard, Justin Dorsey.	Absent
National Guide, Adam Gaines.	Present
National Historian, Robert Wolz.	Present
National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Pearley Mellor.	Absent
National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffry Burden.	Absent
National Member-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ.	Absent
National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French.	Absent
National Signals Officer and National Webmaster, James McGuire.	Present
Assistant National Treasurer, Max Newman.	Present
Assistant National Treasurer, David McReynolds.	Present
Washington D.C. Representative, Lee Stone.	Present
Assistant National Webmaster, backup, Joshua Claybourn.	Present
Assistant National Webmaster, Quartermaster Store, Ken Freshley.	Present
Now the Past Commander-in-Chiefs.	
Tad D. Campbell, 2014-2015.	Present
Ken L. Freshley, 2013-2014.	Present
Perley Mellor, 2012-2013.	Absent
Donald D. Palmer, Jr., 2011-2012.	Present
Brad Schall, 2010-2011.	Present
Leo Kennedy, 2009-2010.	Present
David V. Medert, 2008-2009.	Absent
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., 2007-2008.	Present
James Pahl, 2006-2007.	Present
Donald E. Darby, 2005-2006.	Present
Stephen Michaels, 2004-2005.	Present
Kent Armstrong, 2003-2004.	Absent
Robert E. Grimm, 2002-2003.	Present
George Powell, 2001-2002.	Present
Edward Krieser, 2000-2001.	Present
Danny Wheeler, 1999-2000.	Present
Andrew Johnson, 1998-1999.	Absent
Richard Orr, 1997-1998.	Present
Keith Harrison, 1994-1995.	Present
Allen Moore, 1993-1994.	Present
Elmer Atkinson, 1992-1993.	Absent
Lowell Hammer, 1991-1992.	Absent
Reverend Richard Partington, 1987-1988.	Absent
And Gordon R. Bury II, 1986-1987.	Present
Commander, roll of Officers are called.	

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

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

Encampment (in unison)

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

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

[three raps, ***]

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask Your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order. Grant that it may long exist that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and 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 and in all things with Your special mercy. Give us your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled and so bless us that charity and justice, peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. If you agree with me, say amen.

Encampment

AMEN.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, the acting National Patriotic Instructor, Kevin Martin, will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, 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.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

By virtue of the authority invested in me as Commander-in-Chief, I hereby declare the 135th Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The first thing I'm going to do today is have a special guest come up and say a few words to us. If I could please have Ryan Todd come up from the Department of Kansas. You can come up here if

you like.

Ryan Todd, Department of Kansas

Well, it's a pleasure to be here today with all of my fellow Brothers here of the SUVCW. I'm from Churchill Camp #4, Lawrence, Kansas. I'm just going to speak to you about the good deeds that Camp #4 has done in the state of Kansas. I've been a part of the SUVCW for five years with my father, Mike Todd. And I'm also a part of the Third Kansas Light Artillery and the 9th Kansas Calvary. I've been participating with him for those five years too. And hope that I keep on going. For those five years with the SUVCW, we've been partaking with living history events in the Douglas County area of Lawrence, Kansas. With the help of my SUVCW group, I've put on a living history event for hometown schools, Baldwin City, Kansas, and set up a living history event for those students there. And ran around about three hundred students through that event every year and been going strong ever since. We've also been working with the Douglas County Boy Scouts and have been putting on for three years a living history event at the Black Jack Battlefield Nature Park and been doing that for about three years now. It first started out in 2013, which I was in Boy Scouts, at that time and our Boy Scout Troop was camping out there. And, you know, we took a tour of the battlefield and stuff, and the history of John Brown there at the Battle of Black Jack which a lot of us Kansans called the first battle of the Civil War. Anyhow, a bunch of us boys grabbed a bunch of sticks and started recreating the Battle of Black Jack and I started talking with my Boy Scout leader and he thought it was pretty good idea. So, I started talking with the SUVCW and talking more about starting up a Camporee for the Boy Scouts of Douglas County. Opening up the minds of the scouts about the history of Kansas and the history of the Civil War and specifically the history of the Civil War on the frontier. And so that was sort of the story behind that. First started out with thirty-two Scouts the first year in 2013. In 2014, we got seventy-seven and then last year we had 272 which was a really great outcome. It was a really great to see all my peers, and the youngsters of my county coming out and taking part in their history and learning about the heritage of their state and the heritage of our country. I really hope to keep on doing this and opening up the eyes of the youth about the great history of our country and the reasons why we should remember it. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That Brothers, that is our future.

The rules of the Encampment. Our deliberations will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Rules may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of the Encampment body present and voting. With the exception of the Commander-in-Chief, the officers, and committee chairman, shall not read their reports, but shall submit the written report to the National Secretary. When they are called upon, they shall approach a microphone and identify themselves then state the page in the report's packet where their report may be found. Read any corrections and/or additions to their report. Read only recommendations requiring action of this Encampment. While speaking on any issue before this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice to any issue, each time not to exceed five minutes. Exceptions may be granted by a 2/3 vote of the Encampment body, present and voting. Persons making a motion may answer questions and use up to two minutes to close the debate which privilege shall not be cancelled by action ordering the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit the debate on any particular issue, in some cases, I've already done that. You know, we're gonna have that vote on my General Order 20 and we've already limited debate on that. That's the kind of thing I'm talking about. We can do that during the course of the Encampment also. Cell phones shall be turned off or set

to vibrate. We've had at least two occasions of that already today. And I tell you what; I just got in mine fast enough before it went off.

So, at the sound of the gavel prior to the election of officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to enter until the session is completed. All discussions will be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. In general voting, please use your voting card. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting including, but not limited to, private ballot, rising, 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 typos shall be in writing for the minutes of the National Secretary and for final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. Encampment committees shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving those items on the floor of this Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendations to adopt, reject, refer, or other appropriate action. When rising to address the Encampment, use one of the available microphones. We have two here today. Upon being recognized, salute the Chair; announce your name, Department, and National office, if any. These proceedings are being recorded. And it is critical that you identify yourself each and every time you use the microphone, even if you said only one sentence, someone else says two words, and you have to again say who it is because the person who is transcribing this will not be able to identify or know your voices. So please help that person out. Any requests for funds from the Special Projects Funds or other funds from the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to noon tomorrow. Such requests must include a description of the project, who is chairing the project, and the address to which any award may be sent. All such requests will be presented to the Encampment for consideration. Finally, Past Commander-in-Chief Steven Michaels is the official photographer. The photographer has priority over pictures. Please give him the courtesy of allowing him to do his job and do nothing to interfere with his doing his job. Otherwise, you may take all the pictures you like.

I would like to take a moment to recognize those veterans among us. If you are a veteran or currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, please rise if you are able and be recognized. As I call your branch of service. United States Army.

Unknown

Hooah.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

United States Navy.

Encampment

(applause).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Go Navy!

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

United States Marine Corps.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Oorah!

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

United States Air Force.

Unknown

Yep!

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The United States Coast Guard.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

(singing) Semper paratus is our guide our flame and our fame and glory too. To fight to live or fight to die. Coast Guard we're for you. It's lonely being in the Coast Guard.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Our Credentials Committee this year is comprised of Brother Joe Hall, chairman, Brothers Tom Brown and Walter Busch and Bruce Lane. Brother Hall, do you have preliminary report for the Credentials Committee?

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee

Commander-in-Chief, we currently have 183 members registered at the Encampment. We had 201 that pre-registered.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee

You're welcome, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We'll move on to appointment of the Encampment Committees. The first will be the Constitution and Regulations Committee. That will be chaired by Bob Grim. Members, Dan Earl of California and Doug Fidler of Tennessee. Are all of those people here today?

Unknown

Present.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Looks good. Yeah, I see Doug. Very good. Committee for Resolutions will be Don Shaw from Michigan. He'll be the chair. Kevin Tucker from Massachusetts and Faron Taylor from the Department of the Chesapeake. Are those folks here also today?

Unknown

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Hearing all, very good. For Officer Reports. Mark Day will be the chairman for that and he's from the Department of the Chesapeake. By the way, Bro-Brother Grim is from Ohio. Ed Norris from Massachusetts and Jim Lyon. Are those three attending?

Unknown

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very good. Rituals and Ceremonies Committee will be chaired by Brian Pierson from Georgia/South Carolina, Perley Mellor from Massachusetts. Is Perley here?

Encampment

No.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to need a volunteer. Who would like to be on the Rituals and Ceremonies Encampment Committee? I got it right there. Brother Powell. And Paul Davis from Michigan.

We're good? Okay. Fraternal Relations, I will chair that. Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, will you be a member? Brother Kevin Martin, will you please be a member? And Frank Avila, will you be a member? Thank you very much. Our visitation to the Auxiliary will occur tomorrow morning. We're gonna shoot for 8:45. I had a chance to talk with Linda and she would like to have it early tomorrow morning so we're going to shoot for 8:45 before our meeting is reconvened. Please meet outside the Auxiliary meeting rooms. I believe that's in the Freeport room. It's down on the second floor. So, we'll just meet right at the door so we can barge in unexpectedly. Okay, we won't do that. I mentioned before that Andy Johnson is not going to be attending. Andy Johnson, our beloved response guy, broke his leg and he has some complications due to that and he will not be able to attend. So, I have asked my very good friend, Brother Charlie Kuhn, if he would do the responses and he said he would. So, he'll be making all of the responses to the ladies' groups. Unfortunately, none of the other Allied Orders are meeting with us this year and we therefore will not require formal visitations. However, if representative from the WRC, the LGAR, or the Daughters do bring us greetings, Brother Kuhn has graciously agreed to provide the response to them as well. I'm sorry, please, Charlie.

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

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Isn't the LGAR meeting upstairs also?

Unknown

Yes.

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

Okay, so we have the LGAR and the Auxiliary here. Correct? Thank you. That's what I wanted, clarification on that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, we will have that, thank you. I believe we have a visitor from the Veteran's Administration here. If someone would please escort him. Okay. Thank you.

Harry Sawyer, Illinois Department of Veteran's Administration

Thank you very much. Good morning.

Encampment

GOOD MORNING.

Harry Sawyer, Illinois Department of Veteran's Administration

Fantastic! I'm Harry Sawyer, Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs. Welcome to the state of Illinois. We'd like to wish this 135th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans the Civil War and honored guests, welcome. National Commander and all officers, it gives us great pleasure to have you here. I attend a lot of conventions; most of them are about seventy-five years old. This is the oldest and I've had the privilege and honor to be part of some of your ceremonies for rededication of gravestones at the graves of our Civil War Union members. It's really an honor to get out there on a Saturday morning, and take part in these activities. We think that just because you're part of a forgotten war, you're never forgotten. It's really an honor to be part of that. I have the complete distinction of meeting with friends like Harry and John Bigwood and different guys, David Bailey, who had put on these ceremonies and took part in it. It's heartwarming. That being said, I'm here to welcome you on behalf of Governor Bruce Rauner and our Director, Erica Jeffries. But, as well, I'm here to read the proclamation. "Whereas, since the incorporation of the Illinois Territory in 1809 through admission of Illinois as a state of the United States of America in 1818 and into the present day, citizens of Illinois have answered the call to defend the nation and its values; and whereas, the greatest of those calls came in 1861 when over the course of the next four years, 285,000 men from the Illinois answered the battle cry to preserve the union of those who would tear it asunder; and whereas, after the American Civil War, Dr. Benjamin F. Stevenson founded the Grand Army of the Republic on April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Illinois, which would go on to become the largest organization of the Union Veterans from America's bloodiest conflict; and whereas, the Grand Army of the Republic was always active in the state of Illinois, holding the National Encampment in this state four times and providing ten Commanders-in-Chiefs for the GAR; and whereas, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic built meeting halls as memorials to their fallen comrades and three of these halls still stand in Aurora, Peoria, and Rockford, Illinois, as memorials to the men who have fought and preserved the Union; and whereas, the Sons of the Union of the Civil War are Congressionally chartered legal heirs and successors of the Grand Army of the Republic tasked with preserving the memory of the "Boys in Blue;" and whereas, the Auxiliary of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 exist with the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War as the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic sharing common goals and values; and whereas, the Allied Orders National Encampment is taking place in Springfield, Illinois from August 12-14, 2016, the

Sesquicentennial year of the foundation of the Grand Army of the Republic in the very state it is founding; and therefore, I, Bruce Rauner, governor of the state of Illinois, do proclaim August 12, 2016, as Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Day in the state of Illinois and encourage all citizens to honor and remember the sacrifices of more than 285,000 Illinois soldiers who served in the Civil War and hundreds of thousands of Americans who gave their lives that the life of the nation might be preserved and the organizations here listed who perpetuate their memory. In witness thereof, I hereto set my hand and cause the great seal of the state of Illinois to be affixed. Done in the capital city of Springfield this 10th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2016 and the state of Illinois, 98th Congress. Signed, Jessie White, Secretary of State, Governor Bruce Rauner.”

Encampment

(applause).

Harry Sawyer, Illinois Department of Veteran’s Administration

Before I leave and give up the podium, I’d like to just remind all of you, this is the week of the Illinois State Fair. Sunday is Veterans’ Day at the State Fair. We certainly would like to see all of you come to Veterans’ Day. It’s free to you. There’s a lot of activities going on and we’d like you to take part in those activities. We do have a parade and 5:00 o’clock and you sure would have a beautiful part of that parade, to march through the fairgrounds on Sunday afternoon. Thank you very much.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We’re gonna go ahead then and do officers’ reports. We will now proceed to that. I will entertain a motion that all officer reports with recommendations be referred to the appropriate Encampment committee.

Tad D. Campbell, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor of the motion on the floor, raise your cards. Raise your cards high so we see them, that’s a key thing. All opposed. Passes. Excuse me?

Unknown

What’d we just do?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We just passed the motion that all officer reports recommendations be referred to the appropriate Encampment committee. I will be giving my report this afternoon. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Nothing to add.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very good. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day.

Mark R. Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Nothing to add, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

National Secretary Davis.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

National Secretary, Jonathan Davis. My report starts on page eight. I just have two additions. Under the Camp charters, I have a new charter for Edward Wallace Camp #21, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. And we have a replacement charter for General Grenville M. Dodge, Camp 75, Department of Iowa.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Are there representatives from those Camps that they could take possession of those today?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

I was hoping to have the Department Commanders and the Secretaries here for any anytime today for signatures on both those charters.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. National Secretary, do you have any additional communications?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yes, I do, Commander. I have a number of resolutions from different Departments. I will not read the actual resolutions unless requested. I would notify you of such in order of Department. From the Department of Michigan, I have an endorsement for Donald W. Shaw, Past Department Commander, for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Resolution for the Department of Michigan for the endorsement of Paul Davis, Past Commander, that's an endorsement for the office of the member of National Council of Administration. From the Department of Ohio, we have a resolution for Donald Martin as Commander-in-Chief, for election as Commander-in-Chief. We have a resolution for Brother Frederick Lynch for the office of Council of Administration. And we have a resolution for Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary. We have two requests for the National Encampment to reinstate Past Department Commander office. From Department Indiana, we have a request first of all, the National Encampment to suspend the National regulations and the details required to restore past honors to Past Department Commander, Ivan Lancaster, who served as Department Commander in '73 and '82 due to his being dropped from the membership for non-payment of his per capita dues. He requested reinstatement into the Order and has paid his 2016 dues and the \$10.00 reinstatement fee. The Department voted to restore his past rank, but this was not started at the Camp level as required by the National Regulations. I am told this suspension requires a 2/3 approval by the Encampment and then the vote to restore his honors at the National level is required.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother National Counselor Pahl, we'll take your advice on this matter.

Encampment

(laughter).

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Brother Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor. The regulations themselves don't speak to any provision for allowing the regulation to be suspended. The body does have the authority to change the regulations with 2/3 vote. Normally, the requirement is the notice for that come in at least thirty days prior to change the regulations. I believe this was filed at least thirty days ago.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yea, I received notice on June 23rd.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

I received notice as National Counselor.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I received notice as Commander-in-Chief.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Did Bob Grim receive a copy as chair of C and R?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Bob Grim, chairman of the C and R Committee. I have no recollection of receiving it but that doesn't necessarily mean anything.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you for your wise counsel on this matter.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I will entertain such a motion.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

My point is, if three of the National Officers received it and if he's not sure if he did, I think there's substantial reason to believe that it was done.

Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. The regulations specifies the Commander-in-Chief, the National Counselor, and the chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. The National Secretary receiving it is moot.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Therefore, we will not entertain a motion...

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. I forward that and I have a copy that I would be glad to share with Mr. Grim that shows his name's on it. I forwarded it in one email to all four people.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

If Bob received it, then you can take it up. And if he's got the email then there's no reason to not take it up.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, I have a copy of that email and he is listed as receiving...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That said, I'm going to accept it. I think there's enough there. But Bob, do you want to speak to this matter again?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Commander, if Brother Alan says I received it, I received it. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very good.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I will now entertain a motion from the floor.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Got a second in the front. All in favor...

Unknown

What is the motion?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The motion was, Brother Secretary, can you read that section in which gives the authority from the National Encampment to do this?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

The motion is to approve the Department of Indiana request to restore Past Department Commander honors to Past Department Commander Ivan Lancaster who served as Department Commander in '73 and '82.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And to do that we have to suspend the National Regulations.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yes. And the Department of Indiana requests that the National Encampment to suspend the National Regulations.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That's the motion, to suspend the National Regulations in order to do this.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We got a move on that. A second. All in favor. Opposed.

Unknown

What are we voting on?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I deem that that's 2/3. Is enough.

Unknown

We're voting to suspend the rules on the Encampment to allow for the approval...

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

We can't do that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Why can't we do that?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

You have to amend the regulations.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That's what we just did. To suspend the National Regulations and the details required to restore.

Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Orr, Past Commander, Commander-in-Chief, there are no provisions in the regulations to suspend them. You have to amend the regulations and then you can put in language to allow suspending them. Then you can suspend them. And then you can take a vote on the restoration of rank. It's going to take three votes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Then it will be three votes and what we will do is, I would direct the National Secretary to write up the three motions that we need to accomplish this and bring them back out for this afternoon and we will take care of it then.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, as Counselor. I would ask our Parliamentarian for a ruling. The regulations service article bylaws unquote. Is there a provision in Robert's Rules of Order that allows a body to waive or suspend the bylaws in this type of situation, when the regulations are silent? What does Robert's Rules call for?

Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian

That is a detailed point of order under Robert's Rules and I will have to research that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We will deal with that this afternoon. That will give you a chance to get the proper motions in line and we will do it then. Feel free to talk with Brother Orr over this. He's a very helpful Past Commander-in-Chief, I can tell you that.

Unknown

While we're waiting for that the procedure historically is that you have to appoint a committee on restoration of rank. These get referred to them. They then come back with a recommendation to the Encampment as an Encampment Committee. So, you can go ahead and that part is not delayed.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. You will be the chairman of the committee; the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will be a senior member; the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will be a junior member; and the Patriotic Instructor will just join in. There is your committee. You're welcome Brother Martin.

Unknown

(laughter).

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

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

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Why are we suspending the regulations if there's already a process to deal with this?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Orr, can you answer that?

Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Past Commander-in-Chief Kuhn. The process in the regulations is that the request for restoration had to originate with the Camp. Even though it's restoration of a Past Department Commander rank, it was initiated at the Department Encampment. The Camp did not initiate it so what you have to do is find a way around waiving the requirement that this

have started with his Camp.

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

Thank you for that clarification.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

The man is older than dirt. And he could be dead by the time we are done with this.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I understand that. I was advised of that before but if he can just hold on 'til 3:00 o'clock or so we'll...

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...we'll be good. National Treasurer, Richard Orr.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Commander, I am not finished with my communications.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, I'm sorry...

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. It's for a resolution from the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. "Wherein as in 2015, Brother Emmett Taylor, a Past Commander of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, accidentally allowed his membership to lapse at a Camp he was in at the time was closing; and whereas Brother Taylor applied again within two months for re-reinstatement as a member of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, paying all appropriate dues and delinquent fees; and whereas, Brother Taylor served honorably as a Department Commander of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, during his term in 2008 and 2009; and whereas, at the Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held on 24th of October 2015, the members voted unanimously to have Brother Emmett Taylor's past Department Commander's status reinstated. Therefore, the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 4 of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, petitions the National Encampment, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, to restore Brother Emmett Taylor's Past Department Commander's status as a Department of Missouri, Sons of

Union Veterans of the Civil War.” Signed originally by Walter E. Bush.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. We will deal with both of those matters this afternoon at the same time. Any other communications?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yes, sir. I received a notice from ...I'm going to abbreviate this, from the Major General John A. Logan Camp 9 in Jacksonville, Florida, in regards to the Crawford Archeological Research Society. "The above organization, CARS, has previously written to you regarding a donation. The organization is a 501(3)(c) organization based in Jacksonville, Florida. Their mission is to document Civil War activities in downtown Jacksonville using standard professional archeological procedures. CARS is a volunteer organization with no paid members or employees. The activities are managed by volunteer professional archeologists with assistance provided by longtime supporter of archeology." And to get down to the end, they are requesting the Major General John A. Logan Camp 9 of the Florida Department recommends that the SUVCW make a donation of \$2,000.00 in support of the work of CARS and furthering the understanding of the Union activities during the Civil War in Jacksonville, Florida.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Orr, can we do that?

Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

We can fund it, but I think our discussion last night was that paying for equipment wasn't really our mission. You know, if they were actually asking to properly restore artifacts that they recovered and things that would be something more keeping with our mission. But paying for them to go out and buy shovels and rakes and non-durable equipment that they're just going to throw away when they're done was not part of our mission. It's up to body whether or not they want to do it. I would recommend against it. That it's not consistent with what we are doing and as far as our relationship with the IRS, that will not be looked at as something that will qualify us for the 501(c)(3).

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

James Ward, Department of Florida. Commander-in-Chief, I would recommend in this case that it simply be presented as a vote and I would state in advance that this is a worthy Camp with a worthy goal and at the same time the concerns about this as a precedent and as something outside our normal purview are also quite clear. I simply think it would be helpful for us to be able to go back to the Camp and say with the National Encampment voted on it and what the results of that vote were, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. By the way, Department of Florida is a fine Department.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

Thank you, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And thank you for changing your dates of Department Encampment. I didn't get the benefit of it this year, but I can tell you it was miserable in the summer. Okay. So we've had one speaker for. One speaker against. Any more speakers please?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Was that a motion?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

There's no motion. We're just going to have to make a decision on it. There was a request made of us so, you know, we have to make a decision.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

Commander-in-Chief, I'll make that a motion if that's what...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yea. We got a motion. Do we have a second?

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

There's a motion and a second to pay \$2,000.00 to, you know, I can't remember exactly. What's the wording again?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

It's a donation of \$2,000.00 in support of the work of CARS and furthering the understanding of the Union activities during the Civil War.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Wait. Is this the same that we dealt with last night?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

You are correct.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, well then that's been dealt with. That's out of order.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Actually, no, I actually believe we decided to leave it up to the Encampment.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, we did? Was I in the room?

Encampment

(laughter).

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yes, sir.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. Speak.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, now we're in to discussion. Right?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We are discussing.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm against this for... God help us, the ceilings going to fall down. I agree with Rich. While we do monuments and we do things that actually, I guess can be presented to the public. Paying for a shovel, a hoe, a rake, and screens and stuff like that. And then have nothing to show but a big hole in the ground, I don't feel meets the IRS' qualifications. We got more things to spend money on, then holes in the ground. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Is there any more discussion?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, question, from where are we taking this money if it passes? I need to know what fund.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

From my understanding, the only choice we have right now is the general fund. We don't have anything that covers this.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

The motion can specify anything except the permanent fund.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

I would amend the motion to make it from the general fund.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Does the second agree?

Unknown

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well.

Charles S. Reeves, Commander, Department of Florida

Commander, my name is Chuck Reeves. I'm the Commander of the Department of Florida. I think under the discussion area, I should point out exactly what this is all about. During the Civil War, the city of Jacksonville housed a number of Union units and they fought a small battle as you're all sure aware in the town of Olustee. The Union forces retreated to Jacksonville and created a wooden stockade barrier around the town with a moat in front of it and several gun emplacements, cannon emplacements.

This archeological group is now trying to identify where that wall was and where the gun emplacements were and it will be a part of history when this project is complete. Whether we want to, they will certainly give us credit if we contribute to it. I appreciate this is not the typical kind of thing we do with monuments and memorials. It is however part of the Union force that they are resurrecting or trying to resurrect a Union fort in the city of Jacksonville, Florida. For the information of the Brothers attending.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Commander.

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. I have basically one question. They're going to build something there and they discovered this thing and then they're going to do this archeological dig. Correct? What's going to happen if after the archeological dig is done? Are they going to continue to build this thing on top of it?

Charles S. Reeves, Commander, Department of Florida

Yes

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

That was never answered last night. So, if all that's going to come out of this archeological dig is a highway sign along the highway here that you pass doing sixty mile an hour a little thing that says that, you know. It seems very hard to spend that kind of money for a little sign along the side of the road that says, here was a wall that they fell back to. If it's something permanent, that's there that people can stop and go look...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...We're going to get the answer here, I think.

Charles S. Reeves, Commander, Department of Florida

Yes, sir. Where the stockade wall was is obviously within the city of Jacksonville at this point in time. And where the gun emplacements were, were in the city of Jacksonville. Will there be a huge monument? Hell, no. There isn't, you know, they're not going to tear down the city to put up a monument. But there will be a dedication of some sort. I know not what. I can't say to you it's going to be two feet high or it's going to be a sign on the side of the building. But there will be some recognition of what was there at that time.

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

That's all I needed to know.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'll take one more speaker.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I also am in opposition to this. I've seen the Encampment actually pass the hat to generate funds to help Brothers do a project. We have other projects going on. And money's limited to do the preservation; the things that we do. So, I don't see putting the money into this. While I totally agree with getting historical information, I don't think this is something that we should do.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Martin. Secretary, will you please read the motion one more time?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Motion is that the SUVVCW make a donation of \$2,000.00 in support of the work of CARS which stands for the Couford Archeological Research Society, in furthering the understanding of the Union activities during the Civil War in Jacksonville, Florida.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor. Opposed. Motion failed. Any more communications?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Commander, we do. Also received a letter from the Davis Camp in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Department of Pennsylvania. Recently a number of papers were discovered that belonged to A.P. Davis. A.P. Davis was the founder of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I'm not gonna read the whole item, unless requested.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Just give us the guts. It's long.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

"The Pennsylvania Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has made a donation of \$250.00 towards the preservation and conservation of these papers of A.P. Davis. We, the Department of Pennsylvania, would like to request that the National Organization also make a donation towards this project to help protect the history of our Order."

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yea. Does it say matching?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

No.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Two things. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief and National Treasurer. The total amount that's been quoted, and this is to buy archival boxes and pack the things in it so it's in acid free. The ones that have to be mounted on acid free paper. The total is \$500.00. The Pennsylvania Department paid for half. So they're request to National was for the other half. This is a communication. And all these things have been out of order because when communications are received, they are simply referred by you to the appropriate committee. According to your rules that gets sent to me for presentation tomorrow with the budget.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

What is the appropriate committee for this?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

According to your rules, to the Treasurer to present any requests for money. Your rules for the Encampment say they have to be to me by noon tomorrow.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That then is going to be referred to committee. Next.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

And finally, a resolution from the New Jersey Department SUVCW passed that the Department Encampment held at Toms River, New Jersey, June 11, 2016, “Be it resolved that Chapter 1, Camps, Article 2, Membership, Section 6, be amended to read as follows: ‘Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in one Camp or a Member-at-Large may become a dual member of another Camp. The applicant is not subject to the National per capita assessment for Camps which he has joined as a dual member. He pays National per capita assessment only for his primary or home Camp. Dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish a new Camp.’”

“Note, this resolution is the same or similar to the resolutions passed by the Department of New Jersey several times in several recent years. We understand that this proposal was discussed by a select committee at the National organization relatively recently. National Junior Vice Commander Mark Day was present at our Department Encampment and shared with us some of his thoughts and of some members of the committee, and particular concerns about the feasibility of the implementation of such a proposal. Specifically there was a concern that implementing this proposal would necessitate costly expansion of the National staff and might require an unwieldy system of assigning membership numbers to all members. It is our suggestion that this proposal can be easily implemented by making a minor adjustment to the new, November 2015, Camp annual report Form 27, reported dual members. At the bottom of page 3 of Form 27 already asks for the names of dual members and their primary Camp name and number. So this information is already being asked for and collected. Brothers exempt for National per capita at the bottom of page 1 of Form 27 lists by category these Brothers exempt from National per capita: National Life Members, Real Sons, Brothers in the war zones, National Honorary Members, Juniors, and Junior Associates. All that is needed is to add a new entry number, a new line number 24, dual members are already belonged to another Camp. Then old line 24 would be renumbered 25 total exemptions add lines 18-24. This is one suggestion. There may be other efficient ways to implement this proposal. We understand that there are approximately 250 dual members Nationally. In New Jersey, we have a strong tradition of dual memberships with ten Brothers currently having dual membership in a New Jersey Camp and seven have dual memberships with a Pennsylvania Camp. Dual memberships are valuable for helping new Camps get stabilized, for strengthening older and weaker Camps, for sharing ideas between Camps, and for providing leadership in other Camps when needed. Specifically, dual memberships have been critical recently in helping Kearny Camp 20 stay in operation. In addition, in recent years, Lincoln Camp 100 has lost two valuable members; one, a Past Department Commander and one, a past Camp Commander, who would have stayed on as dual members but are older and cannot afford to pay the National per capita twice as currently required of dual members. I would like to add to the fact that the Department of New Jersey voted at last month’s Department Encampment not to charge a Department per capita tax to dual members. Department per capita is to be paid only to the designated primary Camp. Thank you on behalf of the Brothers in the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Dr. David Martin, Secretary/Treasurer, New

Jersey Department, SUVCW.”

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Peterson, I believe I'm just going to refer this to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for a recommendation.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

James Pahl, National Counselor. I did not receive a copy of this resolution as National Counselor. This resolution is proposing a specific change to the National Regulations. I ask you to move it out of order and not receive it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I shall do so. It's out of order. Any more?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That concludes communications.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. Thank you very much. National Treasurer, Rich Orr.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

National Treasurer, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. My report starts on page 9. There's one correction to the report. It's in the recommendation. And then I have two additions. I'll read the recommendation first so we can get that out of the way. The costs of National Officers representing the Commander-in-Chief at the Department Encampments has been increasing. We currently have a cap of reimbursing these Brothers for expenses incurred to represent the Commander-in-Chief at \$500.00 per trip. Several times the costs to the Brothers has exceeded this amount and the National Treasurer is therefore limited in his ability to reimburse those Brothers. The cap has not been increased for, it says fifteen years. It's actually twelve years. I'm recommending that the cap be increased to \$750.00 per occurrence. The additional items. Most of you in this room are probably aware the request for the letter to each Camp and SVR Unit and Department to be included in the group exemption letter as part of our application for conversion to 501(c)(3). Except for those letters, that application is complete. The accounting firm who prepared the application for us after we terminated the attorney who quit talking to us because he decided it was too involved to do. The package is ready. I've reviewed the final package Tuesday when I get home. The letters I have that I scanned plus the ones I've received by email will be sent electronically to the Emira Duce. By Tuesday afternoon, the application will be filed with the I.R.S. electronically. So if I don't have the letters when I leave here, that individual Camp or Department or SVR Unit which I think the SVR Units we finally got them all covered, will not be included in the group exemption letter. The ramifications of this are that if we are converted to a 501(c)(3), those Camps will lose their non-profit status. They will be required to file corporate income tax returns, unless they individually apply to the I.R.S. to be a non-profit. Corporate income tax right now is 38% and that does include the dues that's collected for a Camp. There's nothing

I can do about it. I don't think it's fair to the other three hundred and some camps and hundred and some SVR Units to continue to hold this up waiting for some people to send me a two-sentence letter. So, we will have that package in and then the clock is running on the I.R.S. They have 270 days to make a determination, whether or not they take the whole 270 days remains to be seen. They have agreed that they will have the package in its entirety in their hands. So that one is taken care of. And what was the other one? I don't know what the other one was. There was something else I said last night.

Oh, I know. A number of the Camps are getting letters back from the I.R.S. about the 8976. When the original letter was sent, original notice was sent out that the I.R.S. was implementing this change that came about as part of the 2015 omnibus tax act. It specifically said in there, if you're 990N was up to date; you didn't need to file it. Apparently, we've had twenty or so Camps that had their 990 up to date and then filed it. And the I.R.S. is now sending them a letter saying you didn't need to file this but it's gonna take us four to six weeks to get your money back to you. They sent the \$50.00 in so, if you filed it and you didn't need to, you're gonna get your money back. But you're just gonna have to wait for the I.R.S. to process the checks. It's a case again, somebody not really paying attention when it says you're up to date with your reports you didn't need to do it. Any new Camps that are formed will be required to file that until we are 501(c)(3). This is only applies to 501(c)(4) organizations. And they have sixty days after they get their EIN Number to file the Form 8976 and pay the \$50.00. It's supposed to speed up the process of them getting approved of the 501(c)(4). There is a way around it and not have to send the \$50.00. Every year, I say the same thing. When the EIN is issued and you're forming a new Camp, send me the EIN. Send me the name of the treasurer. I have a form letter I've made up. I fill it in. I send it to the I.R.S. telling them they are subordinate. They're automatically covered under our group exemption. And they won't need to do anything until they have to file their first 990. So, if the Department's don't send me that information when it's formed, the Camp's out there in the cold. The down side to it is that in the law, there's a twenty-day penalty for every day beyond sixty days that you don't file that, and it's a non-appealable non-reversible penalty. The I.R.S. cannot waive that penalty. It's \$20.00 a day. Every day, not business days. Even weekends count.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Commander, through you to Brother Orr, is that true that Department Commanders can write the letters for the exemption on behalf of the Camps or at least see if it can be done?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I'm accepting them that way. It's a shot in the dark and it's a gamble whether or not the I.R.S. is gonna come back and reject them. The Department Commander needs to imply that he talked to the Camp and the Camp has agreed that they want to participate. If we do that, I'm hoping they fly. A number of Departments and to be honest, some of the SVR District Commanders did the same thing with the SVR Units, as well. I would prefer that you send me a letter for each Camp. You can do it one email and just go stack 'em right on top of each other. I've had a couple come in and just said this Camp, this Camp, this Camp, and this Camp have all agreed that they want to. It's totally whether or not the I.R.S. is going to accept them. I'm taking them that way just to get this thing moving.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

And would it also be possible to read the list? Is the list too long to preclude reading it? In case

Commanders might want to do that?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

It's not and I didn't bring the flash drive down with me that has it on. I will have it this afternoon unless I lost it.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I know we took care of all the SVR Units. There are one or two Camps in the Department that are still sitting out there. It's probably less than fifteen Camps that haven't responded.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother.

Brian D. McManus, Past Camp Commander, Department of Wisconsin

Brian McManus, Past Camp Commander, Department of Wisconsin. Do you have the list of all the people or all the Camps and Departments so we can review that at some point today to make sure that Wisconsin is compliant?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

That's what Brother Don just asked me. It's on a flash drive. This is my own computer. It's not the Son's computer. I don't have it on here. I will have the flash drive here hopefully after lunch and I can go through the whole list if you want.

Brian D. McManus, Past Camp Commander, Department of Wisconsin

Okay. I just want to make sure Wisconsin is done.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. Rich, I'm going to go ahead and refer your recommendations to the Encampment Committee on Officer's Reports. And I'm going to break us for a break. Here's what I'd like to do. I'd like to break. Be back in your seats here at about 12:00 o'clock and we'll run for a half an hour more.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Gene, you need to change your watch.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

What time zone am I working in? It's 10:57.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, we will break for ten minutes. Come back here at ten minutes after the hour and then we'll work until say Noon? Wait one second. Brian, go ahead. Roll up. Quick.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

Okay. Every Department we have new recruiting brochures for the Sons of Union Veterans. Every Department has an allotment. They're at the table over here, If you have not picked up your Department's allotment, send a representative over and I'll be happy to give them to you. Thank you.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

(break [one rap, *])

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

With your permission Commander. Brothers, you may be wondering where that Flag came from. Why it's the shape that it is. When Abraham Lincoln died, the flag company in the eastern part of the United States made a Flag for his funeral exactly like that to cover his coffin, because he was 6'4" tall. That same company manufactured this Flag to be Abraham Lincoln's funeral reenactment last year. We got permission from the Staab Funeral Home in Springfield, Illinois to hang this Flag for our Encampment. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

National Counselor.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

What?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

What do the regulations specify on suspension of the rules to restore rank?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

James Pahl, National Counselor. The National Regulations are silent on suspending the National Regulations.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

National Parliamentarian, what does the Robert's Rules of Order have on that?

Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian

Kent Melcher, National Parliamentarian Department of Kansas. Robert's Rules of Order specify that in any organization like this, the assembly at its regularly scheduled meeting has full authority to take responsibility when the bylaws are silent.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. National Secretary, please restate the request for restoration of rank.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Referred that to committee. Yes, you referred that to a committee.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I didn't refer this to a committee. I thought we were gonna do that on the floor.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

No, you referred it to a committee. You don't take it up until that committee comes back. You created the committee on restoration of rank.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Boy that restoration of rank thing spending some time on that. Aren't we? Okay, so we'll wait for the committee to report on that. National Quartermaster. And Danny, if you could also do us a favor, any new merchandise that you have back there, if you want to say a word or two about anything new, please go ahead and take this time to do that.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Danny Wheeler, National Quartermaster, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York. First off, the Quartermaster report is complete. No changes. And as far as the Quartermaster store, I would like to say that the book on the GAR, I'm complete out of 'em. But if you want to order it, come back and order it. I will see that as soon as I have 'em, I will ship it out. That's number one. There are some new items. But the one thing I do want to talk about is to let you guys know that last year we had an auction a bidding on Bud Atkinson's old medals that was given. I have 'em here again this year. If you look on the back, you'll find a price. If you match that price, you take the medal home. Anything that is left will go on eBay. Thank you, Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Danny. Council of Administration member, Ed Norris.

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

My report starts on page eleven. No changes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council of Administration member, Walt Busch.

Walter E. Busch, Council of Administration

Report is as written.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council of Administration member, Brian Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

Brian Pierson, Council of Administration. My report's on page ten. No changes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council of Administration, Don Shaw.

Donald W. Shaw, Council of Administration

Sir, my report starts at page eleven. There are no changes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council of Administration, Don Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Council of Administration

Nothing to report, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council of Administration and immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell.

Tad D. Campbell, Council of Administration

Commander, my report is on page twelve. No additions. No corrections.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Banner Editor, Jim Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Banner Editor

James Pahl, this time I guess I'm editor of the Banner. First of all, I'd like to thank the Council of Administration for their trust and confidence and support. I hope all of you by now have received your Summer Banner. The deadline for submission for the Fall Banner is the end of this month. Please do not wait 'til the last minute because I will get this to layout like September 2nd or September 3rd. So the quicker you can get me stuff the better. I want to make sure that every Department is included so please send me materials. I love group pictures, so the more guys who can get their picture in the Banner the better. I think that's something, when you get a Banner and say hey, my picture's on page fourteen. I want to include as many as possible. My goal is to allow each Department at least two sections in the Department news so it can highlight two different things from each Department. My goal is to respond immediately to every submission to let you know I received it. If for some reason I get more than two from a Department, I have to exclude them, I want to be able to communicate back to the submitters to let them know I had to choose something else. Is it still important enough? Do you want me to try to include it in the next issue or not? And, I want to try to communicate. If you don't hear back from me within a day or two, please send a reminder. Keep getting ahold of me. B-A-N-N-E-R at S-U-V-C-W dot O-R-G. I hope you like the new masthead, the design on the top of the front of the Banner. It's kind of reminiscent of old issues. I did not give photo credit for the picture on the cover and that was from Love Place Photography, our previous official master photographer. They're the ones that took that photo. Other than that, you will get four issues each year and they will be put out on time.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Executive Director, David Demmy.

David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director

Report on page twelve. I have nothing new.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Aid-de-Camp, Faron Taylor.

W. Faron Taylor, National Aid-de-Camp

Nothing to add.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

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

Loren T. Bures, National Organization Expansion Officer

Commander, Loren Bures, National Organization Expansion Officer. I have a correction to my report. By action of the 2015 National Encampment, my office was repurposed and renamed and so you should correct it from National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer to National Organization Expansion Officer.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And Expansion Officer. Thank you very much. We will do that.

Loren T. Bures, National Organization Expansion Officer

There are no additions to my report.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Loren. National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

No changes. Page fourteen.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Chief of Staff, Michael Paquette.

Michael A. Paquette, National Chief of Staff

Report on page fourteen. No changes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

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

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Walt Busch, National Memorials Officer. My report basically stands. I just want to encourage everybody this has been a great year for our people. I've gotten a lot of response from various Departments and Memorials Officers. We've been getting a lot of memorials coming in. Please keep it up. Those that haven't been, I encourage you to do so. That's it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Walt. The National Color Bearer, Bob Heath.

Robert Heath, National Color Bearer

Nothing to report, sir.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Walt's report, there's a recommendation you need to send to the Committee on Officer's Reports. Walt, the recommendations, you still want that?

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. The recommendation from Walt will go to the National Encampment Committee on

Officer's Reports. National Counselor, Jim Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

National Counselor, Jim Pahl. My report begins on page seventeen. Nothing additional.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Assistant National Counselor, Don Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Assistant National Counselor

Nothing to report, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Don. National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Jim Lyon.

James L. Lyon, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Nothing else to report.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National GAR Highway Officer Pete Hritsko.

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

Commander, Pete Hritsko, National GAR Highway Officer. The only thing I'd like to add to my report, which starts on page nineteen concerning the signs. A lot of people had been having problems with the Department of Transportation. I have done a different approach. I've gone to the different cities and approached them. The mayors themselves and the different council and I've been having very good luck. And I found out in the state of Ohio, especially, the signs that are located within the city boundaries are the responsibility of the city, not the Department of Transportation. That is another way of getting around and I can't express enough of that information to the fellow GAR Officers of the Departments. The other fact is I will have some signs here after lunch if anybody is interested in purchasing. They are \$125.00 by a Department, Camp or if individual would like to buy them, they are \$150.00. They are a copy of the original print from the 1940's. They're eighteen by twenty-four point eighty-eighths aluminum. And they're illuminated with the special coating to protect with sunlight and everything else. That's all I have to say, Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. By the way I always do this because I don't think it gets enough notice. There is another GAR Highway. Yes, not the one that goes across the country. But if you go to New England and you start in New Hampshire and you can drive across the top of New Hampshire and Vermont and the road ends at Stowe in Vermont. It's one of the most well marked GAR Highways and it's also one of the most beautiful drives anyone could ever have. It goes right through the mountains of New England and it's just a wonderful thing. And they take very good care of the road signs and there's a lot of them. So, if you ever get up in that area, I don't remember what town it starts in. But, if you go to Stowe, you can start there and go the other direction. But it's very well marked and wonderful and it's nice to see that people there felt that so important to make a GAR Highway there. I think it's really cool. National Graves Registration, Bruce Frail.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

I believe Bruce is not here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

There's a recommendation there.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, we'll refer his recommendation to the National Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. National GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin.

Dean A. Enderlin, National GAR Records Committee

Commander, my report is on page twenty-one. There are no additions or corrections.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. National Historian, Bob Wolz.

Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

Brother Commander, my report begins on page twenty-one and continued on to page twenty-two. No changes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Bob, I just want to let you know that every time I've went any place, I've made a big pitch, talking about the merits of your book, "GAR Men." And I want to personally thank you for putting out such a wonderful document as that about our organization. It's not just the GAR as you well know. It's about the Sons of Union Veterans. And I understand you have another one coming out on the Allied Orders? That one I cannot wait to see. That's going to be pretty good. Yes, sir. National Liaison to the Cathedral Pounds, Perley Mellor. Is Perley here? National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeff Burden. We have the President of MOLLUS, I think is here. Where is Jim Simmons? Jim Would you like to address us? This would be a good time to do it, I think.

Captain James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS

Good morning, I'm Captain Jim Simmons, Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS. This has been an amazing, we do a two year term, whereas y'all do a one year term. And, I keep bumping into the Coast Guard dude here all over the country. It's amazing. Of course, your number two here coming on board is Air Force. Yeah, we'll have some air power for a while there.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

But we won't hold that against him.

Captain James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS

There are four men in history who were Commander-in-Chiefs of both the Sons of Union Veterans and MOLLUS. Three of them are here. Keith Harrison, Rick Bury, Lowell Hammer's gonna be here. And then we have a grandson of U.S. Grant, the third who is here of course John Griffith and so he was the fourth. I'd like to give a belated happy birthday to the United States, 240 years and it wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for your ancestors and mine who 150-155 years did what they did.

Unknown

Amen.

Captain James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS

And many of 'em gave their lives. So, it's an honor to be here with you guys. My grandfather, I had eleven Civil War grandfathers. I come from a mixed marriage. Mom's side's all Rebels. Dad's side's all Yanks. So I have eleven Civil War grandfathers on both sides. I'm the second man in history to be a National Officer in both MOLLUS and MOSB, which is the Rebel officers at the same time. Past National Commander-in-Chief Jerry Carroon was the National Officer in both at the same time. But, my first memories were of my Union Civil War letters of my Union grandfathers. One of my grandfathers was Captain James Marion Simmons, 9th Kentucky Infantry. I have his sword and his sash and his family letters. But I also have his GAR hat. And you know, even as a kid, I was fascinated about that. Four of my grandfathers lived through the war on the Union side and they went to a lot of the GAR reunions. And I have a lot of their stuff. Matter of fact, Captain Simmons was not in the MOLLUS. MOLLUS, I guess, wasn't as popular in the west, but, he was big in the GAR and I have a lot of his stuff. And that just captivated me as a young man. My dad was military. I knew I wanted to go into the military since I was a little kid. But I was as fascinated with the post war process seven United States Presidents. 1523 medal honor recipients but the whole generation of men really two generations following the ones who lived through the war they all gave, you know, they all gave something. Some of 'em, the ones who lived through the war came back and helped build the country. So, as a kid I was just real interested, not just the service they gave during the Civil War and we started that just like you do. I still learn every day stuff. Adam Gaines here just told me the other day, I've been doing genealogy since I was about seven. I had my first Japanese sword when I was six. My first Civil War sword when I was seven. But he tells me the other day, "Oh, you're a cousin or nephew of Davy Crockett. I didn't even know that. Whatever.

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(laughter).

Captain James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS

But just the post war getting together and the comradery and the fraternity and charity and honoring that and that includes the Allied Orders, just captivated me just as much as their service during the war. And meeting all you guys over the last twenty years and the Ladies of the Allied Order, that's very impressive too. It's an honor be even in the room with you guys. And I honor our ancestors just as you guys do. Thank you very much.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Jim.

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(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Jim never mentions it, but I'll mention it. Jim and I shared a bus ride through the heart of Mexico once. One of those buses that, you know, the livestock and stuff. Extremely interesting. We were going down to, what was the name of the town we went to? Down in Mexico.

Captain James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS

Pueblo.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Puebla. We were supposed to take a flight from Mexico City to Puebler. Remember that? And trying to get down there, there was not an earthquake, but a volcano went off. So they couldn't fly, so off course we had to go by bus. Now that one wasn't that bad cause it was kind of like, you know, dark already by the time we were on the bus and stuff. And then off course we thought for sure that we'd be able to take the flight back up to Mexico City. But no-o-o-o, the mountains gave way again. So here we are, you know, kind of like on the spur of the moment, it's like take us up to the bus station. And the next thing we know, we are on this very amusing ride up to Mexico City again. But I tell you what; it was one of the best times of my life was when we took that trip down to Puebla. I think of it very fondly. The way that the MOLLUS was very well received by the Mexican people. We marched in a parade down there. Pueblo as you know is the Cinco de Mayo city and that was the anniversary of the Cinco de Mayo. They invited us down there and it was just wonderful experience. I've been all over the world, nothing beats that trip that I had. Okay. Moving on. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ. National Patriotic Instructor, acting is Brother Martin.

Kevin L. Martin, Acting Patriotic Instructor

Commander, Kevin Martin, Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake, Acting Patriotic Instructor.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And a fine Department it is.

Kevin L. Martin, Acting Patriotic Instructor

Thank you, sir. Jeff French's report starts on page twenty-two. I have nothing to add, but it does appear that on the top of page twenty-four, that he does have one recommendation to dissolve the Americanization Committee. There are two additional ones as well. He also has a recommendation that as far as the Memorial University pins could not be located, he is making a recommendation that some more be made to issue with certificates in the future and provide to those who receive their certificate without pins. Request a one-time budget be approved for these pins. And the third one, he is rec...no, I don't think I want to read that one.

Encampment

(laughter).

Kevin L. Martin, Acting Patriotic Instructor

He is recommending that Brother Kevin Martin to work with our Webmaster, Brother McGuire, on the MPI with the University website for the University stuff.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. We will refer the recommendations to the Encampment Committee on Officer's Reports. Thank you very much, Brother Martin. Assistant National Secretary, Jim Pahl.

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

Nothing further to report and my report's on page twenty-four.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings.

Donald E. Darby, National Secretary for Proceedings

What's written there. That's it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Got it. Thank you. National Signals Officer, Brother McGuire.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Jamie McGuire, National Signals Officer and National Webmaster, combined report. Report on page twenty-four as written. There are some recommendations which I will happily refer to appropriate committees. I would like to speak to two of them. The first most important one, is that I recommended that the National Signals Officer be named as a non-voting member of the Council of Administration with the same weight as the Banner Editor. The reasons are numerous and it's a common sense decision. The National Signals Officer is the chief communications officer of our Order and needs to basically know what's going on. Thirty years ago or so when they put the Banner Editor on as a non-voting member, he was the primary information conduit for the Order. That is obviously changed and the National Signals Officer is now that chief communications officer of the Order. So I would like this body to consider that the National Signals Officer, not Webmaster, but the National Signals Officer should be weighted on the C of A in the same way as the Banner Editor. My second one is that the Communications and Technology Committee will this year be authorized to develop an official social media policy on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans so that we can make sure that everything is in line with our communications according to our C & R on social media for Department and Camps. And it's across the board, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. I don't care where people are but we need to have a SUVCW policy and best practices that governs what we do, because it's very easy to get caught up in things on social media. So, those are my recommendations I'm speaking to.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Jamie. We will refer the recommendations to the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. Assistant Treasurer number one, Jim Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Assistant National Treasurer #1

Nothing further to report.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Assistant National Treasurer Number two, Dave McReynolds.

David McReynolds, Assistant National Treasurer #2

Nothing to add.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Washington D.C. Representative, Lee Stone.

Lee D. Stone, Washington D.C. Representative

Page twenty-six. No changes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Lee. National Webmaster, Jamie are you going to separate. Is that a separate report? Thank you. Assistant National Webmaster, Ken Freshley. And he's not here. Okay. Do we have any other Assistant National Webmasters?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We will now move on to reports of the standing committees. Remember to tell us upon which page your report is. What time is it right now?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Quarter 'til.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Quarter 'til. National Counselor, what do you recommend? As far as the time you've got the most? Should we continue or is there something that we could do that would fit that time?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

You might be able to get a couple of these. But I don't know if there's any action needed on the first four or five.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We're going to move on. The reports of the standing committees. Remember to tell us upon what page your report appears and only read any corrections, additions, and recommendations. National Committee on Policy, Don Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Program and Policy Committee

Nothing to add, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on Americanization and Education, Jeff French, is not here. National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation, Ed Norris.

Edward J. Norris, Battle Flag Preservation Committee

My report starts on page twenty-seven. No changes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Steve Hammond. Steven's not here, is he? I didn't see him. Okay. National Committee on Civil War Memorials.

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorials Committee

Sir, Brian Pierson, PDC, Chairman. Nothing to report. But I would ask all Departments who are considering making an application for the grant fund, to do it before the month of June. We received a flurry of them there. And the reason is we close out the business year at the end of June. And so sometimes if we have questions on something, it takes a little while to get through and we can't process them in a timely manner to get them their checks. So guys, do it early in the year, please. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Media on Communications and Technology, Jamie.

James P. McGuire, Communications and Technology Committee

Page twenty-eight. As written. One recommendation simply housekeeping matter. It can be deferred to the committee. It's just a change of name from Communications and Technology

Committee to Web Communications, New Media, and Technology Committee. Just to bring us up to date and so we understand roles and such.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thanks, Jamie.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander, Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

James Pahl, National Counselor. That would involve an amendment to the National Regulations, so it's not appropriate without that proper notice being given in advance.

James P. McGuire, Communications and Technology Committee

...Withdrawn at this time...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Encampment Site Committee, Jim Crane. Charlie, go ahead.

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

Brother, Commander-in-Chief. I have a question. In the past, usually we're doing committee reports and there's recommendations, we take those up immediately as we go through them. So, that way we'll be able to operate ad seriatim and move along that way. That way we don't have to have any other committee look at them. That's what we've done the past.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Committee reports (indistinguishable).

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(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry? Thank you, Charlie.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Just keep going.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Just keep going.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That's what I thought. Okay. Very good. National Encampment Site Committee, Jim Crane.

James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee

Good morning, Commander. James Crane, Chair, National Site Committee. My report you can

read, 2017 we're going to the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. In 2018, we'll be going to the Sheraton Framingham Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. And 2019, we're currently working with Ed Krieser to go to Missouri. We're finalizing those details as we talk. So, that's all I have. And that's it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Could you please stay there for just for a second? Jim, I've known you for a number of years now. I remember the first time that we worked together was I was on the committee and we went down at Washington D.C. when we went to Reston and I got to see first-hand what you guys do. It's incredible. The amount of knowledge that you guys have to have and the amount of being able to tear apart a hotel or I just couldn't believe the work that you guys do. These National Encampment Committee members are some of the hardest working people and it's not just when they were just dealing one on one with the hotel. It's all during the year. And the stuff that they have to deal with and the deals that they have to make and how hard it is to do that sometimes. I would just like everyone to give these guys the credit that they deserve. I really do.

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(applause).

James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee

Where's Kevin and Mike? They need to stand up.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Who are the other members that you have right now? I know that Mike is a member of that committee.

James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee

Kevin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And I think I made you a member of that committee. Didn't I? Thank you very much for the work that you do.

James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee

It's our pleasure, Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Your job in particular, you have to ride herd over these two and that can't be easy.

James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee

I had a good teacher in Jim Houston.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Absolutely. Where's he at? Is he here? Stand up. Stand up.

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(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

There's the man. Thank you again, Jim. And by the way, what a great selection this year for this hotel. They've been truly taking care of us very well and we appreciate it. National Committee on Fraternal Relation, Kevin Martin. You are acting. Do you have anything?

Kevin L. Martin, Acting Patriotic Instructor

Nothing to report.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dan.

Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee

Commander, I just wanted to point out for the first time in many years, our committee has no recommendations. Our report stands as is.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, thank you Dean. Appreciate it. National Committee on Grave Registration, Bruce Frail. I don't believe is here. National Committee on History, Bob Wolz.

Robert J. Wolz, National History Committee

Thank you, Commander. Bob Wolz, Department of Ohio, National Historian. We have a combined report and it appears on pages twenty-one and continuing on twenty-two. No changes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

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

Robert M. Petrovic, National Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee

Page forty-four, report as written.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Page forty-four, no corrections. Thank you. National Committee on Membership, Mark Day.

Mark R. Day, National Membership Committee

Mark Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This was a combined report. It was on page seven with the other issues that I've brought up. There were no recommendations.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Military Affairs Committee, Henry Shaw. Where's Henry?

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

Commander, Henry Shaw, Chair, NMAC. The report as it is written. No changes. Thank you, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Henry. Appreciate it. Another guy who if you see him in the hallways, take the time to shake his hand. This guy's been having a lot to do with our Remembrance Day and the amount of time behind the scenes for him is also incredible. National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Russ Kirchner. We'll move on National Committee on eBay Surveillance, Mr. Dixon. Where is Brother Dixon? No Brother Dixon. Okay. National Committee on Scholarships, John Ertell. Not here.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, National Treasurer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Just a point of information. You sent the two letters out, the two scholarship recipients. I have yet to hear anything from either of them. We changed the process and it fell apart.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I know that one sent me a letter indicating that he had sent you a letter, but that was a very recent letter so you know may be very well not. The other one I don't know about. I do know one has already sent it but like I said, I just got that like within the last two days so probably you haven't received it yet.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

The problem is those scholarship checks had to be written before the 30th of June.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Last year, we passed a motion that the Committee must have the reports to the Commander-in-Chief by the 1st of June. But they continue to ignore it. As it is right now, we're gonna have to take up a change in policy. The Encampment's going to have to authorize me to pay those.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I was going to bring this subject up during awards. And can we deal with it at that point?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

You can do it. Right now, technically, I can't issue those checks.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'll take a recommendation.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

When we get to the budget, we're going to have to do a specific authorization to pay the scholarships from the previous fiscal year this fiscal year. That's all.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Cool. We know that's gonna happen. Can we deal with that now?

Unknown

You can if you want.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I certainly don't want to not give them after it's been awarded in a General Order.

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

Commander-in-Chief. Was there something they had to do in order to get that from you?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

In the past, the process that's been, and this is for tax purposes, we have to do it this way. I need the name of the Bursar of the Registrar or student aid, director of student aid, at the school they are attending, their name, their address, and their social security number. The check has to go to the school in their name. If the check goes to them, they have to pay income taxes on it. If I send the check to the school, it's tax-free. If I send it to them, I got to issue a 1099. So the process had been that the names are simply sent. I would contact them, call them, call their parent, get the information I needed if it wasn't on the application. But all that information should be required on the application anyway.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Rich, when I sent the letters to both of the individuals, copy to you, that told them that they had to do all that you said. I didn't put in there a deadline for doing it. I didn't know there was one.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

You didn't put a deadline date in and... All right. You're saying one has responded now. And I'm saying I don't have anything from either one of them. It wasn't received before the end of June. You couldn't possibly sent them out before the end of June because the committee as I recall only sent you their recommendations like three days before. I know you did tell them. But you didn't get the information soon enough from the committee. That's my point. We need to hold the committee to that June 1st date, making their decision.

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

My question was just that. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I guess my point right now is I've got two persons that were selected by the committee for scholarships and I want to make that presentation today or tomorrow to them. You know, and I want to make sure that I'm not lying to them. That they're not going to get the scholarship.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Are they going to be here?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

One of them is going to be here, yes.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I can't hand them the check.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I know that. But you're saying that we can't pay anything, even to the Bursar because of the date situation.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

What I'm saying is when we take up the budget, we have to do a special authorization to allow me to issue last year's checks this year. If you want to do it now, we can do it now. If you want to do it

now, it's going to take five seconds.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Let's do it now. What would be the proper motion?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the National Treasurer be authorized to issue the two scholarship checks from fiscal year 2015-2016 post closure day of the fiscal year in fiscal year 2016-2017.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor.

Encampment

AYE.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Opposed. Passes.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

It's real close to lunch. We got two more to do and then that's it. National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Mark Day.

Mark R. Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee

Mark Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Nothing further to report. No recommendations.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Committee on Vision and Planning, Brian Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Sir, Brian Pierson, Chairman. I do have a couple of recommendations out of this. And in the interest of lunch, can we taken them up after lunch?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We can take it up after lunch, yes.

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Thank you, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Then we will go ahead and take a break for lunch and we'll come back.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap*]

(Lunch)

[one rap*]

[three raps, ***]

[one rap*]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And the first one's going to go to, and I'll read the citation. Citation to accompany the award of the SUVCW Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother David C. Bailey, Senior, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother David Bailey, Senior, is cited for superior performance while a Life Member of Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2, Department of Illinois. He has served as Camp Commander and Illinois Department Commander. Other responsibilities include Camp Treasurer, ROTC Awards Program Coordinator, and Graves Registration Officer. Since his retirement as a commercial development manager with a major international petroleum company, he has devoted his time is to researching and documenting the post war lives of Civil War veterans. His work can be categorized under several major themes. Identifying and documenting Civil War veteran burials in the state of Illinois, correcting existing published lists of Civil War veterans' burials, reconstructing of rosters of Illinois GAR posts, using GAR records to document post-war movements of Civil War veterans. Demonstrating how GAR records and military sources can be used as a genealogical research tool. Brother Bailey has published 117 articles on the foregoing themes and has three awaiting publication. Brother Bailey's performance is in the keeping of the highest ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And if Brother Bailey, can please come forward.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

He is not present. Can someone come to accept the award for Brother Bailey? And you are?

Gary Gunderson, Department of Illinois

Gary Gunderson, Camp Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Gary Gunderson, Camp Commander is taking the award in his behalf.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The Gold Star is attached. All he has to do is put that on his ribbon. Are we ready? We're gonna look this way. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Gary Gunderson, Department of Illinois

On behalf of Brother Dave Bailey, a founding member of our Camp he gives thanks to the committee for the award. Thank you on his behalf very much.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Citation to award to accompany the award of the SUVCW Meritorious Award with Gold Star to Brother Loran Bures, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother Loran is cited for superior performance while a member of the Governor Isaac Stevens Camp 1, Department of Columbia. Over the course of his membership, he has identified a need to ensure that all of our members have a Camp to be a member. He went to work on the problem and after much effort has restructured our Department's structure that allows all new members to be in a Camp or Department. His efforts have created two new Departments, the Department of the Columbia and the Department of the Southwest. He was a primary planner for the Ensign John Davis Camp #10 London, England Camp. Brother Bures' performance is in keeping with the highest ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Loran.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And the last. We'll the say it's the last but not the least. Okay. That didn't work either. I've got to go back to comedy school. Oh, I didn't want that in the microphone. Here we go. Citation to accompany the award of the SUVCW Meritorious Service with Gold Star to Brother James T. Crane, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother Crane is cited for superior performance while serving for many years as a member of the National Encampment Site Committee and chairman of that committee for the last three years. He has primary responsibilities to lead the committee that that selects the hotel for our National and then supervises the negotiations with the hotel over everything from the number of rooms we need to the menu for the banquet. Over the years, his experience and business skills have ensured a successful Encampment. The National Encampment is the most visible and intricate event in the schedule. Brother Crane and his committees have performed in an excellent professional manner. Brother Crane's performance is in keeping with the highest ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Jim.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Craig A. Ayler for his outstanding performance in the support of the SUVCW. Is Craig here?

Following his term as Camp Commander, Brother Ayler volunteered to take over management of the Camp's project to build a GAR monument at Denver's historic Riverside Cemetery. In 1886, the Denver GAR post purchased lot twenty-seven in the Riverside Cemetery to provide a final resting place for their members. Several Civil War veterans were moved from the old City Center Cemetery now Cheesman Park and reburied in the GAR lot at Riverside. There are more Civil War veterans buried in Riverside Cemetery than all other cemeteries in Colorado combined. Originally, there was a flagpole at the GAR lot, but no memorial to the men who saved the Union. This project was begun in 2005 but was hopelessly stalled due to lack of fundraising. I'm not gonna continue this, but the bottom line is under Brother Ayler's work, it happened. So, I want to make sure that he gets this. If we could get a picture for that. We have a lot of these.

Next one. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Steven Westlake. Is Steven here? He is one of the original signatures on the renewed charter for the Sheridan Camp 2, as a Past Camp Commander and a Past Department Commander. He has served for several decades in every capacity, election committees, by-laws, and ceremonies. But the reason for my recommending him for the Star is his unrelenting work at restoring and replacing the headstones of the Boys in Blue in Mr. Lincoln's armies. In the twelve years that I have known him, he has been this key person. Never did less than two dedication ceremonies a year. And next year he'll be working with others in the Camp to put on four ceremonies. They have 120 graves identified that need to be replaced or reinstalled. Incredible work has been done and will continue to be done. And we appreciate you very much for the work that you do do. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Next one. Chaplain Jerry, would you like to help me with this one? I'd like you to read the citation.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

This is to Brother Robert Rogers. I come today requesting that you present an award to Robert Rogers. He's relatively new to the Camp, having been initiated only five or six years ago. But in that time, he has been an outstanding member. His work with Boy Scouts on their Eagle projects and has gotten them involved in cemetery cleanups, gravestone replacements, and repositioning of them. He's undertaken these tasks and has been bubbling with enthusiasm in enlisting not only the members of his own Camp but others in the community at large to participate in the Sons' Ceremonies. He's organized several dedication ceremonies a year. And next year will be working with others in the Camp to put on four ceremonies. And they have identified 120 graves that need to be replaced or installed which will be done. Incredible work has been done. Will continue to be done. Brother Bob is one of the lynchpins that makes this happen. This application is being made with the approval of the Department Commander.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, this guy. Okay, here we go. This one means a lot to me. It's Illinois. Who has heard the term, "You can't fight city hall?"

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I am here to tell you today that we've got the Sons of Union Veterans for the Civil War who not only fought city hall, fought the largest city hall. New York City, New York, and they won.

Unknown

Oorah.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, here we go. There's two people getting awards for this. And I'll read the certificate for one of them. The certificate's the same. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to Brother George J. Weinmann for outstanding performance in support of the SUVVCW and the other individual is for Arthur Curves. Is he here? So you'll be accepting it on behalf of him. First off, I want to even before I say anymore, I want shake your hand. Let me read it to you. On April 24, 1996, the Green Point Monitor, now you know what the Monitor is. Right? And that was built in New York City. It was built in what?

Unknown

Greenpoint. Brooklyn.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brooklyn. The Monitor celebrated the 20th anniversary of its receiving the New York State Museum charter at Grant's Tomb honoring General Ulysses S. Grant. The GAR thanking the NOAH, the U.S.S. Monitor's National Marine Sanctuary. Oliver Tilton Camp 26, the National and New York State Sons, Daughters, and Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, all the patriotic organizations and schools have been assistance throughout these years. In other words, it wasn't just him, but they were the lead. But yet, they brought in other organizations too which is what we needed to be better at to be quite honest with you. The museum started out as part of the Greenpoint community's 197A plan. I want to get down here to... The heck with that. I want you to tell these folks in the microphone so it's recorded what happened in Greenpoint.

George J. Weinmann, Department of New York

Okay. In Greenpoint there was a 197A program and within that 197A program there was a thing that they wanted to start a museum. This was back in 1996. So the museum and the Sons of Union Veterans Oliver Tilden Camp started working to try to get a building on (indistinguishable) titled the Monitor it shares the (indistinguishable) site. Right now, we have the property. It was donated by Motiva Enterprises to the museum. So we worked together on that but soon after we got the deed to the property, the city of New York, Mayor Bloomberg's administration, put a eminent domain threat on the property. So that put a big stall and it was going on for twelve years. We were meeting with the parks department, city officials, everything. So, we wound up getting a meeting with the deputy borough president Eric Adams in Brooklyn. We were able to get a meeting together with all the different community groups so that we put pressure on the city. The administration changed. It was now the DeBlasio administration and possibly they could maybe look at it in a different way. So they understood where we were coming from. So we were putting the pressure on them. So, Diana Reyna, who is the deputy borough president, got permission and everything to have another meeting after that with the city officials. So when we were able to do that, the city officials that we talked to, they agreed with us. That it was not right to do what they did to us, to hold us back for twelve years of eminent domain, you know, on our heads. It was like we were in a state of limbo. We tried to get funding. Nobody wants to put money into something that the city could take away from you. So we continued to fight until twelve years to the day, that we were able to get the eminent domain removed. And the whole thing, the Sons were involved. Everybody was involved. All the different Departments, National, New York Department, and the Daughters. Everybody came together and we put the pressure on them and they folded. They said, "You know, you outlasted us!"

Encampment

(laughter and applause).

George J. Weinmann, Department of New York

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Only about twenty-five more to go. Just kidding. I'm reluctant to give this cause I (indistinguishable). Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Kevin Tucker. Where is Kevin at?

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Again, I could flounder words and not make any sense and tell you what he did. But I'm gonna allow him, just like he did back there just a few minutes ago, I asked him to tell me what it was all about. And I want him a lot shorter than George's though. Okay?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Okay, I'll try. On December 22, 1866, Massachusetts had its own version of the Grand Review. All of the flags that were passed out to the regiments as they were leaving for war were returned in a ceremony. All the soldiers gathered together on common marks around the town and then back to the statehouse, up the front stairs of the statehouse and in to be received by the governor and the flags were put into Memorial Hall. As a kid growing up I used to play in those halls. My father was a policeman at the statehouse and you could actually see the Civil War flags hanging on poles and you could see that they were deteriorating. In 1985, the state changed that. They preserved them. They are all in the archives now. So when we were looking at the Sesquicentennial events back at the beginning of the Sesquicentennial, we wanted to end it with a bang. And this was gonna be our bang. We were going to do a recreation of the return of the flags. What that entailed was an unbelievable project. First, you have to get legislation to open the front door of the Massachusetts statehouse. The front doors are open only for the President of the United States to visit, for the outgoing governor to walk down on his last day, and for the return of battle flags as it was in 1866. So, I can't take all the credit. Dexter Bishop, our Department Commander, made an extraordinary effort. He was at the statehouse all the time. We had to get involved with the Sesquicentennial commission from Massachusetts. In any case, took us four years to plan. We recreated twenty-two Massachusetts Regimental battle flags. We put out the call to the Massachusetts National Guard, the 54th Mass is the actually the color guard, the official color guard for the Massachusetts National Guard. And we got a great reception from reenactors. We had seventy reenactors. And we had it on December 22nd 2016. Sorry, that's not right. Sixty-five, so I'm sorry. I said sixty-six. 1865. So December 20th of 2015, it was a Tuesday what's that?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

In a blowing snow blizzard. Right?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

No. It was a Tuesday and it was raining. We thought we were gonna get no body to come. Seventy reenactors turned out. The rain stopped. We walked up Boston Common, paraded up to the front. Instead of the governor, we had the secretary of veteran's affair meet us. It was a huge ceremony. Only the people carrying the flags were allowed to go up the front stairs and in to the statehouse. While we were assembled at the Boston Common, Conan O'Brien happened to be walking by and came and took pictures with us and shocked you know, everybody. In any case, we finished, we went inside, had a

ceremony inside the building with African American Heritage Society and the Union Club, which still operates in Boston as an ol' timer. The next morning, we were on the front cover of the *Boston Globe* in full color. So, it was quite an event and the event of a lifetime for us too. I guarantee that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bishop, would you like to say something?

Dexter A. Bishop, Department of Massachusetts

It was quite an event as one of the best things I think I've participated in a long time. I think one of the points was the opportunity where Kevin was out on the Commons pulling everything together for the march up, I was in the statehouse getting all of the representatives and everybody that was going to be going down the stairs to greet them and then having the opportunity to go up and stand on that front step that only retiring governors really ever get to be there. And it was really an honor. The flags were the only ones that could go up into the front door, the main center door. All of us had to come up and go up the sides of that front door. Go in the side door, then up the hallway where they stepped on to a red carpet and they were red carpeted all the way into where we placed all the flags.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Thank you gentlemen.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I just want to mention that if you like to see photos, they're on our Facebook page.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

This next guy's no good at all.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Michael Paquette. My chief of staff. I have known this man for a long time. There's not a minute in the day he's not doing something for the Sons of Union Veterans. Even when he's doing other work other places, he's got that little thing going on the side and the Department of the Chesapeake is very very lucky to have him. And I wanted to recognize you. And thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause).

Michael A. Paquette, National Chief of Staff

Actually, this award is for getting in the car with him and letting him drive. It's dangerous.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

This letter is being submitted to you, to the members of the Council of Administration for the consideration of an award. The New York Department has acquired for many years numerous items from the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans, of other organizations. Over the years, this collection of artifacts and paper have been transferred between Department officers, such as the Commander, Secretary, whoever had the ability and willingness to store them. Brother Robert Keough out of Long Lake, New York, made a 411 mile round trip to collect our records and memorabilia from our previous Department Secretary who resigned. Brother Keough kept this collection 'til it was decided to have a committee to determine what to do with the material. Brother Keough transferred this collection to the home of Brother Lance Ingmire of Stillwater, New York, Department Archivist, as his home was more than centrally located. Brother Ingmire and the committee were authorized to go through the boxes of materials and determine what should be done. Brother Ingmire and the committee worked with the New York State Military Heritage Museum in Saratoga Springs to make the museum the repository of such large items as framed pictures and testimonial plaques. The New York State Archives will be the home for such items as charters, old Camps' and old Posts' records. Brother Ingmire has been president of the Friends of the U.S. Grant Cottage on Mt. McGregor, New York, where the president died. He obtained over \$100,000.00 in private funds to improve the landscaping and convert an old garage into a visitor's center. These two Brothers, as well as other members of the committees, have made it possible to have these records and artifacts preserved and available for the public to view and use for research. It is a great gift to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic on its 150th anniversary. If I could please have these two gentlemen, please come up and accept your awards. Brother Lance Ingmire and Brother Robert Keough. Are they here?

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Is there someone from the state of New York, a Department Commander or someone who could take this and deliver it for us? Thank you. And we'll get you with the picture, then. Another guy I don't like. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Lee Stone. If Lee, could come up. I know he's here. Somebody close the doors. Don't let him out.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Lee, do you know why you're getting this? Because no one enters Washington D.C. without you knowing about it and doing something to help. And that, honestly, I think that almost anyone who knows you would say that that's the truth. And you did a lot for us this year and I really do appreciate it.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

This is a Certificate of Recognition. This is to certify the Commander-in-Chief has ordered the Certificate of Recognition to Bob Meyer. General George A. Custer Camp #17, Department of New

Jersey, for his actions and support of the Brenden Marrocco Road to Recovery and other public and charitable causes. And I'm not gonna go in to all detail what they all are, but there's a number of letters here of people for giving praises for the things that he did. So, is Robert Meyer here? Is there someone who can take it for him? New Jersey? No one from New Jersey? Okay. I will make sure he gets this.

Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded this Certificate of Recognition to Brother Darrell Ball and Gary Burke for actions in support of the restoration of thirty-six United States colored troops at Maplewood Cemetery. Is Darrel or Gary here? Department of Tennessee. Are you gonna take it for us?

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded this Certificate of Recognition to Brother Harold Schook, Is Harold here? I don't know if I was in your Department but every time I went to a Department, I talked about ways that you can get young people involved. Especially if you get yourself tied into a school. Well, that's what Brother Schook did. The amount of work that he got done on Civil War education and things that have been done were incredible. The newspaper, three columns with a picture, on the things that he's accomplished working with children. I wanted to make sure that he got something for that. So, is there anyone ... What Brother... I don't have the Department listed on this. Does anyone know Brother Schook? Illinois? Is there someone in Illinois who could take this and get it to him? Thank you very much.

The other guy I don't like. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award to Charles Kuhn for tireless and exceptional service over many years in support of the SUCVW. Get up here.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

You have, in my book, you have been the man.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

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

I'm falling asleep sitting over there, Gene. Sorry about that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

There was an old TV program back in the '50's *This is Your Life*.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Not gonna happen, Charlie. I'm not gonna do that. But I am gonna say that I can't think of anyone in the Order who has done as much for the Order over amount of time that you have. And I swear to God, man, you deserve this more than anyone I know.

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

There are a lot of Brothers sitting in this room that need it too.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I know, but I can only give one and unfortunately for you, you are Lifetime Achievement... Well, it says it right there.

Encampment

(applause).

Unknown

Hip! Hip!

Encampment

HOORAY!

Unknown

Hip! Hip!

Encampment

HOORAY!

Unknown

Hip! Hip!

Encampment

HOORAY!

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

Brothers, there's a lot of men in this room that deserve this as much as I do, so... Practically every Past Commander-in-Chief should get one of these things 'cause they've put a lot of time in. So, Thank you!

Encampment

(applause).

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Seven years ago, we instituted an award for chaplains. It's called the Corby/Moody Award. I received a letter from Past Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley. "I have a recommendation for a Brother and a chaplain who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, not only as a Brother but as a chaplain. He's actually a clergyman performing services at a local church. This Brother was instrumental to me when I was really sick a few years ago as he was visiting me many times a week. And between you and him, really helped me spiritually and guided me to recovery. This Brother stepped in as one of the co-celebrants at the Remembrance Day events and he has done such a good job that they keep asking him to return. This Brother unselfishly spends his time assisting and supporting everyone who needs it, whether it is hospital visits, home visits, or funeral visits. Please note this individual does ~~not~~ have some physical, medical issues that does ~~not~~ restrict him somewhat. But he will ignore the pain that he is going through and the struggle until the last possible moment to complete tasks at hand. My recommendation is for our Brother, Father Jerome Lukachinsky, Chaplain of James A. Garfield Camp #142." And this is what it says on the award. "Jesus told his followers not to hide their light under a basket but to let it shine from the mountain tops. He also told them not to let their right hand know what their left hand was doing when it comes to doing good works. Well, your light has been noticed by your Brothers and they

have asked that you be told that you have done an extraordinary job as Chaplain. You will receive the appropriate award from the Lord, but not now. Later. Not here, but there. On behalf of all your Brothers, thank you. Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Given this 12th day of August in the year of our Lord 2016.” And it’s signed by me and the Commander-in-Chief. I only received one request for this this year. There is no limit on the number that can be requested. However, if a Chaplain were to ask for it because of the fine work he thinks he’s done, he will never receive it.

Encampment

(laughter).

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

It has to come from a Camp Commander or a Department Commander for some Chaplain who’s doing an extraordinary job. Is there anyone here from Garfield Camp? I’ll see you later ‘cause I got more stuff to give him. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

This is the tops...this is the toughest one. How many people think that there is a most outstanding member of our Order? No. But yet, the Commander-in-Chief is asked to pick a most outstanding member. It’s an impossible order. Impossible job. So, the opposite of that is lifetime achievement. You can easily pick someone out for that. But the most outstanding Brother this year. Took me a long time. A lot of thought. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award to Douglas K. Fidler, Major William McTeer Camp 39, Department of Tennessee and also a member of the Ensign John Davis Camp 10 of London, England for a most outstanding member of the Order. Doug, where are you at? He’s here.

Encampment

(applause).

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Thank you very much.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Isn’t that a nice certificate?

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

It’s pretty.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I made that myself.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

If you don't like it, I want you to hold this and I'm gonna hold it so that we're gonna get a picture.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

And I'm gonna hold this one here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And I'm gonna tell everyone what you did. Do we got it? Doug, you may be seated. Do you want to talk? I'll let you talk.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

No. No. No. No.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I picked Doug because of the amount of work that he's put in over the years. You know, he and Loren are the two people that are doing the expansion efforts to get new members and having this London Camp is incredibly important. They might talk a little funny over there. But I can tell you that their hearts are in the exact same places that ours are when it comes to these Civil War ancestors. He took me to two cemeteries while we were there. You know, one was Brother Blasey. And the other one, of course, is for the Ensign that we named it, Ensign Davis #10 Camp. He had trained them over there so that it made it very easy when I came over to do the things that I had to do. And they were like sponges soaking it all in. This is the best thing I could come up with to thank you for all that you've done for the Order and all you've done for me too.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Thank you, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, thank you very much.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Know that I do it because I love the Order.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I know you do.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

And I love my British Brothers.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Who here does not do what we do because of the love of the Order? Everyone does it for the love the Order. But you. Some of us do more than others. And that's why we're recognizing you.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Thank you. And I'm glad they didn't hold it against me when I talked about the...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

He making fun of me because of the brown water name ...everyone wants to fight with me on that. Thank you for that. I do want you to say a few words...

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Okay. Thank you. I'll try to be brief. First, it's amazing how one little seed planted at one point can down the road come out into something beautiful. This actually started, well, for two reasons. Number one, I'm married to a British girl from the hometown of where William Blasey is buried. The in-laws, including Brother Alan Nichols who is my wife's oldest sister's husband just loved to walk to town through the cemetery. And, you know, one thing happened. I was talking to Steve Michaels who, you know, and I said, "Boy, you know, I'd love to go to a cemetery. Where do you think..." Well anyway, he gave me a name. That guy gave me a cemetery. We went. We found it buried under stuff and whatever. And from there, one thing led to another. You know, newspaper report led to family descendants coming out. And then there was another newspaper report. It just kept steaming along like that. You just meet different people. It came out that William Blasey, he was helped to get his Civil War pension benefits because of John Davis was the only survivor of the worst naval disaster, before Sultana, on the Potomac on 11 November 1864, the blowing up of the Tulip. He had PTSD beyond belief. Tried to get back the merchant life et cetera. Couldn't. Goes back to London and just works the dock. But all those years of having been at sea and the rough life of a sailor he did what they all did on the docks, they worked hard all day and drank half the night. Not only did he have a pious saintly mother who when he was a boy, took him to a primitive Methodist Church, which today we would call Pentecostal but in those days they didn't have that idea so he always remembered that no matter how distant that we can be from God, that God is never too far for us.

Unknown

Amen.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

And a friend of his invited him to a D.L. Moody and Iris Sanke camp meeting in downtown London there. And then as a primitive Baptist fellow preachers will say over there ~~is~~ in East Tennessee in those hills, "He got hisself radically saved."

Encampment

(laughter).

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

And you know what, within two years, he became a London city missionary in the worst slum in London in the docks area. Thirty-eight years he worked, six and a half (days a week). They gave him Sunday afternoon off. I don't know why. But he walked from house to house. Met spiritual and physical needs. This was not a dry theoretical kind of approach to helping people. He was there. He was everywhere. He would get beat up by drunken sailors. Drunken wives would empty chamber pots out their upstores windows because they didn't want that preacher going around. But, thirty-eight years. And when this man died, two things. His funeral was visited by nobility, the gentry, industrialists, the console at the embassy visited by and also people that he had helped. And then he was laid to rest in a pauper's grave and had no stone. But, almost miraculously and ~~to~~ by another Brother, we were able to connect in such a way we got a stone. And contrary to the rules for cemeteries over there, the old ones where they're afraid people are gonna have stuff fall on them, they agreed to set up a federal stone in his honor there. And we went there. And the Commander-in-Chief came. And, spoke, and he did all those

really cool things. And...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...Like the same stones in Arlington...

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

...Yeah. and you know what? We like to kid with this guy, but he's got a heart. And he was truly touched by the people there, how much that they... He came all the way from America to be a part of this. Now, you know, he's going to get all kind of blush and do everything. I don't want my Commander-in-Chief to blush. But everything that day honored this incredible man and it was I tell you what, I just loved that there were so many people that all the way along the road here did some very, very hard work. Some fellows up front here, you know, kind of work and rethink and think well can we do this et cetera. And finally, it all came together and we're so glad that you were there to be a part of that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And tell everyone I miss them and I can't wait to get back myself.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Right. The guys at immigration at Heathrow will want to know if he comes back.

Encampment

(laughter).

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. I got the list here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So many things to remember. Okay, so you want to just talk about it?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. A number of Brothers have asked who had not yet sent in the letters that I spoke about this morning. First, I want to say that I've been informed by a Brother who is here from Vermont who, even though the Department is still under suspension, he can't be seated as a delegate. But the Department now has a new Department Commander who has taken over and those letters will be in my hand electronically before we leave. That leaves only the following Camps that have not submitted their letters: Bowman 12 from Colorado and Wyoming; McKean 3 from Florida; Hartsuff 50 from Massachusetts and I understand that is on the way; Garfield 4 from New Jersey; and Stratton 4 from New Jersey. Everyone else has complied with when I take in the things I already received over lunch. So, if anyone from those Departments that those Camps have not submitted you want to make some phone calls or texts or emails and get somebody to send that letter in. They can send it to treasurer@sucwv.org and then I will have them and we can include everyone.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Rich. For those people that I assigned to visitation committees we are planning to meet, I think I already said it, Saturday at 9:30 a.m. for the Auxiliary. We'll go over there and say hi to the Ladies. And when we finish there, 10:00 o'clock at the LGAR. And we'll go over and see Carol

and her group. So, if you have any questions about that, if you're on the visitation committee, you can come see me. Now we can go back to Brian Pierson's. You ready, Brian?

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Brian Pierson, PDC Chairman of the Strategic Planning and Vision Committee. My report begins on page forty-eight. So, I am happy for all of you Brothers here that most of the recommendations are already being enacted upon by various committees. Loren Bures is pretty much with the Growth and Expansion Committee is already engaged on a number of the initial recommendations to actually help us grow and expand. We have been flat. He's got some initiatives he's working on, including some statistical analyses that we're going to need some help from the Departments on. Once we do that, I think we'll be able to know where to target. He's all over that, so we don't need to devote on that here. The recommendations for the National Signals Officer and Technology Committee, Jamie's already all over those. Again I asked the various other committees and Departments and officers to cooperate with Jamie as we continue to enhance our electronic presence. On page fifty some of those recommendations had to do with the Americanization and Education Committee. I think that committee's fate is in question, so we can't even act on those, so I'll strike those for the time being. Going down about mid-way down one that we may want to look at is bringing a number of the separate recognition programs: the ROTC medal program; the Eagle Scout; and the flag certificate under a single consolidated umbrella so that we have an effective way of handling all of these instead of piecemeal. So, I would ask that that be brought up for discussion or consideration. The other one too is the annual PI reports. They've been spotty and I think that that process needs to be looked at so that we get some effective reporting in from the various Departments on that. The rest of the stuff is all being worked on and of course, all the initiatives that are impacted by the 501(c)(3) are there informational. So really, just those two recommendations something we need to discuss here, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, can we take those into consideration now. Could you read the first recommendation?

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Yep. Bring the separate recognition programs including the ROTC medal program, Eagle Scout patch and certificates and the flag certificate under a single umbrella, perhaps the National PI is what it says in here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, we'll go into discussion on those? We're going to treat them just like a motion. Right?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Refer it to a committee.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, we can open up discussion on that point? No discussion?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

No discussion.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Discuss. I would submit that for the Patriotic Instructor, the Eagle Scout things and the ROTC things are basically already under the Patriotic Instructor, it's by natural association I think the patch would fall under that as currently set up. So the only thing to really add would be the flag certificate.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So you're saying that it's already done.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I think, yeah, it's already being done.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Would you accept that, Brian?

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

I don't. I mean, I will accept that there's a natural association, but that they are not formally put under a single umbrella of an awards program or a recognition program to handle that.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Don Gates, Past Department Commander, Department of Texas. I agreed with the whole concept of what Brian has presented. I'm also confident that it's true that the Patriotic Instructor already has responsibility for the Boy Scout issues. However, as you may or may not know, the ongoing discussions we've had about the ROTC Program was referred to the Americanization Committee, which is now defunct. That being the case that the ROTC Program is sort of in limbo. It needs to be brought together and put under an organization that can then go ahead and pursue the goals of getting all the ROTC organizations to recognize and allow their members to wear our decorations.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Mark R. Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Mark Day, Junior Vice National Commander-in-Chief. If you look at the PI report, which is something that is not completed by many Camps. The reason that you have spotty reporting is because Camps do not report them up to the Departments and the Departments do not forward them to the National Patriotic Instructor. Now, that's sort of a blanket statement, but I was a PI at a Camp level and I was a PI at a Department level and I've worked with Don Martin when he was the National PI. And quite frankly, there is a place on there for reporting ROTC. There is already a place on there for reporting the Boy Scouts. There are already everything that we're talking about here is on that report. The problem isn't the report. The problem is the reporting. And if you want to change the form so that

it more reflective of the data that you wish to collect, then I would recommend we put something up to the Programs and Policies that they could look at the form.

Unknown

So, Brother Day, I agree that the reporting as you said is part of the problem. From what I've seen, Patriotic Instructor reporting is hit or miss from Department to Department. So when I say that's the second recommendation is that we need to revamp the annual reporting. I'm not concerned about the content, I am concerned about the process. It really doesn't fall under the umbrella of all the other reports that the Departments are set to put in. It's kind of hanging off there on its own. So I think it needs to be brought in along with the rest of them. And, through you to Brother Pierson, I believe that is true. We need to have more emphasis on that report as far as making it a report that's reportable, and get away from this idea that it might be optional. If we're going to report the data, it needs to be reported.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Next.

Carl E. Addison, Department of Tennessee

Carl Addison, Major James H. Wilson Camp, Montgomery, Alabama, Department of Tennessee. ROTC medals have been a real problem in Alabama. We are the only Camp in Alabama and we found out that there were medals, Sons' medals being presented ROTC programs in Mobile and Alabama. And we could not find out who authorized those medals and so forth. So reporting isn't gonna be any good unless it's controlled from the top down about where the medals are going; how they apply for them, and when the medals are reported in Alabama I would think that our Camp would be contacted. The only reason we found out was because we have a member in Mobile, Alabama and the high school happen to contact him would he be interested in doing the presentation. And he didn't know where the medals had come from or who had authorized it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

I had my hand up.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Let me see.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

I had my hand up.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby or Jim Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

I had my hand up.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Which to pick. Not an easy job.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

If I had a sorting hat, I'd have...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

...If the three of us agree, you're in a world of trouble.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Jim Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor. I offer a substitute motion to the committee report which is kind of a vague "put this under an umbrella." I move that we refer this to the Program and Policy Committee next year for study and then they can make specific recommendations to bring back to us to look at next year.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second on that? Discussion on that. Just on that. Does anyone have any comment on that? Go ahead, Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. This reminds me of the federal government.

Unknown

(laughter).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

We got enough laws. We don't need to make new ones.

Unknown

Amen.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

The big thing here is it's supposed to be under the National Patriotic Instructor. The ROTC thing has been there since the inception. We're making another committee or another level we don't have to make. Enforce the laws you got. Don't make new ones.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. Well, we're going to go ahead just on the substitute motion. I want to vote on the substitute motion that was brought up by Brother Pahl. Then that will return us back to where we were.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

No, it doesn't. If the substitute motion passes, it's a done deal.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, no. I'm saying is if it doesn't pass, we go back.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Okay. Yeah.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brian?

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

The substitute motion is acceptable to me.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're gonna vote. We are going to vote on the substitute. All in favor. Opposed. Passes.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, be it. That issue will be referred.

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Okay. So that takes care of the first one. The second recommendation was to look at the PI reporting process. And if we want to include that within the first motion, I'm amenable to that too or the first substitute motion now primary motion.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'll refer that to the committee.

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Okay. Referred to committee. Sir, that concludes my report.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, National Treasurer. To Brother Brian, under the 501(c)(3), you have the Canadian Union Veteran's Monument. Just as a matter of information. There is a separate local organization in Canada that is now taking that over. And we forwarded all monies that we had in that fund to them and closed the fund by action of the Encampment last year. So, that's off the table as our project. Any

Brother is free to contribute to them if they so wish.

Brian C. Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Thank you very much for the clarification. I appreciate it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brian. Okay, we're gonna go to the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations with Bob Grim.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

This is Bob Grim, Chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, Department of Ohio, Past Commander-in-Chief. Before we start on the report, I'd like to remind the SVR members that we're going to have breakfast tomorrow at 7:00 o'clock in this room right here. If you don't already have your reservation, it's too late.

The C & R Report is on page thirty of your booklet. This is the report of the Constitution and Regulations Committee. The changes made to the Regulations of 134th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R. The updated C & R with an index has been posted on the website. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this Encampment. Proposed changes to the Regulations by this Encampment are noted in bold type for new language and strike throughs of language being eliminated. Proposal number one. This is a proposal submitted by the National Counselor, Jim Pahl. It affects Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 6. And if you have the C & R, it's on page twenty-six. Note from our Committee, this proposal allows for the creation of Camps outside the United States that can be affiliated association to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. If approval, this amendment will be inserted as Section 6 through 12 of Article 1. And the existing Sections 6 through 9 will become Sections 13 through 16. Now, the Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. Section 6, the new language. "Brothers of the Order who reside outside of the United States, its territories, and possessions, may petition the National Organization to form a Camp in their home country to be an affiliated association to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." Section 7, "Such affiliated association shall be formed under the laws of the nation or territory where such Camp shall be headquartered as a totally separate organization. Such affiliated association shall not be considered subordinate to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such affiliated association shall be licenses by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to perform all such acts as may be appropriate for a Camp of the Order. Such affiliated association shall be known as an International Camp." Section 8, "A petition of the proposed International Camp shall comply with the instructions as found in Form 50. Such International Camp shall make its application as a Camp-at-Large as set forth in these Regulations." Section 9, "Upon approval, the National Organization shall issue a charter to the International Camp as an International Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War noting upon said charter, 'This is an affiliated association.'" Section 10, "The relationship of the International Camp with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be administered through the Department-at-Large of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." Section 11, "To receive a license to operate from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, membership in an International Camp shall be limited to Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Once a Brother becomes a member of an International Camp, such Brother shall pay his National per capita plus an amount set by the Council of Administration to cover the additional *Banner* mailing costs to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the same as if the Brother was a member of a Camp of the Order. Such payment is to be forwarded to the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through the International Camp in the same fashion as a National Camp-at-Large." Section 12, "All payments to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are Brothers of the

International Camps residing or located outside of the United States, its territories, and possessions, must be in the United States dollars and paid by international money order or a check drawn on a U.S. bank. This includes sales through the Quartermaster store.” And then if this is adopted, we would renumber the sections and the current Section 6 and then Section 13 and Section 7 through 9 becomes Sections 14 through 16 respectively. And we move that you approve this change.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor. Go ahead with discussion. I didn't see you coming up. I'm sorry.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Sir, Doug Fidler, Past Department Commander, Tennessee. Organizer Davis Camp #10. Just a point of clarification. I may not have an issue. Let me get the right one here. Okay. Section 11, members of International Camp shall be limited to Brothers of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Would one infer there can be no associates? Or is that just another way of saying something else? And I haven't picked it up.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief through you to Brother Doug. A Brother includes associates and members. When we're separating the two, we refer to them as members and associates. A Brother is an all-inclusive term as we use it in the Regulations.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Thank you, sir. I thought that's what that meant, but I wanted to just to have that absolute clarification. Thank you, sir. I have no issue with it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, is there any more discussion? All in favor. Opposed. Pass.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number two. This is a resolution from the Department of New Jersey. Affects Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 6 of the C and R and Section 7(c). I believe this is identical to what the Counselor ruled out of order earlier. This is a proposal that limits the per capita dues payment for dual members to their primary Camp and dual members would not pay the required National per capita for dual Camps that they belong to. And also dual members can now be counted among the number of members required to form a new Camp. The C & R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal since a similar proposal was presented during the last two National Encampments and neither of these Encampments endorsed the proposal. Well, we're not going to read all of the verbiage and the language that we have here for Section 6, we're just going to cite the changes. We would strike out "However is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps." There's a footnote in the Regulations which we don't have included here. And then the new language would be "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."

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Based upon the advice and the decisions made earlier about this very similar subject, I'm going call this out of order at this time.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, proposal number three on page thirty-one. This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee affects Chapter 1, Article 8, Section 1. This proposal adds a new paragraph to this section authorizing Camps to present a flag certificate. The C & R Committee recommends adoption. The new language would be Section 1(d), "Any member of a Camp may nominate for a flag certificate award a person, company, or agency that proudly conspicuously and properly flies or displays the United States flag. The flag must be properly displayed as outlined in public laws 94-344, known as the federal flag code, which contains rules for the handling and displaying of the United States flag. The flag certificate award should not be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes." Public law 94-344 appears on the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War website. Committee recommends passage of this proposal.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion?

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts, National Council. I assume if we pass this, we're going to have to direct the Quartermaster to produce a flag certificate and to stock such the same.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Through you to Brother Norris, the certificate has been developed and it has been sent to the Quartermaster already. So if this is approved, he's got a template to go with.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Jim.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor. I move that we amend this that after the word "public laws 94-344" we insert "or as be amended." If the Congress changes the flag code and we don't have that language, then we're stuck with regulations that are not in compliance. So I move we add "or as be amended" after the "94-344."

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the amendment? We're going to vote on the amendment. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The amendment passes. Now we can move on to the primary motion, as amended. All in favor. Opposed. Passed.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal number four on page thirty-one. This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee. It affects Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 14. This is a proposal that will add a new section to this article and authorized Departments to enter into a lawsuit with the permission of the National Organization. The C & R Committee recommends adoption of the proposal. The language for the new Section 14, "A Department, with the permission of the National Organization, may enter into a lawsuit within its area of jurisdiction to prove lawful ownership of Civil War era property. This permission may be granted through either the action of the National Encampment or that of the National Council of Administration via a General Order of the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Department should be aware that any monetary liability regarding the lawsuit falls upon the Department to pay." The Committee recommends adoption.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? Go ahead, Loran.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. I believe we were trying to get consistency in language and that the word "National" before "Council of Administration" should be struck. And so I move that we amend the motion to strike the word "National." There's only one Council of Administration. We've been trying to over the last several National Encampments to strike the word "National" out of the Regulations. It's being redundant. It's an amendment.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on the amendment. Hearing no discussion on the amendment, we'll proceed to vote. All in favor of the amendment. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The amendment passes. We have discussion. Go.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Commander-in-Chief, Gary Gibson, Past Department Commander of Michigan. Question

through you to Brother Grim. Where it states “may enter a lawsuit to prove lawful ownership of Civil War era property.” Does this include or preclude any Grand Army memorials not containing cannon?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

I wouldn't think so. I would think everything would be included. We could argue that Grand Army are Union Veterans and the property they have could be described as Civil War property.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Having gone through this, it becomes a legal sticking point. If the monument was owned by a GAR association rather than a post, it is not conveyed to us by the deed of conveyance. The individual state laws dealing with nonprofit associations come in to play. And I can tell you within Pennsylvania, it becomes escheated property to the state and the state generally has the ability just to give it away. And that there's nothing you can legally do about it. You'll be wasting money trying to fight it, at least in Pennsylvania. That's the state law. That's going to have to be determined on a case-by-case basis and you're going to need to know what the state laws are dealing with it and who the actual owner is. If it belonged to a post, it was conveyed to us by the deed of conveyance. If it, and many times the GAR did just like the VFW and American Legion do, they form home associations. The association owned it. That's not automatically ours. So, acquiring it is going to take a whole different legal avenue.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Continuing on, Commander-in-Chief I would respectfully ask through you to the National Counselor for a ruling on that phrase “Civil War era property.” The Civil War era, does that really include post war 1890's...1900's?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

It would depend on what the judge ate for lunch and whether he has indigestion or not. It's a possibility a court could rule that it does not.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

That was my concern.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Make a motion to amend. Make a motion to amend.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Commander-in-Chief, I make a motion to amend that we strike out the phrase “Civil War era property” and substitute, “Civil War veteran's memorials.”

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

That could restrict you also.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

How should I word it?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Add "or Grand Army of the Republic property."

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Leave it as is and add "prove lawful ownership of Civil War era property, or Grand Army of the Republic property."

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Will you accept the recommendations of the National Counselor?

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

I will, Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We'll go ahead and any more discussion on this amended motion. Hearing none.

Unknown

We need a second.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor of the motion Opposed. Passes.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Back to the main motion as amended. Any discussion? All in favor. Opposed. Passes.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We're gonna take a short break. I got a couple of announcements first. The first one is that we got word that the Women's Relief Corps has graciously extended their hours this evening. Didn't give us exactly what time but they're going to extend their hours if you have not been to the Women's Relief Corps Museum, it's if you head down the street to where the National Parks Service is, when you get to their headquarters, you just go another block and it's on the right. You can't miss it. It's a beautiful building and you will be amazed at the museum quality, things that they have in there. I would highly

recommend if you can get down there during this trip. It took me four years before I finally got in there.

[three raps***]

[one rap*]

[break]

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

The Masonic luncheon will take place tomorrow at 12:00 o'clock in the Globe Tavern. We have it exclusively reserved. If you've not yet purchased your ticket, you can do so at the registration desk anytime between now and the campfire. Cost is \$25.00.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Chaplain.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, we're going to act on proposal number five on page thirty-two. This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee. Chapter 2, Article 7, Section 4 will be affected. This proposal will require the Department Secretary to maintain a list of dishonorable discharges and provide that information to all the Camps in the Department. And the Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. This would be a new paragraph on Section 4 with this language, "The Department Secretary shall maintain a record of all dishonorable discharges and provide each Camp in the Department a copy of dishonorable discharges discharge reports received from the Executive Director." We move that you adopt this.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion? Brother Poland.

Charles B. Poland, Department of the Chesapeake

Chuck Poland, Department Secretary/Treasurer for Department of Chesapeake. I don't understand why each Department Secretary is maintaining a list of this rather than being maintained at a National level. Also, as Department Secretaries may change every who knows, two years, three years, ...however often that list is going to have to be passed on. Keeping it updated. This is silly. Why aren't we making the National Organization keep this in a single place?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Well, if you look farther on in the report's we're having the Executive Director create the list. And then what he's doing is passing that information to the Department Secretary. Department Secretary is being asked then to pass it on to the Camps so that Camps and Departments know who has a dishonorable discharge.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Busch, you beat them to the punch there.

Walter E. Busch, Council of Administration

Yes, I'd just like to make the recommendation that this be added to the Form 49, since we keep track of everything else like Past Department Commanders on that. That this be made a part of Form 49. That way it does carry on from year to year and Secretary to Secretary.

Charles B. Poland, Department of the Chesapeake

But this is not asking the Department Secretary to keep track of the discharges in his Department. This is asking him to keep track of the discharges in every Department, as I understand it. Isn't it?

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. Why don't we just put it on the website so it's accessible to everybody?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

It's called lawsuits.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Poland, do you have anything more?

Charles B. Poland, Department of the Chesapeake

Yes. If it's meant to be that a Department Secretary is tracking the dishonorable discharges in his Department, that's one thing. But that's certainly not clear from this. If it's meant to be that we're tracking the ones from everywhere, which appears to be the case, from the description we just got where Brother Demmy was going to give it and then pass it to us. And from the description we got, where we were going to keep a list of all the ones received from National, then it really seems absurd to me that every Department Secretary is keeping track of this. And I'm violently against it. It makes no sense for every Department Secretary to be keeping this list everywhere all around.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Poland. That's your second time at the mic.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio, also chair of Programs and Policies Committee. In answer to your question and reference, the Encampment directed that the committee find a way to prevent people that have been dishonorably discharged from moving from one Department to another Department and rejoining. So, this seemed to be one of the most effective ways to do that because it is making all Departments aware if the Secretaries pass that information. So, that was the purpose behind this direction from the Encampment last year.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Norris.

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

I want to pose a friendly amendment to rewording for this. As Brother Orr pointed out, we

cannot keep this at a National website because of liability issues. I believe this will also stop the Department Secretaries from maintaining a copy. I believe it should read, "The Executive Director will provide the Department Secretaries a copy of the dishonorable discharge reports. Department Secretaries will forward these reports to their Camp Secretaries."

Unknown

Second.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Point of order.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion... who's the... point of order? Don?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No, I'm sitting down over here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm sorry.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Brother Darby, Brother Pahl, and I spent three years organizing the Constitution and Regulations so it flowed. You're now mixing the sections that deal with the responsibility of the Executive Director and the sections that deal with the Secretary of the Department. If you look at proposal ten, that deals with the Executive Director and his responsibilities regarding dishonorable discharges. This section deals with the responsibility of the Department Secretaries. So, you're going to start down the path of totally undoing three years of work that the Encampment ordered us to do in order to make things flow. I would move you that the suggestion of combining those sections is out of order.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, your motion...your motion...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No, a request that you rule the motion out of order because it combines separate sections of the Regulations.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We're talking about the amended...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

...The responsibility of the Executive Director and responsibility of Department Secretary being merged into the same section.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Counselor. What do you feel?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

This is James Pahl, National Counselor. As Brother Orr pointed out, this is something over three years that Brother Orr, Brother Darby, and myself agreed to. Now, the roof didn't fall in, strangely. But we spent a lot of time trying to put things in proper categories and I agree with Rich. Let's not undo that work. So that Brothers can find everything they need in one place that has to do with that question, be it Department Secretaries, they have it all in one place. Executive Director, they have it all in one place. So that that they can find the answer to their question without having to skip around.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Do I have the authority to call that motion out of order?

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, National Council of Administration. I withdraw my motion.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

You're withdrawing the amended motion. Got it. So, we're back to the now we're back to proposal number five. Don Darby. Oh, wait. There, does the second agree with that?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. Commander-in-Chief, if you simply go to ten first, it will flow because then you're doing the Executive Director then you're doing the Department. And that's the order it's designed to flow anyway.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So now we're going to...

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

We're going to table number five.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, why don't we go on to six?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Well, he wants us to just deal with the same topic.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, so we're tabling number five and moving to number ten.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal number ten on page thirty-four. This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee, same as number five was. Affects Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 16. This proposal adds two new paragraphs to this section which requires the Executive Director to maintain a record of dishonorable discharges and to provide reports to the Departments regarding dishonorable discharges. And the committee recommends adoption of this proposal. Item b, "The Executive Director shall reject the applications of individuals who have received a dishonorable discharge. He shall maintain a record of dishonorable discharges and provide a report of dishonorable discharges once a year on or about August the first to the Secretary of each Department who in turn shall share it with all Camps within his Department for use when reviewing new membership applications." Paragraph c, "Upon notice of a

new dishonorable discharge at National Headquarters, the Executive Director shall report such information to all Departments within thirty days of notification at National Headquarters.” The committee recommends adoption of this.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion. Hearing no discussion, all in favor? Opposed. Passed.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Now we go back to proposal number five on page thirty-two. This proposal adds a new paragraph to section 4, paragraph m. “The Department Secretary shall maintain a record of all dishonorable discharges and provide each Camp in the Department a copy of dishonorable discharge reports received from the Executive Director.” The committee recommends adoption.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion.

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

Rudy Velasco Junior Vice Commander, Department of California/Pacific. The list that the Department Secretary will get from the from the Director and the Camp Secretaries will get. Will there just be two new names a year or will it be a flowing continuous list? If someone was discharged in 2001 and we get a new report in 2015, will it have the name of someone that was dishonorably discharged in 2001 and each year...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes, It’s accumulative list.

John R. Gipson, Department of Pennsylvania

John Gipson, Department of Pennsylvania. If this list you’re getting from the Executive Director is the entire list of everybody that... The point of the...then the Department Secretary shall maintain the record. There’s no point in the Department Secretaries and everybody maintaining... having them to maintain it if they’re gonna get a completely new list every year.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, may I comment on that?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

James Pahl, National Counselor, and answering Brother Gipson. The answer is how can you compare applications if you don’t maintain the list? You get the list in August. You get a new application the following April. Is that name on the list? If you don’t maintain the record, you can’t check it. And that’s the whole thinking behind this. The Department maintains the record. The Camp maintains the record. To make sure nothing slips through the cracks.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Poland.

Charles B. Poland, Department of the Chesapeake

I'd like to propose an amendment to this simply to clarify what's going on here and that is that the Department Secretary shall maintain a copy of the list received from the Executive Director rather than maintain copies of the individual messages received from the Executive Director indicating that he's inventing a new list, which is what this currently like.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

State your proposed motion...

Charles B. Poland, Department of the Chesapeake

...Okay... "The Department Secretary shall maintain a copy of the dishonorable discharge record received from the Executive Secretary and the individual dishonorable discharge records received from the Executive Secretary." He's just keeping copies of those things. He's not inventing new ones is the point. Then it becomes clearer that it is not his job to invent new records...It was just suggested to me the word should be "retained" rather than "maintain."

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're still going to go ahead and mention again. You ready, Jim? Just for the record, Brother Pahl, could you just read what you've got there?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Let's make sure I got this correctly. The Department Secretary shall retain a copy of the record of all dishonorable discharges received from the Executive Director and provide each Camp in the Department a copy of dishonorable discharge reports received from the Executive Director.

Charles B. Poland, Department of the Chesapeake

Right.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

That is your amendment. Thank you.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Go ahead, sir.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander, Don Gates, Past Department Commander, Department of Texas. I only have a question to ask in relative to this. That is this seems to be a new rule that applies to the Secretaries of Departments obviously. However, it seems to be the purpose behind it seems to be to ensure that individuals trying to become members of the Department are screened to make sure that they were not dishonorably discharged, which is a perfectly good reasoning. Except, in my mind, shouldn't that screening be done by the individuals that are charged with the responsibility of bringing in new members, namely the Junior Vice Commander and not the Secretary of the Department. Thank you, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion?

Michael A. Spaulding, Department of Ohio

Sir, Mike Spaulding, Camp Commander in the Department of Ohio.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Please go ahead.

Michael A. Spaulding, Department of Ohio

In proposal ten, we said that the Executive Director was sending a report and in the amendment that was just proposed, the language was something about keeping all these records? I would suggest that the amendment would be better worded that the Secretary would have this report and then distribute it. Thank you.

Mark R. Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Mark Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief could check any of the applications that come through him through the online site. But we take in many applicants through Camps and that then would be needed to be checked by Camp Secretaries and/or Department Secretaries. And so having that list all the way down to the bottom does make some sense. I agree that the Junior Vice should check the ones that he is receiving to ensure. But because so many people come in directly through the Camps, it really is information the Camps need.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

I agree with what the Commander said, sir. Don Gates again for or Past Department Commander, Department of Texas.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, at this point, all discussion has to be dealing with the amended motion.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. The amended motion does not mention that the Department Secretary has to make that information available to the Camps.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, it does.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion on the amended motion?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor of the amended motion. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Passes. Now we're back to the main motion. Right. The main motion as amended. Discussion.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander, Don Gates, Department of Texas, Past Department Commander. I agree completely with the Junior Vice Commander with his comments as far as the # National level's concerned. But at the Department level and at the Camp level, there are also Junior Vice Commanders who have the exact same responsibilities. And in a normal flow, the Junior Vice Commander from National will forward his applications not to the Department Secretary, but to the Junior Vice Commander of the Department. And if a Camp receives an application, it will go, not to the Secretary of the Department, but rather to the Junior Vice Commander of that Camp. So, it seems like the Junior Vice Commander is the one who should be managing this process. That's all I'm saying.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Go ahead, sir.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Illinois. The Junior Vice Commander retains and maintains no records. If I have a question on an application, I'm gonna talk to my Department Secretary. When I was Camp Junior Vice Commander, I would talk to my Camp Secretary. The Secretary is the appropriate place for this to be retained. I have access to my Department Secretary whenever I need him, so long as it's not the middle of the night hopefully. So, if I get an application in my hand, I can go say, "Hey Steve, is this a problem?" Also, I know my Department Secretary forwards those as required so I can go through my email and find it. I can check it. It's just, as a Junior Vice Commander, not my job to hold that record. Secretaries hold records.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

In the back.

Mark A. Hale, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Commander, Mark Hale, Past Department Commander, Georgia and South Carolina. I agree that the Secretaries have to be the ones that maintain it. They're the ones who generate all the paperwork, like Form 30's. But my question actually is if this adopted, will the Executive Director be directed to send us a more comprehensive list of those who have been given dishonorable discharges? Right now, the list is one name from the Department of New York.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

There's two.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. The Secretaries, National Secretary, Department Secretary, Camp Secretary, are the people who are in charge of correspondence. When he gets up and says, "Is there any correspondence to National?" did he ask anyone in here except the Secretary? So it should go to the Secretary and he will disseminate it in the Camp. This is not rocket science.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion on the main amended motion? Please.

David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois

Yes, sir. Dave Wildermuth, Department of Illinois. I'm a new Junior Vice Commander at our Camp and I also took a position as P.I. for the Department. My question is, doesn't the application go to National for approval?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We are a bottom up organization. The approval of the member for membership is at the Camp, not the Department, and not National. No, the final approval of membership is at the Camp level in our organization.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

The only thing National would do is reject it if it's a dishonorable discharge.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor of the amended motion. Opposed. The amended motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right, on page thirty-two we have proposal number six. This is a proposal from the C & R Committee at the request of the Council of Administration. It affects Chapter 2, Article 11, Section 2. This is a proposal that will extend the time allowed to form a new Camp from six months to one year. The Committee recommends approval. You see the language for Section 2. The only change is we draw line through "six months" and replace it with "one year." The Committee recommends the passage.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on motion six? Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed? Passes.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal number seven, page thirty-two. This proposal is from the C & R Committee at the request of the Council of Administration, affects Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 2. This proposal adjusts the regulations to conform to the change in the name of the Membership-at-Large Coordinator to Organization Expansion Officer. The Committee recommends approval. You see the current language for Section 2. And at the bottom of that language, we strike out "Membership-at-Large Coordinator" and replace it with "Organization Expansion Officer."

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on amendment seven.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, hold on a minute. I think we're amending the wrong section.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

We're not doing away with the N.M.A.L. Coordinator. We're changing the....Loren, what was the title?

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Camp Department Organizer.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Camp Department Organizer to Organization Expansion.

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Commander?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

At the 2015 National Encampment, we changed all the sections that needed to have the name change. We changed everywhere in the regulations where National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer appeared. And that was replaced with National Organization Expansion Officer. And I agree with Brother Orr, this proposal is unnecessary. Because you're changing the wrong person. You're changing Alan Russ' position title, not my title. So I would request that this be ruled out of order.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So I can go ahead and announce it. The Committee is gonna withdraw its proposal. So, we're gonna be finished with that one.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Page thirty-two, we have proposal number eight. This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee, affects Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 4. This proposal clarifies that when a vacancy in a National elected office occurs, the Council of Administration will make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the National Organization where the office will be filled by an election. The committee recommends approval. And we give you the language of Section 4. Notice that "for the unexpired term" is with a line through and new language is put in "by temporary appointment." And then at the bottom of the section, "the temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served."

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on proposal eight. Go ahead.

Alan O. Petit, Department of Wisconsin

Alan Petit, Department Commander, Wisconsin. it says, "Any"... Wait a minute. "Vacancy may occur in an elected office, the Council of Administration shall temporarily appoint." Now I thought under the job descriptions, for instance, if something happens with the Commander-in-Chief, the Senior Vice Commander takes over automatically.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Nope.

Alan O. Petit, Department of Wisconsin

They don't fill an open position? Now am I wrong on that?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes. There's nothing in our regulations that say that that's what happens.

Alan O. Petit, Department of Wisconsin

There's nothing? Job descriptions I get off of websites and stuff say in Camp and Department Offices say that Senior Vice Commander inherits.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, Jim.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

The current language of the regulations, "Any vacancy which may occur in elective office in National Organization shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Council of Administration to the next regular meeting." It's not automatic that the Senior Vice steps up. The Senior Vice only takes over if the Commander-in-Chief is temporarily unable to perform duties of office. But if it's a vacancy, the Council is charged with filling the vacancy.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Like when I went over to London for the Ensign Davis Camp, I handed the gavel over to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He became the Commander-in-Chief during my absence since I was overseas and couldn't necessarily quickly answer any problems that might come up.

Alan O. Petit, Department of Wisconsin

And that translates down to the Department and Camp level also?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Whatever level, whether it's the Camp level or Department level. We still have to make the replacement. If it's going to be a temporary thing, of course, the Commander-in-Chief... Well, let's say a Department Commander passes, someone's gonna have to temporarily fill in. But the permanent replacement is gonna be done as set in the regulations. It's not for the completion of the term. It's until someone can be properly replaced.

Alan O. Petit, Department of Wisconsin

Okay. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

You're welcome. Any other discussion? There you go. Brother Beard.

D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake

Mike Beard, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake. What this would mean is the Council of Administration would have the authority to put a non-elected individual in as Commander-in-Chief.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

They already do.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We did that with Don Darby. Wasn't it? He wasn't elected in that position. We just took someone and put him in there temporarily. All in favor of proposal eight. Opposed. Passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number nine on page thirty-three. This proposal is from the Committee on National Legislation. This proposal makes changes to Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 14. And it also makes changes to Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 1. If this proposal is adopted it will eliminate the Committee on National Legislation and replace it with a National Legislation Officer. The C & R Committee recommends approval. Now we give you Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 14 so you can see what the current language looks like and then we strike out "and shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Legislation." And then in Chapter 3, Article 7 Section 31 which is a new section, new language. "It shall be the duty of the National Legislation Officer to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States of America, proposed either in the Congress of the United States or elsewhere; to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commander in Chief." And then we would renumber the current Section 31 of this Article to become Section 32. Then in Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 1, we would strike out the word "legislation." And in Section 5, we would strike out that entire paragraph, "It shall be the duty of the Committee on Legislation to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the Order of the constitution and welfare of the United State of America, proposed either in Congress of the United States or elsewhere; to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commander-in-Chief at the session following his appointment." Then we would renumber Sections 16 - 24 of Article 10. Committee recommends adoption.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on proposal nine. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Pass it. And I want to recognize how well you pronounced inimical. It means hostile or adverse. It's a synonym with marriage.

Encampment

(laughter).

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. We've already acted on proposal number 10. So we're going to number eleven on page thirty-four. This proposal is from the C & R Committee at the request of the Council of

Administration. Affects Chapter 3, Article 8, Section 2b. This proposal adjusts the regulations to conform to the procedures that has been in use for several years relating to the adoption of the annual budget. The Committee recommends adoption. And we give you the language for Section 2b. And at the end of that, or near the end of that section, we insert the following language, "Following review of the budget by the Encampment, it becomes the responsibility of the Council of Administration to approve the annual budget." And then we add new language, "except the National Treasurer as specified in Article 9, Section 2b of this Chapter." Committee recommends approval.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on proposal eleven.

Michael A. Paquette, National Chief of Staff

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake. Just a question on "no other officer other than the Treasurer." So, if something happens to the National Treasurer, if he's hospitalized, not able to perform his duties, who else is going to pay the debts for the organization? My question specifically is would another individual be appointed to fill that role or would an Assistant Treasurer be able to take over?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Paquette. The bills would still be paid because there is always at least one and generally two Assistant National Treasurers, both of them are signatures on all of our accounts. This amendment has to do with the budget and that only the National Treasurer and the Council of Administration can exceed the budget. There is an existing policy that, I'd have to dig it out, as to what percentage of the budget the National Treasurer can actually exceed any line item without having to get approval of the Council of Administration. It's simply to put some wiggle room in there. If we go over a budget item by \$100.00, it's not a big deal. If we're going over by \$100,000.00, that's a whole 'nother ballgame. That language that's in there simply says that the National Treasurer, in conformity with the other section that it cites can exceed a budget by the amount that's allowed by the policy.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, Past Department Commander. The language in here seems to me to take away the power of the Encampment over the power the budget. Following a review of this budget by the Encampment it becomes the responsibility of the Council of Administration to approve the annual budget. We can review the budget, but do we have the power to change it if the regulations call for only the Council of Administration to be able to approve changes.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, may I answer that?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor and former National Treasurer, to answer

Brother Tucker's question. If the approval is at the National Encampment level, then the Council of Administration becomes without authority to act to exceed the budget. They cannot amend the budget, so that's why it's kept at the Council of Administration level. So that they have the authority, if we need to go over the budget and authorize those expenditures. The National Encampment is given a review and yes, the National Encampment always has the authority to amend or direct that the budget be adjusted. But the final approval then comes at the Council of Administration so that the authority remains if something extraordinary happens and the budget needs to be adjusted to give us legal authority to spend the money the Council can do that. If it's approved at the Encampment, the Council loses that power and we might find ourselves in a situation with an extraordinary expense and we don't have the ability to address that without calling a special National Encampment.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I would say that is the opposite of what we do at the Department level. Departments pass a budget and the Department Council has the authority to, in an emergency case to move funds.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

If the by-laws of the Department allow for that, that's very possible.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Well, so, if we're a bottom up organization, shouldn't the bottom have the say and the Council be extraordinary instead of the other way around?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

By-laws of Departments don't have to be the same.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I'm not saying that they're the same. I'm saying we're codifying losing control over the budget process. That's all.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

This, and again, Brother Tucker, this is just codifying the way we have been doing it. Just so it's clear. This doesn't take any authority away from the Encampment because the Encampment can order the budget to be adjusted and that the Council has to approve that adjustment. But then the final approval process remains that can quickly decide in an extraordinary circumstance to amend the budget to address that circumstance.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Hearing none, Recommend approval. Objection.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal eleven passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number twelve on page thirty-four. This is a proposal from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Don Martin. Affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 1 and Section 21. This proposal eliminates the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund Committee and the committee's description of

their duties. The Committee recommends approval of this proposed amendment since there's been little activity by the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund since the committee was created in 2001. And we give you Section 1 of that Article which shows that the Civil War Heritage Committee is listed as one of the standing committees. We draw a line through that. Eliminate them as a committee. And then Section 21, the language which is the job description is eliminated. "The purpose of the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund is to raise and recommend distributing money to help with litigation relating to the stopping the sale of Civil War Memorial items or legal action for the return of such items that were already sold or stolen when found. Financial contributions by the SUCVW membership has been the major source of funds; however, other types of fundraisers are permitted. Case information is to be directed to the chairman of the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund. The committee will review the merits of the case and will forward their recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief for his approval. If additional action is required, the committee is responsible for that action." And if this is approved, then we would renumber the remaining Sections of this Article. The Committee recommends adoption.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal twelve discussion. Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposes twelve passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number thirteen on page thirty-five. This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee. Affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 1 and Section 13. This proposal eliminates the Americanization and Education Committee and the description of the committee's duties. The C & R Committee recommends approval of this proposed amendment since there's been little activity by the Americanization and Education Committee. And again, we give you the language of Section 1 and we draw a line through and eliminate the Americanization and Education Committee. And then Section 13, we strike the entire section, which is the job description. "The purpose of the National Committee on Americanization and Education is to develop and implement programs that will encourage a greater awareness of citizenship, patriotism, and American traditions with the goal of increasing participation in civic and patriotic activities among the Order and general population. This includes: 1) develop flag etiquette, patriotism, citizenships, Civil War Memorial Day, American History Grand Army of the Republic, GAR History, and SUCVW History programs which may be provided to Departments and Camps for presentation to schools for patriotic and civic organizations and such other public gatherings; 2) Prepare and submit articles to the Editor of the *Banner* on programs developed by the committee and solicit ideas and suggestions from Departments and Camps regarding changes which can be made to improve existing programs and on new programs. And 3) With the Patriotic Instructor as chairman of the committee, work with the National Committee on Fraternal Relations and other Allied Orders of the GAR to develop and implement joint and/or concurrent patriotic programs." If this proposal is adopted, we would renumber the remaining Sections of the Article. The Committee recommends adoption.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal thirteen discussion. George.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

George Powell, Pennsylvania. Who is taking over these duties? That's all I'm asking.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

No one's going to be taking... There won't be any duties. Brother Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Don Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The answer to Past Commander-in-Chief Powell's question is the Patriotic Instructor because they're the ones that've been doing it anyway for the past several years.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal thirteen passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number fourteen found at the bottom of page thirty-five and on to page thirty-six. This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee. Affects Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 8. This proposal eliminates from the National Patriotic Instructor's job description his duty to serve as chairman of the Americanization and Education Committee. The Committee recommends approval and we give you Section 8 and we strike out "serve as chairman of the National standing Committee on Americanization and Education." We recommend adoption.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on proposal fourteen. All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

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

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Kuhn.

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

Brother Grim's voice is really starting to about go. I would move you that anyplace there's a strikeout that Brother Grim does not have to read what's being eliminated. Only times that we have something we're putting in new. We can read what we're eliminating.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Kuhn, I'm gonna allow that it will be up to the person reading.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Sounds like a good plan to me.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Sounds like a good plan to me too.

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

That was a motion. I moved that, so...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We don't have to move that. I can make her so. That's Naval slang if you didn't know. Make her so. Okay.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal number fifteen, page thirty-six. This proposal was submitted by the National Encampment Site Committee. Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 6b would be affected. And this proposal is a revision of the job description of the National Site Committee. And the C & R Committee recommends approval. We would strikeout the language that you see there. And we add the new language, "Compile and periodically update a list of hotel facilities and equipment required to host a National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic GAR." We would strikeout the current language and replace it with "Compile and periodically update a list of normal Encampment customs observed and amenities provided pursuant to past practices of the Order and other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic GAR." We strikeout the language in number three and replace it with "Compile and periodically update a list of materials, supplies, and equipment such as badges, Encampment programs, campfire program, memorial service program, flowers, and so forth, which are normally expected to be present or required at National Encampments of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic GAR." We would strikeout the current language for four. Replace it with "Prepare and periodically update diagrams of Council of Administration meeting, memorial program, opening ceremony, business meeting, campfire, and banquet room setups pursuant to the requirements of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the GAR." And then we would strikeout the current language on six. Replace it with "Solicit Department proposals for hosting National Encampment three years or more in advance and provide Departments a list of responsibilities normally expected of the host committee." Strikeout the current language in seven. Replace it with "Review, evaluate, and compare all official Encampment hosting proposals submitted by Departments. Assess such proposal for facilities, prices, location, and experience and ability and of the host committee members. Based on these assessments, select the proposal three years in advance which is most advantageous to the Order and its members. Strikeout the language in eight. Replace it with "In the event that no feasible proposal to host a National Encampment is submitted or if a selected Department is unable to hold the National Encampment, the committee will locate and evaluate alternate host cities and facilities and select a host city which is most advantageous to the Order and its members.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Orr, may I be allowed to read the remainder of this paragraph?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Sure. Go ahead.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

number nine, "Negotiate with selected Encampment hotels such as complimentary meeting rooms, suites for National officers, other concessions normally provided pursuant to past practices of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the GAR."

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

That's current language.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So we're at number eleven then. "Provide regular status reports to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Council of Administration." And number twelve, "Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment." You can report the status.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. Committee recommends approval.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on number fifteen.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, Brother.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Illinois. I move we amend this with two strikes. One is your requested removal of the second *e* in *commandeer*. And the other is pursuant to previous practices, removing the word *National* before Council of Administration in line number eleven.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second to amend proposal fifteen. Discussion.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina, PDC. I would like to amend that amendment just to add to correct the spelling of assess in paragraph seven.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

If you accept that?

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

I'll accept that.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

He will accept that so we will have discussion on the amendment to the amendment to the...

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I know. I'm just making a point.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. Go ahead, Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I have one more amendment. And that's number seven, on the second line, it says "prices, location, and experience/ability and of the host committee." It should say "and experience and ability of the host committee." That's another type. Sorry.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Any grammar mistakes will be adjusted by the committee.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to rule that out of order 'cause we would allow grammar mistakes to be corrected automatically.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Kevin, are you saying strike the comma and? Is that what you're saying?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

No. He wants to get rid of the backslash. It's actually an acceptable thing to do but if we don't do it every place then it's not. It's got to be something that's done everywhere. Very good. All in favor of the corrected, Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Passed. Okay. Discussion on the main motion as amended. All in favor of the main motion. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal sixteen, page thirty-seven. This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee. Affects Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 3. Proposal adds a new paragraph to this Section and provides for the issuance of a citation noting the accomplishments of the individual awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with a Gold Star. And the C & R Committee recommends approval. And

Section 3 would add a new paragraph *r* and I'm gonna let the Commander read it for you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I will read that for you. Thank you. "A) A citation will accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star. This citation signed by the Commander-in-Chief will contain the dates and a summary of the recipient's meritorious service beyond the efficient and loyal performance of his duties. The citation should be read when the award is presented. Individuals or Departments submitting a Brother for a Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star at the Commander-in-Chief's request, must submit a citation following the approved format located in the form sections of the SUVCW website. Each Meritorious Service Award citation will be published as a General Order. The National Secretary will keep an ongoing record of each Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star that is presented."

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

We recommend approval of this proposal.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion?

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Commander-in-Chief, Gary Gibson, Past Department Commander, Michigan. For clarification, do we actually have a medal that we are awarding?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

No, there is an attachment that is presented. That's the actual gold star that the member can wear in their membership badge.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Yes. That's what I thought, because I would move you to substitute the word "medal" after "Meritorious Service Award medal" or "Meritorious Service Medal" because we don't have a medal.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

It's a gold star. There is a motion to remove the word Medal and replace it with Gold Star.

Several

Second

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion on that? All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The amendment passes. Now we're going to vote on the motion as amended. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal number seventeen on page thirty-eight. This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee. Affects Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 3. This proposal adds a new paragraph to this Section establishing the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award which was authorized by the National Encampment in 2011 but never added to the Regulations. And the Commander's going to read that for you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

"The Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. At the National level, she must be recommended by a Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief, or an elected National Officer. At the Department level, she must be recommended by a Past Commander, a Past Department Commander, a Past Commander-in-Chief, or a Department Commander. The Commander-in-Chief may present up to five awards in any one year. A Department Commander may present up to three awards in any one year. It is not mandatory for either the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to present this award. The medal shall be gold in color. The obverse bears a portrait of Dr. Mary Edward Walker wearing the Medal of Honor within a raised border bearing the inscription 'Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal' above and the 'SUVCW' below separated by stars. The reverse of the medal will be inscribed as follows: 'Awarded in grateful appreciation for service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.' Note the reverse also bears the copyright of '© 2011.' The medal shall be suspended from a neck ribbon, gold in color for National awards made by the Commander-in-Chief, and dark red for awards made by a Department Commander. The medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be presented with the medal. The medal may be presented in accordance with the ceremony in the Rituals and Ceremonies."

Robert E. Grimm, Constitution and Regulations Committee

The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Brian.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

Sir, Brian Pierson, PDC. paragraph c? "The reverse should say © 2011 SUVCW" which is actually what is on the back of the medal, so that's an administrative correction.

Several

Second

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I see where you're at there. Discussion on that? All of those in favor of the amendment. Opposed. Passes. Now we can go back to the main proposal as amended.

John R. Conrad, Department of Southwest

Commander, John Conrad, Department of Southwest, Department Commander. Also in

subsection c, the word “order” is misspelled.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We’re just going to put that under the general term of typographical errors will be automatically taken care of. Brother Brian.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

Paragraph b. I move that we change “five” to “three” and “three” to “two” so Commander-in-Chief can award up to three medals; Department Commanders up to two medals. And that is to preserve the integrity and value of the medal itself.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion. We have a motion. We have a second. So we can discuss that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Martin. Will you take the gavel?

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, you can just stay there. You have the gavel. So I want to speak on this issue. I think we should make this change. I think that with the numbers that we have on our organization, five for the Sons of Union Veterans I think that’s asking a lot. I’m afraid that what’s going to happen with that being, it says up to but many of them will say well, I’m going to find five and I’m gonna give five even if maybe it’s not deserving just because he can. Just because you can give five doesn’t mean you will. But I think it’s an incentive to give five. I’m thinking that maybe we should reduce the number of presentations to make the medal really something to get. It has to be a real high quality person that’s selected; that has done something exceptional cause this is really an important medal. We just don’t want to give this medal to everyone who just shows up every time at every meeting. It’s got to be something more than just showing up. I’m not saying that happens at all. I’m just saying that maybe we should make this really special and one way is limit the availability of this. Charlie.

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

Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Personally, I think we ought to reduce it further. I think it ought to go down to one for National and one for Department. Because right now we’re giving away eight a year. It’s getting to the point that most of all the women who really have helped the Order tremendously have gotten the badge already, for two years. So I think it should be one a year.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

I’m happy to accept that amendment if the Encampment votes that way.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Is that a motion Charlie?

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

I can make it a motion I'll do one a year at each level, Department and National.

Unknown

second.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Discussion?

Stephen E. Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

Steve Hackett, Department of Rhode Island. I've got a question. If we go down to one and one a year, if one of you get three applications and you select one, are the other two applications held for view for the next year to be reviewed again?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, just a point of clarification. Richard Orr, National Treasurer. There is no application. You have to be nominated by one of the officers specified in the regulations. If you are nominated for one year, it's as if you are nominated for anything else. That nomination is not held over. You can re-nominate the same person the following year, but the nominations do not hold over year after year.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

Correct.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Fidler.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Doug Fidler, Past Department Commander, Tennessee. The devil is in the details. Is there going to be a date assigned by which this has to be in? Or is it just first come first served as far as a Department is concerned?

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I would say that depends on when the Commander-in-Chief makes a decision for when they come in. You know, if you're sending it two days before the Encampment, it's probably not going to be considered, obviously. Because it doesn't have to be decided, you know, on the very first five or anything like that.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

So in other words though, the Commander-in-Chief can nominate one and then all the Departments end up essentially vying for the one other one. Am I reading that correctly?

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

No. Each Department would be able to award one on their own on their own decision, their own merit of the Department Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'd like to make an amendment to the motion to allow one for Nat...I'm sor...

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

...Point of order... You have a motion to amend and a motion to amend the amendment on the floor. You cannot have more than two at a time.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So it will be out of order and I'll limit Danny as the last one.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Danny Wheeler, National Quartermaster, Past Commander-in-Chief. In the Quartermaster store, of course I keep track of everything. And I can say for Department wise, I haven't had a Department yet that got over two in one year. And I think one really isn't enough. I think two should be the answer. Thank you.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So we have a motion and then we have a motion to amend the motion and we have a motion to amend the amendment. We're going to be voting on the amendment to the amendment of the motion. And that amendment is what?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Only one.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. It's one National and one Department. And that's what we'll be voting on. So all those in favor of one National and one Department, please show your cards. Okay. All opposed. All right. I'm gonna ask for a count. So would the Guide and Color Bearer please a count? All right. So we're gonna vote on that once more. And when you hold your card up, please do so until your card has been counted and then you may take it down. So, this is for one National and one Department.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

You don't have the gavel, Gene. You can vote.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I know. But I don't have a card. They never gave me one. I'm voting. Oh, here. Give me yours. I bet I'm the first Commander-in-Chief who voted at a National Encampment in years.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brothers doing the count, did you get the Commander-in-Chief and at the table? Thank you. The yea's on the one and one are seventy-one. Okay, so now we're going to vote for those who are against one and one. Please raise your cards. Brothers, would you please count again.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

While the voting's going on, I'm gonna just mention to you that we're going to be closing up shop at 5:00 o'clock this evening.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, the nay's have seventy-seven. That amendment to the amendment fails. So now we're going to vote on the amendment to the motion and right now with the amendment to the motion we have three from National and two Department.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Correct.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So those in favor of that amendment to the motion, please raise your cards. Opposed same sign. All right. The amendment to the motion passes, so that's three from National, two from the Departments. Now, Commander, this is where you can do your thing. We're back to the original motion that you saw written. The number three replaces the number five and the number two goes in for Department. Is everybody clear? All those in favor please raise your cards. Okay. Opposed, same sign. Okay. Motion carries.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Martin. And I do have the gavel.

[one rap, *]

Mark A. Hale, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Mark Hale, Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Past Department Commander. Under who can nominate for the National Award, Department Commander needs to be included in that list. Right now a Department Commander couldn't nominate anybody for the National Award. It's the way it's worded.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I believe that's the way it was intended to be. The National Officers would nominate National and Department Officers would nominate... That's not to say that a Department can't ask a National Officer to make one and have sufficient criteria for or reason for doing so.

James M. Barker, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Jim Barker, Past Department Commander, Colorado/Wyoming. The proposal says a Past Department Commander can recommend to the Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That's correct.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. We're ready for proposal number eighteen on page thirty-eight. This is a proposal from the Military Affairs Committee. The SVR Regulations, Chapter 5, Section 2 would be affected.

Chapter 2, Article 13, Section 3 of the SUCVW Regulations incorporates the SVR Regulations by reference into the SUCVW Regulations. And this change would allow a SVR Unit Commander to have an adjutant, a chaplain, and a public relations person. The Committee recommends approval. The new language for this Section 2, "The Unit Commander may appoint from his unit the following staff members to assist him in the performance of his administrative duties: an adjutant, chaplain, and public relations person." Committee recommends approval.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion proposal eighteen. Hearing none, all in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal eighteen passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number nineteen starts at the bottom of page thirty-eight. This proposal is from the C and R Committee based on a request from James P. McGuire, the National Signals Officer. SVR Regulations Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 1(a) would be affected. This amendment adds the National Signals Officer as an official National Officer. We give you the list of all this National Officers and we insert "National Signals Officer." Committee recommends approval.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on proposal nineteen. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal nineteen passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal number twenty on page thirty-nine. This proposal's from the C & R Committee based on a request from James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer. It affects the addition of the National Signal Officer and the Banner Editor as a non-voting member of the National Council of Administration but excludes them from attending executive sessions. Council recommends approval. We give you the list of the people on the Council of Administration and we include now the Banner Editor and the National Signals Officer. And then we also include language that says "with the exception of the Banner and Editor and the National Signals Officer" so they're not allowed to attend executive sessions. Committee recommends approval.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on proposal twenty. Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Department of Ohio. I just have a question on proposal twenty. If you look down there where it says "proposal twenty," you go down three lines. Why does it say "SVR Regulations page eighty-five?" SVR has nothing to do with Council of Administration.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Well, that's one of those typographical errors.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Which would be automatically be corrected. All in favor. Opposed. Proposal twenty passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number twenty-one on page thirty-nine. This proposal's from the C & R Committee based on a recommendation from the National Committee on National Legislation. Affects Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 1(a). This proposal adds the National Legislation Officer as an official officer of the National Organization. We give you the list of officers and we add "National Legislation Officer." The Committee recommends approval.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on proposal twenty-one. And yes, we do realize that they need a comma after "officer." All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Proposal twenty-one passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal number twenty-two on page forty. This proposal is from the C & R Committee. Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 3(g). This proposal increases the type of documents that can be used to prove eligibility for the War Medal. And permits the use of the military lapel pin as a substitute for the bronze bar which can be attached to the war medal and in case the bronze bar is discontinued. And we add the new language, says "Official documentation from the Brother's Uniform Services Personnel Center or Bureau noting the award of the campaign or service medal ribbon." Then at the end of the paragraph, we add the new language, "if the Council of Administration decides to stop issuing the bronze bar, denoting a conflict or war, Brothers may substitute up to three military lapel pins denoting such service." Only the bar or the lapel pin may be used. Not both. Committee recommends approval.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion on proposal twenty-two. Please.

Frank P. Campo, Department of California and Pacific

Commander, Frank Campo, Department of California/Pacific. I would recommend that we leave in DD215 because that is an amendment to the DD214. When I was in the Gulf War, when I got out during the Gulf War, I was issued a DD214. However, once Congress issued the Southwest Asia medals, that came out of DD215. That authorized the war service medals. And I would encourage you to leave the DD215 in there.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

The only thing was supposed to be struck was DD214. Commander-in-Chief. Having served on the Committee, the only thing that was to be struck was the DD4. So, it's a typo striking through the 215.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you for that clarification. Discussion. Proposal twenty-two. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

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

Encampment

(cheers and applause)

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We're going to go ahead and do that restoration. The Junior Vice has that ready to go. So we're going to go ahead and entertain his motions. But before we do that, I got a message from the Quartermaster. He wants me to tell everyone to please pick up a free Son's cup compliments of the Quartermaster.

Encampment

(cheers)

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I like that. Free stuff is good. Brother Orr.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

You have an existing special committee that you haven't taken up recommendations, the National Fundraising Special Committee. And before you can go in to the Encampment Committees, you've got to do committees that've been in existence all year. That's the last one. Page fifty-seven.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The Chairman is not here and recommends the following actions? We'll take that up right now. Okay, we're on page fifty-seven of the Encampment. National Funding Raising Special Committee, Glenn B. Knight. Can I just read this? "For the fourth consecutive year, this committee was reappointed despite my continuing strong recommendations against doing so. The chairman has been unable to do anything since the two assigned committee members appear to have no interest in the committee and refuse to communicate with the chairman. Since this committee was first considered the environment has changed. It has become apparent that unless the I.R.S. status of the Order can be changed to a 501(c)(3), the entire purpose of the committee is moot. The Order should establish administrative options for members to include the organization within the administration of their personal state upon their demise and should set up a fund that can be used for the management of special gifts that members might use to shelter income for the benefit of the Order should that become possible. It should not

require a committee to make these changes to the current operations, since they've all fall within fiduciary responsibility of the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration.

Recommendations. That the chairman recommends any one of the following actions: a) Appoint new committee members who are capable of functioning, b) Appoint a revised committee with a revised charge; or c) Drop the committee. Direct the incoming Commander-in-Chief to instruct the Executive Director, National Treasurer, and National Counselor to develop a response packet to advise members how to include the Sons of Union Veterans in their Last Will and Testament to include appropriate captioning, legal text, registration requirements, and notice of intent. Then direct the incoming Commander-in-Chief to instruct the Executive Director, National Treasurer, and National Counselor to look into the creation of special funds and accounts that can be used for the management of special gifts when necessary. Such review may result in the creation of an Assistant Treasurer for Major Gifts or a Development Officer under the National Treasurer.” Discussion.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I opt for recommendations number three. Drop the committee and do the rest of it with having it put to the new incoming Commander-in-Chief to take charge of it. That's my motion.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'll second it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second to adopt recommendation one c, to drop the committee. Discussion still on that.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Would you take an amendment to change the language to remove where it says “Executive Director, Treasurer,” and actually names the people, to strike that and let the incoming Commander-in-Chief decide which committee to send this to?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

That works for me.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So read that the way you want it to be, for the recorder.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Basically, number one is moot because the committee has been dropped. So it says “Direct incoming Commander-in-Chief to instruct the appropriate committee to develop” So strike

“Executive Director, National Treasurer, National Counselor” and replace it with “appropriate committee.” And do the same for item three also.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So I will read it as we wanting it. Okay, so we’re gonna skip number one altogether. So we’ll start “Direct the incoming Commander-in-Chief to instruct the Executive Director...”

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Brother, Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Jim.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor. I offer a substitute motion that we merely refer these recommendations to the incoming Commander-in-Chief whoever he may be. Rather than vote now, just refer it and then he can run with it.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So we got a motion and a second. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Substitute motion passes.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Now you’re done. We’re all done.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yay! I’m all for that.

Mark R. Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This is Mark Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I was appointed to head the special committee to look at the reinstatement of the rank for the two Past Department Commanders. I have two motions. Motion number one. I make a motion to suspend the Regulations regarding restoration of rank must begin with a Camp for a period of thirty minutes.

Several

Second.

Mark R. Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The motion is that we will suspend the Regulations regarding restoration of rank, and the Regulation we’re suspending is the one where it says it must begin with a Camp. We are suspending that regulation for a period of thirty minutes so that we can discuss this and then after thirty minutes the

regulation would go back in to play.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Parliamentarian, what do you say?

Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian

Sounds good. Certainly. That's agreeable.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That's agreeable? Okay. Who's the second? Okay. We got a motion and a second. We're going to vote on that now. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So now we can take care of that business.

Mark R. Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Second motion. The committee recommends to the restoration of rank in the case of these two men be approved.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion. All in favor. Opposed. Passed.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause)

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, I'm looking real quick to see if there's any announcements. Okay, we have an announcement by my Chief of Staff.

Michael A. Paquette, National Chief of Staff

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake. There are two remaining recommendations from special committees in the reports packet. Page fifty-eight from the special committee on dual membership. There's a conclusion and recommendation at the bottom of that. And additionally, there's a recommendation on page fifty-nine from the Real Sons and Daughters special committee.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Five point eight. That's at the bottom of page fifty-nine?

Michael A. Paquette, National Chief of Staff

No. Real Daughters may become honorary members of the SUVCW in the Department they

reside in or the Department where their father's enlisted.”

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Rich Orr.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

This will require an amendment to the Constitution which specifies the qualifications for honorary membership. I therefore move you that it be sent to the committee on Constitution and Regulations to report back next year.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We got a motion and a second. All in favor. Opposed. That's passed actually. I'm just going to send that to the C & R. That's done. I can do that.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

You said there was a recommendation on the bottom of page fifty-eight. Let's look at that one. Might as well get 'em done while we can. This is from the special committee for dual membership, Brad Shaw. The overhaul of the SUVCW's bottom up organization structure and the costs for expanding our administrative infrastructure must be weighed against the benefits gained from any change. It is the view of the C of A that in this case, the costs outweigh the benefits that might occur for the approximately 150 individuals who hold dual memberships. Therefore, it is recommended that the National Encampment maintain the current policy on dual members and dues.” Discussion.

Charles B. Poland, Department of the Chesapeake

I'm Chuck Poland, Department Secretary/Treasurer, of the Department of the Chesapeake. This issue has come up at several Encampments. This committee was charged to go off and research it and come up with an answer. Their answer was, “We don't know.” The only thing they really came up with was that there are approximately 150 dual members. And that they thought it might be a lot of work. I think that this committee failed to do their job, to be blunt about it. They also did not consider, I think, that we have progressed from where we were say three or four years ago to the point where we now collect more information about dual members than we did three or four years ago. We now have information that we collect that we did not once collect. I think frankly this response is irresponsible. And that the answer that we have here that says we're going to do nothing is irresponsible.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

Sir, Brian Pierson, dual member, Department of Georgia and South Carolina and Oklahoma, Past Department Commander and one of the authors of this particular report. Your point is well-taken that

the committee was split in its decision. We carefully considered it in the April Council of Administration meeting. When we talked about the costs outweighing the benefits, it's not just a matter of collecting data on dual members, it really hits to the fundamental issue of how we are organized. If we were to implement it as recommended by the Department in New Jersey, it would result in a 180 degree turn in how we are structured, from a bottom up organization, in which as we discussed earlier today, Camps approve candidates for membership. To a top down organization in which everything would go to National. We have one Executive Director at National. We don't have the manpower there, and he's part-time, to do this. Unless we can clone him into about three or four. It's going to cost a lot of money to hire people to manage this from the top down level. Our membership, which is hovering around 6500-7000 doesn't support it unless we increase our per capita taxes. I don't think we want to do that. So these issues were discussed. If you redefined it I think they're clear. It was a considered recommendation not just to do nothing, but it was a considered recommendation to keep the policy as is. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Brian.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. Through you to Mr. Pierson. Has the committee considered the fact that while they did currently find 150 dual members, that should this issue result differently than the recommendation, the number of dual members might actually be encouraged to increase.

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

I understand that. And my response to that is, "Okay, so what?" I mean, it's nice to have dual members. But how does that actually impact how we are structured as an organization?

Alan O. Petit, Department of Wisconsin

Alan Petit, DC, Wisconsin. I'm a dual member of two of the Camps in our Department. Now, he's talking about we need money for the cause so you're telling 150 guys, I believe what is per capita right now is \$23.00 a head? Now you're telling 150 guys they got to pay \$46.00 a head and the rest of the organization only has to pay \$23.00. Now if you want to keep your money up, you'll abolish that double taxation; raise the standard rate from \$23.00 to \$24.00, that way you're not balancing your budget on 150 guys. I think that would be more fair if you really want to get down to it. That's my opinion.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, Rich.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief and also a member of the committee. First of all, it's not a case of balancing the budget on that 150. That's not the concern. The concern is the \$30,000.00 a year we're going to have to pay somebody to maintain the records and make sure that you're here, you're here, you're here, or you're here. And if we double the number of dual members, that means we have to double the number of staff we hire to keep track of it. That's the cost. It's not beneficial to the

Order at that rate. Second, one of the things that we also looked at briefly. What is gained by having dual membership? The only thing you are doing when you pay that additional dues is buying the right to vote in that Camp. You have every right to go and work with any Camp in the country. You can attend any of their functions. All you've got to do is show up with your dues card, and I'm certain if you volunteered to work, no body's going to chase you away. So all you're doing is buying the right to vote in a Camp with a dual membership. That's all.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Rich.

Charles S. Reeves, Department of Florida

Thank you, Commander. Chuck Reeves Department Commander, Department of Florida, former Department Commander, Department of Ohio. I'm a dual member of my former Camp in Ohio and a member obviously of a Camp in Florida. Why am I a dual member? Not to vote. I'm a dual member because I'm trying to support my former Camp, in Ohio. Don't tell me that you're going to save me some money. I mean, if this whole organization is based on 150 people paying an extra \$20.00 or \$30.00 a year and we're going to fall apart if we make them pay, too bad! Make 'em pay if they want to be a dual member. I'm more than willing to pay the money to be a dual member.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Have you been up before?

Walter Weart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

No, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Walter Weart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

My name's Walter Weart. I am a dual member and I want to retain my dual membership and I'm willing to pay for it. I don't find it a financial hardship.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'm gonna be cutting off discussion on this shortly but you may go ahead.

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

Commander, John Conrad Department of the Southwest, Department Commander. I am a dual member too. I solved the issue by becoming a life member.

Encampment

(laughter, cheers, and applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we're going to vote on this. All in favor of the recommendation. Wait. Wait a second. We're going to... put your cards down. I am sensing that there's a confusion about what we're voting

on. So, I'm going to read this again. "Therefore, it is recommended that the National Encampment maintain their current policy on dual members and dues." That's what we're voting on. We haven't amended that. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The proposal passes. I know there's a lot of dinners going on tonight and I know there's one at 5:30. We've done a lot of work here today. We got through almost all of the National stuff. So, I'm going to go ahead and adjourn for dinner. Does anyone have any information or Good of the Order before we leave?

Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration

Department of Connecticut please come pick up your brochures. Everyone else, you've got 'em. I hope you use them well. Please note the little space for you to stick your stickers with your Department contact info. Thank you very much for allowing us to do this for you.

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

Commander, you requested me to remind you about Remembrance Day and Gettysburg. I've just reminded you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

This will not take long. I already mentioned it to the Council of Administration. This year, something unusual is happening. It's very great. That's at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg this year is co-dated with the dedication day at the cemetery when they commemorate the anniversary of Gettysburg Address. Levar Burton will be speaking at the Gettysburg National Cemetery that day. That's normally in the morning around 8:00 o'clock or 9:00 o'clock. It's kind of early. Sometimes it's really, really cold but we're going to recommend that you plan your trip to Gettysburg to remember that you could actually see Levar Burton's presentation. I'm sure it will be very good. And then stick around for the parade. I mean, that doesn't get any better than that. Any other things from the floor?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Is the Department Commander or Secretary for the Department of Georgia and South Carolina in the room? I have a charter for you. Okay.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

(recess)

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[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, welcome to day two of the 135th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I may have made a mistake. I don't think I made a mistake but I may have made a mistake. And therefore, I am going to try to undo this by some recommendations that I've received from some friends. I'm going to read this and then you can make or do an order. "Commander-in-Chief, the Department of Michigan wishes to address your General Order #16. While we believe your opinion was to clarify matters, it has in fact complicated the subject. We therefore ask you to rescind your General Order #16 and refer the matter to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, which would be Brother sitting at the Senior Vice Commander seat, refer it to him and to assign to an appropriate committee, which in this case would be the Constitution and Regulations. Our intent would be so that clear guidelines could be developed and presented to the next Encampment covering groups in geographic areas." I'll stop reading there because I agree. So, I hereby rescind General Order #16. I am asking that the incoming Commander-in-Chief refer the matter to the Constitution and Regulations Committee. I think that will work. Just an announcement for those people who are on the visitation committee. We will be leaving here about 9:20 or so to get to the Auxiliary at 9:30. Then we're going to be visiting with the LGAR at 10:45. I believe, Brother Martin, would you please take the gavel? I'm going to lay it up here for your convenience but I'm going to go ahead and do some more awards. Brother Kuhn, stand prepared.

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

Stand prepared for what?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have visitors. No, you don't have to stand Charlie.

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

... You said stand.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I know. Stand prepared means be prepared.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

He wasn't in the Navy.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Would you please escort the guests?

[three raps, ***]

Escort

Brother Commander, I have the honor to present to Carolyn Agosto, National President of the Ladies of

the Grand Army of the Republic.

Escort

Brother Commander, I have Lynne Bury, the most senior National Past President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Escort

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

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Gentlemen, please escort the Ladies to the stage.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Welcome.

Lynne Bury, Past National President of the LGAR

Good morning, Brothers.

Encampment

Good morning.

Lynne Bury, Past National President of the LGAR

It gives me great pleasure to come in to present the greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I'm probably not the senior most. There are a couple of them floating around out there, but I'm the one that's still active and attending conventions. We're very happy to be here meeting in this wonderful historic city. We've had a really good time. There's so many nice restaurants in the area so, it's been all good. And on top of that, we're having a wonderful convention. So it's a really good weekend for us. I wanted to introduce specifically our National President, Carolyn Agosto. She's doing a wonderful job. She kind of got hoisted into things really fast. And she's caught on wonderfully and been a very good leader for us this year. We're very happy to say we're getting some brand new circles this year, probably at least five. So, yeah, we're on a roll. I am sorry to hear that our D.C. Representative and honorary member Brother...or Sister Andy Johnson is not here and unwell this week. That's one of the primary reasons I come and give greetings is to hear his response. Well, you know, it's just good. It harkens back. With that being said, I will present to you our National President, Carolyn Agosto, from Kansas.

Encampment

(applause).

Carolyn Agosto, National President of the LGAR

Thank you. And I understand there are some Kansas men here this weekend.

Unknown

That's right.

Carolyn Agosto, National Present of the LGAR

I would like to be able to speak with you later, if I could. I started out several years ago as National Chaplain. Just happened to just kind of step into it unknowingly what I was getting into. Then another year passes and then I'm National Treasurer and that lasted for four years. Then last year, they were in need of a new National President and we, at that time, were experiencing a lot of difficulties in our National Circle, and so no one but the Treasurer was eligible to move up to President. So I skipped several levels to become the National President. You know, President by fire. Since I've become President, I have traveled alone to Gettysburg and to Washington D.C. You know, just getting my feet wet and cold and wet and cold and hot. It's been a great experience. Gettysburg, oh my goodness, watching the men march across that open field with the grass up to their knees and the big flags billowing. I was just blown away. I thought, "Wow!" They probably didn't appreciate it at the time of the Civil War but I am appreciating now for them. I am a great, great granddaughter of Hugh Jefferson Slayton. He came into the Civil War as a Corporal through Company F, of the 120th Illinois Infantry. So, it's really special for me to be here in Illinois, the state where he did his muster in. He was a farmer. He was born in Hopkins County, Kentucky about 1834. He was twenty-eight when he came into the service. He entered in August 21st and his muster date was October 29 at Camp Butler, Illinois. He mustered out September 10 of 1865, so he was in for three years. I have no knowledge of what he went through with that Company of Illinois, where they went, what battles they might have seen. But when he came out, he was promoted to Sargent. Then he resided in Saline County in Illinois before moving on to Kansas and then into Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation area, Nowata County, Oklahoma is where he is buried. It took me several years to get my mother to agree to travel that far, that's an hour and half from where she lives. I got my other two sisters, who didn't have to work, take care of their grandchildren, we all went Memorial weekend and drove down. We had to stop and ask directions a couple of times. This is like way out in the country in a small cemetery. But we found him and we took pictures and then we left an American flag for him. He had nothing on his grave so we left him with the flag. So, having said all of that, it is my privilege to serve all of you. Since we don't have a ribbon for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I would like to give you my business card. So, as a token of our gratitude for you all letting us join you and letting us talk. I usually don't have too few words. So, with that, good day and have a wonderful, wonderful time here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, will you please give the response?

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

Certainly, Commander-in-Chief. Dear Sisters of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is always a pleasure to see you at our gatherings. Your presence brightens our day and lightens our load. I am sure that the Grand Army Boys would be happy to see us working together in many of our projects to bring about their desired goals. The GAR created us to perpetuate the memory of the boys who wore the blue. Not unlike the war that our forefathers struggle in, they knew that it would take all of us, all of our organizations, to keep the memory alive because they knew the character of the American people. Sisters, we now live in a troubled world, where the history of this great nation continues to be degraded and rewritten to suit whatever argument people wish to win. Many teachers in

our schools are teaching our children an unspoken history and they themselves were not even taught proper history. That is why we, as descendants of the boys who wore the blue, must work together to keep the memory of these brave men alive. We must make a solemn pact between us that together we will strive to perpetuate the memory of the gallant ancestors who struggled to save this great Nation. As long as there is breath in our chests and the light of life in our eyes, we will set about doing their work that was laid aside for us. This may seem a daunting task. But, I am convinced that with your help, like our ancestors, we will be victorious. We are confident that your work here this weekend will add to the list of completed items that we must do to accomplish these goals. We hope that you have a pleasant and harmonious meeting and your visit here in Springfield was productive. And we look forward to working with you all this year and the upcoming years ahead.

Carolyn Agosto, National Present of the LGAR

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause).

Carolyn Agosto, National Present of the LGAR

And we are all in agreement that this is one of the best meetings that the Ladies of the Grand Army have had in years. We are so harmonious. We are getting things done. We're getting our offices filled. Next weekend, I and the National Chaplain, Karen Lydane, we are both flying to Georgia, into Atlanta, and we are going to institute a brand new Georgia Circle. These ladies are excited to be the yanks inside the rebeldom.

Encampment

(laughter and applause).

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Senior Vice Commander, I'm gonna go ahead and give you the gavel again. We had two scholarship awards to make this year. And I'm going to call their names. If either of the two are available, please come forward. Brother Ian M. Cueves, Shiloh Camp #2, Department of Nebraska, please come forward. We already sent the letters out to you and as you know, you need to get the, you know, get in touch with the college and they'll take care of getting the money into the bursar's office.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I need four pieces of information. The name and address of either the bursar, the registrar, or the student aid office, where ever the scholarship has to be sent and the name of the school, the last four digits of your social security number, and your home address or your mailing address with the school. So that the Brothers know why, if I give the check to this Brother, it's taxable income to him. If I send it to the school, it's tax free and he gets the benefit of the entire scholarship. So, we send it to the school in his name and they simply apply it to his account. So, that's the information, you can email it me. If you want to come up and give it to me later, that's fine. I'll get the

check out as soon as I can. I'm sure you've already paid for the fall semester. So, it'll apply to the next semester. Okay.

Ian M. Cueves, Department of Nebraska

I'd like to thank the Sons for giving me this opportunity. I will be attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln, go Huskers, where I'll be learning art history. I like history and I like art so that where that takes me. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And he can use that skill on designing our next challenge coins and our banners. Thank you very much. The next recipient of the scholarship award is Brother Michael Sweet, of Gilman E. Sleeper Camp #60, Department of New Hampshire. Is he available? We'll make sure the information that he needs will be sent to him so that he can have that placed in his college account also.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Augustus P. Davis Conrad Linder Award to the Department of Ohio for the Department with the most new members. If someone from the Department can come forward. Here's the certificate and a streamer for your Department flag.

Encampment

(applause)

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Too many things to juggle. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Ulysses S. Grant Award to the Department of Tennessee for the greatest percentage increase in membership, 20%. Can someone from the Department of Tennessee come forward?

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Welcome, Brother Mike. Come around.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Under Forty Award to the Department of Ohio for the Department with the most new members under forty. There was eight.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is to certify that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Benjamin F. Stevenson Award to David Rish, Jacob Parrott Camp #33, in Ohio for recruiting the greatest number of new members. Is he here?

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The next two awards are those of National Aides. A National Aide can receive a ribbon that goes behind his membership badge for recruiting five members within that year. The first one is for Brother Doug Fidler, Major William McTeer Camp 39, Department of Tennessee.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

When we were in England, you salute with the left hand. Oh, it's driving on the left. That's what it is. I get it confused.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

The next National Aide is David A. Rish. Says Jacob Parrott Camp #33, Department of Ohio.

Encampment

(laughter and applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And it is my mea culpa. I was the one who did the certificates, so that was my...

There was a matter of making a donation to something to do with preservation, where the details did not get recorded. The issue was resolved in the following lines.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. The question that I have is, if we're going to expand a program to give money for preservation, where will that money come from? And in the absence of 501(c)(3) status to make donations to the Order tax deductible, I don't see this as very viable at this time, without raiding our reserve. I therefore move that this matter be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for consideration of implementation when our 501(c)(3) application is approved. And then it might be appropriate to then consider at that time.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Discussion.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Gene, you got to take a vote.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I know. I know. I'm having a moment.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'm having...It'll be over in a second. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Carries.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

We already did number two.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We already did...that's right. Number three. That the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War review the Department of Missouri's study and implement four supplemental membership processing improvements. The first one, update the SUVCW Form 3, membership application to add "supplemental fourteen years and older has membership complete pages one and two" as an additional membership type. Number two, The National Quartermaster to create and sale an ancestors certificate modeled with similar graphics to the standard membership certificate. Number three, increase the minimum application fee to fifteen dollars with five dollars National fee, five dollars Department fee, and a minimum five dollars Camp fee. This fee being applicable to both membership and supplemental applications. And number four, establish a special committee or task force to explore a fee based member to ancestor database to assist prospective members in geology researchers.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Orr.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I would move you that 3.1, 3.2, and 3.4 be referred to Program and Policy Committee. If the Program and Policy Committee comes back with a recommendation that we adopt these, that 3.3 then be referred to Constitution and Regulations because it will require a modification of that document.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have discussion.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Illinois. The third one is unnecessary. I printed up Form 3 yesterday for a gentleman here in Springfield who applied for membership to our Order. It already lists across the top two check boxes, one for initial application and one for supplemental.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother McGuire.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, James McGuire, National Signals Officer. It seems that number four here the special committee or task force to explore a fee based member to ancestor database to assist prospective members and genealogy researchers. That sounds very similar to what we were talking about with the hereditary issues database, listing ancestors, etc. I would think that maybe that can get moved to part of that hereditary database committee that was discussed earlier as opposed to Program and Policy.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

James Ward, Past Department Commander, Department of Florida. If I could just ask for clarification. That point is not necessarily identifying qualifying service of the ancestor but it's looking to help somebody, a potential applicant, prospective member, to verify the generations documentation between the ancestor and himself. Is that correct? Missouri? Commander-in-Chief, is that your read?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That's what I'm understanding but I'm looking for a wor... Where's our Missouri guy? There he is. I want him to speak to it.

Dale E. Crandell, Department of Missouri

Dale Crandell with the Department of Missouri. Before I answer that question on 3.1, I agree. When this was written, we weren't aware that the form had been updated. So, I agree here, 3.1 is moot. It's already been taken care of. But, if I could, to answer the Brother's question, the intent was we've been collecting all this information, our members show a genealogy. They don't have to prove it. This is a potentially sellable item. You know, to people wanting to do research to other members that want free access to this database. I would suggest it's very much related.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

It would appear to me that we've already taken action at this Encampment to have a genealogical program that maybe we should just refer these the incoming Commander-in-Chief. But it appears when it goes that far, maybe we can refer it as a piggyback on the previous one. Would you agree with that?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And refer it to them?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So just to be clear, the hereditary issues scope at the moment is just looking at ancestors and their

qualifying service and documentation thereof.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That's correct.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

This is addressing lineage documentation, which may be added to that...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...That's what I'm saying...So, this might be a way of killing two birds with one stone.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I would agree. I would suggest, just speaking for me, the intent was just to keep the dialogue going, which committee you assign it to, either one is great for me, I guess.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I agree. But when we have this much dialogue going on, maybe it's time to take the next step at this point and start taking some actions on it. I think that genealogical program that we're talking about is very important and this is exactly where I'd expect this type of thing to go in. It can be helpful for membership and helpful for determining membership. So, again, would there be any objection of the chair allowing, you know, sending that to the incoming Commander-in-Chief who can then merge, I mean... Are we good with that?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

You got a motion on the floor.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, we have to deal with the motion. Could the Secretary repeat the motion?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

No.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

No. Okay.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Well, I made the original motion, can I make a substitute to my own motion?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Yeah.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

...I'll make a substitute motion since we've eliminated one. I'm just going to simplify the one. I'm gonna move that this go to the Program and Policy Committee chaired by the Senior Vice and they can report back to the Council of Administration in Gettysburg with a recommendation and then the Commander-in-Chief can distribute the various aspects of this to the respective committees as needed.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion. Second? We have a second. Discussion?

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

Commander, Ed Norris, National Council of Administration. Number four here, it's asking for a special committee. Special committees don't go to P & P. They're formed by the National Encampment.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No, the Commander-in-Chief can form a special committee on his own.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion? All in favor. Opposed. Carried.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

So, are we finished with the Departments? That would finish the Departments. I don't think there's any more recommendations for the Departments. Very well. Please escort the SCV Commander Strain to the podium.

[three raps, ***]

Escort

Brother Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I would like to introduce Tom Strain, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Tom, welcome.

Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of SCV

Yes, sir, Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Nice to see you again.

Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of SCV

Good to see you. Yes, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Are you hungry?

Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of SCV

No, not right now. I ate lunch.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, we're going to feed you tonight.

Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of SCV

That sounds good. That sounds real good.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Would you like to say a few words?

Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of SCV

Yeah, I would love to.

[one rap, *]

Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of SCV

Yeah. You know, there's a little bit of irony here. Not that I'm staying at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. But, in 1910 in Little Rock, Arkansas, my ancestor, George Washington Gordon, had just been elected United Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief. He, in Little Rock shook the hand of the Grand Army of the Republic's Commander-in-Chief, just like I did here today. It's kind of ironic that 106 years later, his descendent is the Commander-in-Chief of the next organization that's carrying on those traditions today. So, I would just like to say that it's an honor and a privilege to be here. This reminds me a lot of the SCV reunions. It's just the uniforms are the wrong color.

Encampment

(laughter).

Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief of SCV

But, that's okay too. We all have a common goal here and, that is to see that our ancestors good names are honored for the future generations. Unfortunately, that's not happening today anywhere. You know, who would ever thought that the Gaston Flag would be considered what it's been called today. I mean, a year and half, a little over a year ago, it started with the battle flag. Then they attacked the Christian flag. You know, now they're attacking the Gaston flag. What, you know, when does it stop? It's going to take groups like the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to finally put our foot down and say, "The madness needs to stop now." Whichever side, whether they fought in blue or gray, right or wrong, ya'll decide, I'll decide which side is which. But, every one of those men that died on that battlefield deserve respect, no matter which side of the fight they fought. So, on behalf of the 35,000 current members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I'd like to bring ya'll greetings from us. And I would like for ya'll to know that we have a lot more in common than most people realize. Thank ya'll.

Encampment

(applause).

[three raps, ***]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, we're already up. Could I please have an the escort ...we've got it taken care of.

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Where we at now?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

New business.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We're going to go to new business. Nice thing about new business, is that in the script, there's nothing here.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

That's nice. The idea is, how much can we fill up that space? Let's go. New business.

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Pennsylvania. In your goody bag you got, you got a book here, a magazine that says...called *Civil War Courier*. And, the front page article "Hallowed Ground." I'm somewhat familiar with this since it's been going on. There is a development company moving in to the Gettysburg area and they want to develop the area just east of the town of Gettysburg. The development will fill the area between the Hanover Road and Route 30. That area will absolutely obliterate what is left of Camp Letterman, which was a huge field hospital that was there that treated both North and South following the battle. It will also eliminate a critical area where Confederate Soldiers under the command of Gordon and it's Williams' Brigade, both launched their assaults on Cobb Hill. They advanced over that ground, were shelled over that ground. This is a travesty to let this happen folks. The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association is taking action. This organization is the oldest of all the preservation organizations. They're much older. They're granddaddy to what is it the APCWS and all those other organizations. They constitute probably half to two-thirds of the battlefield in Gettysburg you can thank there because of what the GBPA has done. These folks, GBPA, were not against the casino. They didn't feel there was a risk involved there. But, when they get on board and they think there's a risk, I take it very seriously because these guys are not alarmists. There is something we can do to help. There are petitions online that you can go on and sign. Or, you can download the petition and print it off and get it signed and send it in. But, I am going to move you right now that we send Brother Commander-in-Chief, I'm making a motion that we send a letter of our intent to struggle against this, our dissatisfaction in this decision to the county board of supervisors at Strabane Township. I'll give the address here to the Secretary. Letting them know that we're very disappointed in this. That's my motion.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion. all in favor.

Encampment

Aye.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Passed. Yes, sir.

Richard Hoovler, Department of Illinois

Richard Hoovler, John Logan Camp 26. I am a descendent of a Civil War veteran that was a POW. I was wondering if we can start up the descendants of POW's of the Civil War. What we would basically be doing is looking for POW graves, keeping the maintenance of the POW's graves and headstones, talk at National Encampments about our descendants, make trips to prisons of the Civil War once a year, and make a list of POW's captured, released, and death. The death being they died in the prison camp. This would be an also an opportunity to work with Daughters of the Auxiliary with it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

State your motion.

Richard Hoovler, Department of Illinois

I was making a motion if we can start an organization dedicated to descendants of POW's of the Civil War.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any second?

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Got a second. Discussion. Quick. Discussion?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I think the young man wants a special committee. If you want a special committee, you need an end date. So, if you're considering that, please put an end date on it or, you can also move that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to look into the feasibility of something further on. It may be more beneficial to do that then just come up with a special committee that would last two or three years.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Would that be a substitute?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'll make it as a substitute motion.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Will you agree with that?

Richard Hoovler, Department of Illinois

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Will the second agree with that?

Unknown

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Very well. Discussion. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Carried. Brother Reineke.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. Just a moment of background. Up in northern Illinois, we're south of I-80, so this is southern Illinois. Up in northern Illinois, in the city of Chicago, is the site of Camp Douglas. It is now a neighborhood. There are schools. There are game fields. There are apartments. There's housing. The neighborhood is called Bronzeville. But, there is an organization called the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation. The CDRF has enjoyed a great relationship with our northern Illinois Camps and with the Department of Illinois. The CDRF is seeking to get the site of the old Camp Douglas at King and 33rd on the south side of Chicago listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Now here in Illinois, every Camp, as well as the Department, has written and sent a letter to the CDRF supporting this initiative. But, I think, especially since we're meeting in Springfield it would be amazing if this Encampment could instruct the National Secretary to send a letter of support to the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation supporting their initiative to get the Camp Douglas site listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I would move as so.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Discussion.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Can it be repeated please?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Can you repeat the motion?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

I move that the 135th National Encampment instruct the National Secretary on behalf of the National Organization to write and send a letter to the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation supporting the foundation's initiative to have the Camp Douglas site listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I would suggest that when the motion, if the motion carries, that you can get together with the Secretary to clean that up. All in favor.

Unknown

Aye.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Opposed. Carried.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Beard.

D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake

Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake. I'm here to ask the Encampment for a funding for a new monument in Chesterfield County, Virginia. I'm doing it here because this is a joint project between the Sons and Daughters of the Union and the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Point of order. Brother, was this presented to the National Treasurer prior to noon to today?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Martin, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Ohio. Commander, I'd like to move that the National Special Government Headstone Application Committee be dissolved. This committee was established by the Encampment to dissolve in 2017. I have talked with Brother Frail, the head of the committee, and he is expressed that since the VA is now allowing individuals to get headstones, that the real purpose and job of the committee is no longer needed. That they were going to pretty much stop doing what they're doing, once they help those already in the system.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Discussion. No discussion. All in favor. Opposed. Carried.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any more motions? Any more new business? Hearing none, we're going to move on and do the budget. Take care of that. Then we'll probably be take a short recess and then we'll come back and we'll take care of the election.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Brother Darby. That's a long walk.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's how I keep this girlish figure. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. General Order 20?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Then we'll do the budget.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I'm going to hand the gavel over to our Senior Vice and then we will collect the six people, we'll meet together and we'll discuss the rules as far as who talks. Cause the General Order stated that we would have three speakers on both sides. The question is whether we do three and then we do three, or we do alternating. That's all. So, what we'll do, I will go ahead now and hand the gavel over to you... Yes.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Everybody know what he's talking about?

Encampment

No.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

They will.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I was going to give 'em a heads up. This is about Memorial Day.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, I have a motion.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, has he turned the gavel over to you yet? Yes. Thank you. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I have a motion. James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. My motion is that as the Commander-in-Chief had previously sent out General Order #20

announcing his intent to have this discussed at National Encampment as to the status of Memorial Day, I think we all know what that is talking about, giving us all time to consider. I think everyone in this room knows how they want to vote. I see no useful purpose in debating this item on the floor of the Encampment to allow people to say things that will not promote fraternity. I think we all know how we want to vote and I therefore move the previous question and call for an immediate vote on the issue.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I have an item for discussion. I would like to...I would like not to pass this...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

No, no, no, no. Point of order.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

You turned over the...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, I did, did I.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

You turned over the gavel.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

And there's a motion.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter).

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

There's a motion and second to terminate debate.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Excuse me.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

You have to immediately vote on that motion.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

It's a non-debatable motion.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Should we read the General Order?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

By the way, I still have to give my annual report. My report.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

You have a motion to vote. You can read it after... We're voting on whether to terminate debate. Then we vote on the question. And he can read what the motion is at that point.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, we have on the floor, a motion to terminate debate due to the fact that everybody should pretty well have their minds made up and it could possibly be things said that maybe shouldn't be said here. So, what we're voting on right now is to whether to end the debate. We are not voting on the original motion at this time.

Unknown

Point of order.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Unknown

How can we end debate on a motion that hasn't been presented yet?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

James Pahl, National Counselor. The Commander-in-Chief put the issue on the floor. And, it was stated. That we were taking up the issue as stated in General Order #20. He opened the floor for discussion and turned the gavel over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, if you vote yes, it will mean there will be no discussion. If you vote no, that means there will be discussion. So, all right. All in favor of the motion, please raise your cards. All opposed to the motion. All right. I'm gonna ask for a count. So please place your cards down. Once again, those who vote yay, please raise your cards. Brothers, will you take a count please?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

It's got to be passed by...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

...It's not gonna pass anyway.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

It's 2/3's.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I can't even find it. This thing doesn't even have a motion to terminate in it.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Secretary, do you have a written count?

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Do you have a number written down?

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Tell the Secretary. Okay, Brothers. We are now voting for the nays. Those who wish to continue debate, please raise your cards.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brothers, I will remind you that it requires a 2/3's majority. So they're going to do the calculations right now for the vote. Okay. It has failed. So we will open the debate. I would like to remind Brothers that this is a General Order and that. Yes. We will have that read. A General Order, if not overturned by this Encampment becomes permanent. So, we'll ask that it be read. Brother Charlie.

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

I have it right here. General Order #20, Memorial Day Policy. By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows: On May 1868, General John A. Logan as the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic proclaimed Decoration Day to be observed annually. The first observation was held on Saturday, May 31, 1868. The reason the 30th of May was chosen is still unclear and debated even today. The first use of the term Memorial Day was recorded in 1882. On June 28, 1968 the American people, through their elected representatives in Congress, passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30th to the three day weekend. Memorial Day is now the last Monday in May. The law became effective in 1971 and all fifty states have adopted these changes. Since 1968, forty-eight years, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have attempted to have Memorial Day restored to the pre 1968 traditional May 30th with no success. Therefore, at the 2016 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Springfield, Illinois, there will be a proposal and vote to adopt a policy that recognizes the date of Memorial Day as that day approved by the Congress of the United States in the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968. Prior to the vote, three advocates on each side shall be allowed to speak briefly to the matter. Following the debate, the vote will be recorded and the decision will become policy. Ordered this 5th day of July 2016. Attest, S. Johnathan C. Davis, PDC, National Secretary. Signature, Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. So, Commander, I'm assuming that you're going to speak for the General Order. Is that correct?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I am going to be speaking, I believe, Brother Kuhn will be a speaker for me and if I could wrestle another one from the crowd, that would be nice. Otherwise, I would ask that you allow me to have six minutes instead of the three. In other words, it would be nine minutes debate on both sides. But, that's okay. I'm fine with doing two.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Unknown

You can't.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

No, I can't do that cause the Order says specifically three and three.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Actually, you can make a motion that will override the General Order.

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

Okay. Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I move you that we reduce it to two and two since we don't have three speakers on the one side. In order to keep it fair.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Brother Commander, point of order. In that reading, I still don't see a motion being made. I don't see a proposal being made. It says that there will be a proposal at this Encampment but that's not the same thing as that's a proposal so I would say that the previous vote was out of order and we still need a motion made for to discuss this.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, solely to get this going and so we can get out of here sometime this week I would move you that General Order 20 be vacated.

Unknown

Second.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So I have a motion and a second that General Order 20 be vacated, eliminated.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Wait. Please give the Encampment a dec...you know, describe exactly what the effect of a vacation is.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

It would mean that the General Order would be eliminated from the record; would not apply.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I have no objection.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So we have a motion. We have a second. Is there any discussion on this? Okay. So, a yes vote for this would mean that General Order 20 is eliminated; does not any longer exist. A no vote would be that we continue to have it. So, all those in favor of eliminating General Order 20.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

What happened to the debate?

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I thought he said he didn't have any debate. But, he said he didn't have anything to say.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I didn't have anything about the motion to say. No, but I wanted the debate.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Okay. I'm sorry, I took it that you said you didn't have anything else to say on the matter.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I only made the motion so he could talk.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I guess my question is are we gonna debate or not debate? And at the end of the debate, there would be a deciding ...you know, a vote.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

But we have a motion to get rid of General Order 20.

Unknown (Orr or Pahl)

So now we're opening debate.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So we can talk about that. Yes.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

That motion, that motion only.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I did not have...I did not have...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...And you did not have anything? There is no other Brother that has anything so that's why I'm doing the vote.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I don't...I...I don't have...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Okay. So I'm gonna carry on...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I just want to make sure that the Commander-in-Chief is aware that if he does not debate at this time and this motion passes, General Order 20 no longer exists. And we've already taken it up. And you don't have an opportunity to say your piece. Now is the time to present your case to keep General Order...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...What I'm saying is if they decide if this, you know, if they decide to vote on the vacation, that's the same thing basically right now as voting for (indistinguishable). I'm just saying why don't we have six minutes on each side or nine minutes on each side to before we do it. You're just trying to make a shortcut to what you want.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

No. No.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

No, this will totally finish the issue.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Trying to eliminate the discussion.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

N-no. That...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...be no vote at all.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

No.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brothers. The motion on the floor is to eliminate the General Order. If that passes, this is done.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. For Commander-in-Chief Mortorff, Brother Tucker pointed out, you cannot have debate without a motion on the floor. So, it was not appropriate for anyone to speak for or against the proposition. Brother Orr, made that motion. It is now on the floor to discuss. We've limited...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

... (Indistinguishable) automatically went to a vacation, so...

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

...No, that's the motion.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This is the time to discuss.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Rather than vote to adopt, his motion was to vacate. But this is the time make your presentation and make your argument as to why we should do this.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brothers. I want to move this along. What the Counselor is saying, we have the motion. If you want to talk about this, you need to do it right now. Because we are going to the vote and if we do not have discussion, we will go to the vote and then we'll go from there. So, Commander, do you have anything to say at this time?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I do.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Then you have the mic. You'll be the first one at the mic.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers of the National Encampment, the one thing I wanted to clear up was I think many of you might misunderstand what the purpose of it was. Yes, I would like to see us adopt the legal Memorial Day based upon the vote of the members of our representative government as Memorial Day. That's what the people of the United States of America want. Memorial Day weekend is one of the most important holidays and popular Federal holidays that we have. The chance of changing it, if we haven't done it since I was in elementary school, I'm sixty-two years old now. If you think for a moment the GAR descendants, I mean the members of the GAR who were alive back then and the Sons of Union Veterans haven't done it at this point, do you really honestly in your heart ever think it's gonna happen? And I say it won't. What I'm saying is if we adopt that, that's a three day weekend that the Sons of Union Veterans can use to further our cause, to honor the members of the GAR and the people who died during the American Civil War. Then we can do this. We can take May 30th and go to the government and say, "We would like this designated as Decoration Day." It was Decoration Day when the GAR was there. We've been celebrating it that way for almost all of our existence. Why not have four days? The three day holiday we call Memorial Day and May 30th, which we would never call Memorial Day. We would call it what they called it, Decoration Day.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And that is what I'd like to see happen. That is why I wanted to have the debate here. Because it's not something that can be dictated by a Commander-in-Chief. I think this is important for us to do. I don't think anyone in here means to look foolish. But what we are doing as an organization is foolish.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

...Make a substitute motion...

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

It's not gonna happen. Not in my lifetime and not in Brother Reineke's lifetime or probably even his children's. So that's where I stand. Brother Charlie, it's yours now.

Encampment

(applause).

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I have Brother Harry is next. Sorry, Charlie, but Brother Harry was back there first.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Brothers, when I first read General Order #20, like many of you, steam came out of ears. And I intended from that moment to address this Encampment on the issues presented in General Order #20. And I intended to present against. I know we're talking about the motion to vacate. At this point, I would recommend not vacating this General Order. When I talked to Gene, and I talked to Mike Paquette, and I talked to several other people who had been involved with Gene as he was formulating this idea, I realize not everything made it into the General Order. Because the General Order, no offense Gene, didn't say anything about Decoration Day. But you only have so much space on a piece of paper. I think that this is a way that we can have our cake and eat it too. You don't get to do that often, Brothers. It's a way for us to get ourselves out and visible even more so and in a more official capacity during the final full weekend of May while also then getting together with our Brothers or individually and observing the 30th as well. While also getting some sort of official recognition from the government that the 30th is a special date in American history and the history of American holidays. So, I would recommend at this point not vacating the General Order. And once we get to that point, I may or may not have more to say.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Charlie.

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

Brothers, how many men in this room, everybody included here, and young folks, kids are here, maybe sleeping, do something on the regular Memorial Day weekend to dedicate for veterans or for Memorial Day, to go to a service or whatever? Everybody in this room does. I was chairman of the Memorial Day Committee in Gettysburg for thirteen years. We ran a parade. I am absolutely exhausted on the regular Memorial Day weekend, but I would still go out on May 30th for Decoration Day. But for us to continue just to try and change the namesake of the thing is like Don Quixote jousting at windmills. It will never change. There's too much money involved in it. You have too many tourism dollars and too much stuff going on. People want a three day weekend. I love a three day weekend. I like it and then I got a lot more time to go to all the cemeteries and put the flags out. And to all these things that call attention to what we as an organization should be doing. There is two things when you look at a law. There is the word of the law and there is the intent of the law. The word of the law says...the Ten Commandments say "Thou shalt not kill." We have laws in this country. You kill somebody; you go to jail. But should we put people in jail who went off to war and killed somebody? No, they're defending themselves. They're fighting for our country. All right. The intent is that you don't go out and kill somebody just for the sake of killing them. The same thing here. The Grand Army of the Republic chose that day for some reason just to make it so that everybody, all Posts in the Nation, would do it all at the same time. And that's what we're doing by doing it on the recognized holiday of May whatever it is, this last Monday in May. We're doing it all at the same time. That's what makes it

so great. I don't want to get rid of Memorial Day. I want it to continue. I want it to continue as Decoration Day on May the 30th and Memorial Day on the weekend that the government says it's Memorial Day. That's my point.

Encampment

(applause).

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brothers.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bury, is there anyone who want... We've had three people speak for keeping the Order. Is anybody speaking for getting rid of it? For vacating? Okay.

Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief

Senior Past Commander-in-Chief, Gordon Bury. I understand, Commander, what you're intent is. However, I think it needs to be reworded. And let me express it this way. There's not many of you in the room who are active on the National level at the time this occurred. Bob Wolz was. Yeah, hi Bob. I was appointed to serve under Frank Heacock. Frank Heacock, Past Commander-in-Chief, the last Secretary of the Grand Army who was a Son. We worked, spent a good part of ten years over this issue. Let me tell you why Memorial Day was included in the Monday Holiday bill. It was not included until the last week of hearings. The committee did not want to include Memorial Day. It was too sacred of a day to move until the racing and summer tourism, the people that walk the halls of congress to push money. The lobbyists got involved and paid off a number of people. And it then moved to the Monday Holiday bill because that increases the average almost a week more of gambling and summer activities. So it was a money issue. I would simply request that you consider rewording that to include your concepts of separate but equal. Memorial Day and keeping Decoration Day May 30th. There are a lot of organizations example, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument of Cuyahoga County in Cleveland, that celebrate the 30th, the same as General Logan's Orders. There's a lot of veteran's organizations having gone to the vote, American Legion and the VFW National Encampments on this issue, and they support us, or at least they did thirty-five years ago. But we need to keep that alive. And we should also celebrate May 30th and the whatever day it fall on. So I think it's just a matter of rewording it and to continue to endorse General Logan and to make more sense out of what we're stuck with.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Is it against the rules for me to respond?

Unknown

Yes.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brother Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. When I first read this, it was not only no, but hell no. Okay? First off, you're not get a four day weekend. It ain't gonna happen. Just like it ain't gonna happen to get it back off a three day weekend. Let me ask one question. I was kind a adrift in there because get to be an old fart. Charlie asked the question. How people do something to honor the

veterans at Memorial Day? Okay. On the observed Memorial Day. Thank you. I remember Declaration Day. I'm that old. My grandmother, we went on Decoration Day and we decorated everything. This general order, sorry Gene, it's poorly worded thing I've ever heard. It needs to be rescinded. And then it needs to be addressed by a committee to make it make sense. If he wants it to say the 30th and Declaration Day, then put it in the General Order. Or put it in, what the committee's gonna come up with. But this General Order, no. This should not fly. The first thing I said was if the *Civil War Times* gets ahold of this, they're gonna burn the damn building down we're in. And the Confederates will have a field day. We'll look like the biggest morons on the face of the earth. This needs to be rescinded.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brothers. Just to let you know that Brother Crane has the floor next. And then we have also coming to Brother Orr up here and then back out so. Brother Crane.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Wait. There's three on each side.

Unknown

Not anymore.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, Brother Crane.

James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee

I don't think any proposal or motion's been made to the floor to accept the General Order. But, I believe, well I know, Rich Orr has a vacate it motion. So, there's been a lot of talk, all of that stuff going on. But I can say as a Vietnam veteran, myself, and I know there's a lot of veterans in here that the military, you know, observes Decoration Day. I believe General Logan, I don't think anybody can read his mind from 150 years ago so I kind of disagree with part of that, that nobody knew what he was thinking. Well, he picked the day for Decoration Day to honor the Civil War veterans. Black people in the south, who were slaves that were freed, went around and put rose petals on graves. And they did it for a reason. To honor the guys in the GAR, Civil War veterans, that died. Not for a holiday. It's not a holiday, to me, because I honor all veterans who died fighting in battle. That was the point of it. It's not for a holiday. And I don't believe that General Logan decided to have a holiday, you know, to go out and have picnics. Although I'm not against that. But I think from the parades that I've done and talked to thousands of people, I've quoted General Chamberlin, Grant, Lincoln and have said, you know, just sometime today, please think about the people that have given their life for the country. That's all. And that's what I would say to everybody here. That we have people that have been working on May 30th to be and continue to be Decoration Day. They want to change general order 20, that's fine. I don't have a problem with that. But I still think that that day, May 30th, is a day for us to reflect on what has happened. That's all, Commander.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Crane. Brother Orr.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I am told that I can do a substitute motion of my own motion. To that end, I am moving that the portion of general order 20, which says we recognize the last

Monday in May as Memorial Day as designated in uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 stand. Further that we form a special committee composed of the Legislative Officer, the Patriotic Instructor, the outgoing Commander-in-Chief. You're not getting out of this, Gene.

Encampment

(laughter).

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

And two other members appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief to develop a program to promote May 30th including a campaign to Congress to promote May 30th as Declaration Day and return that program for adoption to the 2017 National Encampment.

Several

Second.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

It's a substitute motion.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Ed.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

We're discussing whether we should leave General Order 20 in there or not. If that motion goes through, then General Order 20 will be there for eternity for everybody in this world to see, including the Confederates and whoever else would want to say is gonna bad mouth us.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Point of order. Can the General Order be rescinded by the Commander-in-Chief who issued it?

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Hold up, Commander. Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I'm sorry.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Ed, were you finished?

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right now, everybody in the world is looking at that. They go on that website and they see General Order #20 for anybody today, goes on to our website, which anybody can, and see General Order #20, and what it says and that's what our Order says we're gonna do. Today and tomorrow and the next day. If this last motion goes through, that means no matter what we say after this, General Order 20 will stay there even if we say, "Well, we're gonna do something different." General order 20 still sits there.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Unknown

...As the second to your motion, I do not concur with your amendment.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

It's not an amendment.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

It's not an amendment.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

It's a substitute motion.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Go ahead, Brother Keith.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

With your permission, may I quickly...Eugene Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

You can only speak to the substitute motion, Commander. Only to Brother Orr's substitute motion. That's the only thing that you can speak to at this point.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

It might only be...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Are you...oh, I'm sorry.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...motion but that's...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Are you...point of order?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

...I am still the Commander-in-Chief and I am hereby rescinding General Order 20.

Encampment

(applause).

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Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, motion on the floor is moot and can...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

...No.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

No.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

You...you have a substitute...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Okay, I'm gonna go to the Parliamentarian for a ruling on this.

Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian

But the order now is rescinded. Then the motion is put back to order.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No. As a substitute motion on the floor.

Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian

Yea, but this substitute motion has to do with general order #20 which is now rescinded. It's moot.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No, if we drop the first sentence of the motion which is what I was about to do.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Okay. The Parliamentarian has ruled that the substitute motion is moot and the Commander's rescinded General Order 20.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

It's rescinded.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So, it's gone. Yeah.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

James Pahl, National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief. Brother Orr and I sat here and tried to craft something that would work and I think Rich misstated a little. The correct substitute motion would be the National Encampment adopt a policy that recognizes the date of Memorial Day as a date approved by the Congress of the United States...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...I'm sorry, Brother, this is a new motion?

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

It's a new motion. Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

That this body is adopting a policy to recognize the date of Memorial Day as the day approved by the Congress of the United States in the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968. Further, that the Encampment form a special committee to consist of the Legislative Officer the Patriotic Instructor, the outgoing Commander-in-Chief, and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a two additional members of the committee to study the issue, develop a program, including a campaign to the Congress of the United States to designate May 30th as Decoration Day and a national holiday.

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

I will second that.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah, I'm sorry. Brother Keith, go ahead.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I still have a little of a problem with that. For instance, initiation start, short form states "to always observe the days set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union soldiers and sailors 1861-1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same." Grand Army did not establish the Memorial Day as a three day weekend. So that's in violation of what's our initiation short form, the one we all raise our hand to. And, have for ever since I've been in the Order for thirty-five years. Loyalty long form, the most beautiful service performed by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic was placing flowers on the graves of departed comrades. Now that the last veteran has joined his comrades on the other shore, we, their sons, shall on each Memorial Day, decorate their graves. Again, that was not referring to the three day weekend Memorial Day. Installation of officers, do you agree to spread the principles and objects of SUVCW, to obey true allegiance to the Order, and to do all in your powers to extend its influence in the proper observance of Memorial Day? They're not referring to the three day weekend Memorial Day. So, we are violating our own sacred trust on this and I don't think anybody who's actually taken their oath, can in all legitimate conscious do that. Thank you.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(applause).

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother, you have the mic.

Alan E. Peterson, Committee to Restore Memorial Day

Alan Peterson, committee chairperson of the Committee to Restore Memorial Day. If I have

permission, first of all, I want to make a couple of comments. We, yes, we as a fraternal organization such as the VFW, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans, we all go out and decorate the graves and have our ceremonies. But we're talking about the general public. The general public in this country do not know what Memorial Day is. We have to educate them. It's not us. Our committee has been working hard. My question now is, if this proposal goes through, what happens to the committee to restore Memorial Day in this organization? It was taken off the list three weeks ago. It just diminished.

Alan E. Peterson, Committee to Restore Memorial Day

Where are we? All the work that we've put into it.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Peterson. Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I support the motion as brought up by our Brother Pahl, our National Counselor.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, just a comment.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

When Jim and I were working on this, we're aware that there are changes that will need to be made to the ritual. You have to remember, Memorial Day didn't exist. It was Decoration Day prior to 1924 I think is the year. It has a legal definition. So, if you, you know, if we don't change it based as part of this program and we anticipate that that committee would come back and say this, this, and this place in the ritual need to be changed to Decoration Day or May 30th. Which we then would have to do. We're not changing the meaning of the oaths, but we are trying to create something which is separate and apart from the commercial Memorial Day and return some of the status to Decoration Day as the GAR called it.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, I have three Brothers at the mics and I will limit the discussion to these last three. Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. Based on Brother Harrison's remarks, I would recommend that the motion be sent to committee for study for the ramifications of just all of our literature in general has to be changed. Somebody has to look at that before we move ahead with this motion.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So, you speaking against the motion.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Right.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Loren.

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Loren Bures, Junior Vice Commander, Department of the Columbia. Some have said here we don't know the mind of John A. Logan. In 1901, in the *Los Angeles Daily Times*, Mrs. John A. Logan wrote an article. In that article, it is she who suggested to John A. Logan to establish Memorial Day or Decoration Day. She stated in that article that the terms "Decoration Day" and "Memorial Day" were used interchangeably from the very beginning, from the very beginning. So, I really think with the rescinding of the order and that the Commander-in-Chief should also order it removed from the website, that we establish a committee to thoroughly research this situation. Mrs. Logan did tell one of the reasons May 30th was selected in that article. And so we need to do better...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Loren, could I interrupt you here just to be clear? You're talking about a committee.

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Yes.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Are you speaking for or against this motion?

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Right now, the way the motion is stated, I'm opposed to it.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Go ahead and finish.

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

The other problem that needs to be looked **at** is our international Camp situation. Canada has a Decoration Day. This will be confusing with international Camps. So, because they have Decoration Days. So, that needs to be taken in consideration. So, I think it is best at this time that we defeat the motion as presented and craft a committee that will take in consideration everything going forward dealing with this issue.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

We're not talking about a new committee. We're talking about the motion.

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Right.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Brother Peterson.

Alan E. Peterson, Committee to Restore Memorial Day

Al Peterson, Department of the California and Pacific, chairman of the committee. We're not talking about changing Memorial Day into Decoration Day. We have suggested to make Armed Forces Day into a three day weekend. And put Memorial Day back to where it belongs. We have to re-educate our general public as to what Memorial Day really means. If now we are going to go into Decoration Day, that means we have to start all over again to educate our youth, our younger generations. Let's educate our general public of what Memorial Day really means. If we make Armed Forces Day into a three day weekend, put Memorial Day back to where it was and where it belongs.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...excuse me. But, the Armed Forces Day is not a point that we're discussing at this point. So just keep it to the Decoration Day please...

Alan E. Peterson, Committee to Restore Memorial Day

We're saying we can put it back. We can make that a three day weekend. So those who say, "Oh, I want my three day weekend Memorial Day," they've got the three day weekend. And then we can concentrate...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Brother...

Alan E. Peterson, Committee to Restore Memorial Day

...on...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Brother...

Alan E. Peterson, Committee to Restore Memorial Day

...Memorial Day...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...you need to speak to the issue please. So, thank you.

Alan E. Peterson, Committee to Restore Memorial Day

Thank you.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. And this was the last one...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...for last discussion. I am going to ask that Brother Orr read the motion again please.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Jim, cause Jim's got it in front of him.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

I hope I get this right. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor, re-reading the motion. The National Encampment adopt a policy that recognizes the date of Memorial Day as the date approved by the Congress of the United States and Uniform Monday Holiday

Act of 1968. Further, a special committee be formed consisting of the Legislative Officer, the National Patriotic Instructor, the outgoing Commander-in-Chief, and two additional members as designated by the incoming Commander-in-Chief. and I can't read his chicken scratch. I'm gonna let Rich finish this.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

To develop a program, including a campaign to Congress to designate the 30th of May as Decoration Day or it could be something else as well. And develop a program to be presented to the 2017 National Encampment for adoption. If the implication be that program's gonna include all the educational aspects, changes to our ritual, and everything else that's needed.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I make a motion to split the question. There's two items. One is the accepting the Memorial Day 1969, whatever that first three or four sentences are. And then there's a second part of forming a committee to study the program. So, I would suggest that we divide the question. Deal with the whatever he said the first three things about 1969 and Memorial Day and the committee and all that crap. And then the second part dealing with having a committee to look at this and report back in '17.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Second

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Darby, is that a substitute or an amendment?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No, it's a motion to divide the question.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It was a motion to split.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Motion to divide the question.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And who was the second on that?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

It was me.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brother Kowalski. All right. So, we're going to vote to divide. We'll have two different votes on two parts to this. Okay...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

...You're gonna three votes all together.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Right. Divide the question.

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Point of order.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Brother Bures.

Loren T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

I believe that the request for division of a question does not require a vote. I would ask the Parliamentarian to rule on that based on Robert's Rules of Order. That it can be done by the decision of the chair.

Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian

Yes, it must be made and seconded and adopted by majority vote.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. It must be voted on. That is the ruling. So, we are going to vote to divide the question. So, a yes vote is to divide the question. A no vote is to not divide the question. So, all those in favor of dividing the question, please raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The question's divided. So now, we will read the first part.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

That this Encampment adopt the policy that recognizes the date of Memorial Day as the date approved by the Congress of the United States and Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All right. All in favor, please raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. All right. I want to go ahead and do a count.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander...

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

To vote yes, adopts the policy to recognize Memorial Day as May 30th. To vote no is not to adopt that policy to recognize May 30th as Memorial Day.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. A yes vote supports the change to do the Memorial Day as passed by 1969. A no vote is against that policy and to keep it as the 30th.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Correct.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's not what you said. You had it ass backward.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, again repeating, a yes vote moves it. A no vote keeps it as is.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

A yes vote means that we will be observing Memorial Day on the Monday set aside by the Congress of the United States and recognized as the observed Monday for Memorial Day. A no vote means that we will stay with traditional May the 30th.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

All right. No means keep it as is.

Unknown

Nope.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, okay. I'm sorry.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, a yes vote means that we're going to keep it as is which is whatever the Monday is.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No. Yes vote means last Monday in May. No vote means May 30th.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right. You guys got it?

Encampment

Yes.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So let's vote. All right. All in favor, please raise your cards. All opposed. We'll have to count.

Okay. Please go ahead and put your cards down. Brothers, are you ready to... Okay. All in favor, please raise your cards.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All voting no, all opposed.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

That's Eighty-six for and seventy-four against. All right, Brothers, the motion passes.

[one rap, *]

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Yes, correct.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Second half.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The second part of the motion, I will ask that be read.

[one rap, *]

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. The second half Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. The second half of the motion was that a special committee composed of the Legislative Officer, the Patriotic Instructor, the outgoing Commander-in-Chief, and two other members to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to develop a program including a campaign to Congress to designate May 30th as Decoration Day and a National holiday, and present the program in 2017 to the National Encampment for adoption.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any discussion? All right. So we're gonna vote. A yes vote is in favor of developing the committee. A no vote is against creating the committee.

Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian

Brother Vice Commander, Kent Melcher, Department of Kansas, Parliamentarian. I'd suggest and in fact I'll make this as an amendment to the motion, that that last word not be for "adoption" but for "consideration." We cannot tell the 2017 National Encampment what to do.

Unknown

Second.

Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian

We can only tell them to consider it.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I will accept that as a friendly amendment.

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department of New York

Point of order.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead. Yes.

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department of New York

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department Commander for the Department of New York. If we voted to keep Memorial Day as the holiday that it's currently on, then to have a committee to then say, to create to say otherwise, aren't we going back again to the previous vote?

Encampment

No.

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department of New York

I'm just going to make it. So having said that, would it be perhaps better to be able to create a committee to investigate the matter more thoroughly to see whether or not that's something that can be done rather than say we're gonna support it here but then in another motion go against what we previously voted.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, National Treasurer. The intent of this special committee is not to supplant May 30th Memorial Day as it is under the Act of 1968. But rather to assure that May 30th is put back into the public eye with the recognition as Decoration Day and its original purpose as it should be. It primarily is going to be developing an educational program. The discussions we had which may help some of you with more or less to get May 30th put into the same category as Flag Day which is on June 14th. It is a Federal designated holiday but it is not a holiday for Federal employees. And it is not mandatory on the states to adopt it as a holiday as the holidays in the Act of 1968 are.

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department of New York

So, to clarify the matter then I think what may be helpful is calling the motion that's currently being presented to refer to May 30th as instead of Memorial Day, as Decoration Day. And keep it that way, that way we separate the two and still do as you suggest.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

That's exactly what it does.

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department of New York

Okay. Thank you.

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Anything else? Any other comments? Okay. So, all in favor, please raise your cards. All

opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

[one rap, *]

Donald L. Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Here Commander. You can have this back.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Wow. That one took a while.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we're going to do something very, very quick. If I can have Patrick McConnell and Shawn McConnell please report to the altar. I need... Who's got a good copy of the ritual?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Please Guide the present, please present the candidate at the altar. Come to order. This is yours.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Right there. 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. Now with your right hand, grasp the flag.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Your putting your hands on the Bible and your holding the flag. Okay. Repeat after me. I, your name...in the presence of the Great Creator...and witnessing members of this Assembly...hereby... voluntarily and solemnly...pledge myself...to support and defend...the Government of the United States 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, Sailors, and Marines...of 1861...to 1865...and to do all in my power...to persuade others...to do the same...to be faithful...in all duties of citizenship.....to be obedient...to the law of the land...to obey the Constitutions and Regulations of this Order...and to promote actively...its objects and interests...always and everywhere...so help me God.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, you can remove your hand. Now I show you the badge of the Order. The inscription "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" 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. The ribbon is a union of red, white, and blue, the colors of our country's Flag. The red signifies the unstinted streams of blood shed that 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 overruling hand of an all 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, may we be quick to discover our country's needs, strong in its defense, and swift to carry out the objectives of our Order. May you wear your badge long and proudly. And may it always be a guiding star to you and to discharge of your duties in private life and as a Son of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. I'm not going to do the rest of these. I'm going to go down here. Guide, conduct the candidates to the Secretary's desk to sign the Camp's membership book and present them again to the station. We'll do that separately. Officers and Brothers, I take great pleasure in introducing, and Brother Reineke, he's going to state the names.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Shawn McConnell and Patrick McConnell.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Bound to us by the ties of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, let us give them a Brotherly welcome.

Encampment

(applause).

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Brothers, if you look closely, you might recognize the hardy gentleman. He was been at the valet stand all weekend. So, if you used the valet parking, you've probably dealt with him. These two young gentlemen are from here in Springfield and they are now new members of our Camp #4 here in the Department of Illinois. It's very special for us in Illinois to have gotten this opportunity but this is an example, my Brothers, of what happens when we show up places.

Unknown

Amen.

Harry Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Because if we weren't here, they might have kept dragging their feet on submitting applications. Also, look at them. They're younger gentlemen.

Encampment

(applause and cheers).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, please be seated. We're going to take a fifteen minute break and come right back.

[three raps, ***]

(break)

[three raps, ***]

[one rap*]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We're gonna move to elections.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

No, you got to do the budget.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Then we will go ahead with the budget. Brother Orr.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, National Treasurer. I have four requests for funding, which need to be brought to the floor. First of all, the draft budget is in your packet and the addendum's in the back. It shows the budget and the actual expenses for the fiscal year that ended June 30th. That is an unaudited actual there, it ultimately may be changed after the auditors have gone over everything. Then the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. So far, we have made a three thousand dollar addition under General Fund operations for the hereditary issues database. The Council, there's a \$250.00 change at the Council of Administration made to the Lincoln Tomb Observation Fund. That was due to increase in the photographic services in anticipation of paying those bills, if we ever get them. As I noted under the GAR Fund, there will be in the proposal taking two years' worth of monies out of the GAR Fund to cover the scholarships since they were not processed before the end of June last year. Before we start with the additional requests, are there any questions on the draft proposed budget that's in your packet? If there are none, all right. I'll move to the requests for funding.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

No, you don't need a motion.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Don't need anything yet. We'll let you know, Gene. The first request is from Sheridan Camp 2 of the Department of Illinois. In the city of Aurora, there is a GAR Hall, one of the three remaining in the state of Illinois. The city has raised roughly one million dollars to restore the Hall. It was rededicated on Memorial Day this year. The first floor of the Hall was the location of the meeting rooms for the GAR. It was called the angel room. It contained a marble angel with the names of the dead who had died in battle. The angel's in pristine condition but the pedestal it sits on is in very poor condition, which makes the statute unable to be displayed in the room. Estimated cost of repairs is six thousand dollars for the pedestal. Sheridan Camp 2 has raised or will be raising fifteen hundred dollars for the repair. They are asking the National Organization for fifteen hundred dollars as well, because if they raise the total of three thousand dollars, the city of Aurora will match it with the other three thousand dollars to restore the pedestal and once again display the angel in the GAR meeting room. Sheridan Camp also will be using this facility for its monthly meetings in the future. Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that we approve an expenditure from the general fund of fifteen hundred dollars to match the money raised by Sheridan Camp #2, the Department of Illinois, for the restoration of the pedestal for the angel statute in the GAR meeting room, Aurora, Illinois.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. My question is why is the money not coming out of the monuments and memorial fund? That's what it's for and we passed last year that if there was money left over, that it was supposed up to 75% of what was in the account was supposed to take care of it. So, I would say that the money should come out of the monuments and memorials fund rather than the general fund.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

I will accept that as a friendly amendment if that's where you want to take it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

I want to just say, no application was made to the Monuments Grant Committee for this project.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And you accept the friendly amendment?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion? All in favor. Opposed. Passed.

[one rap, *]

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. The second request is from the Department of Michigan. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The GAR Memorial Hall and Museum is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) Michigan non-profit in Eaton Rapids. They are requesting a grant of three thousand dollars. The request is for funds that would allow the museum to repair the interior of the back brick wall and repair the period windows of the 1886 built GAR building and would represent an important contribution to help ensure that this federally recognized national historical building remains standing as a lasting tribute to the members of the GAR and the Women's Relief Corps, who along with the citizens of Eaton, built it and then met there for over forty years. There is an attached description of what they are trying to do there. Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that we make the three thousand dollar grant from the Memorials and Monument Fund.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I have a motion and a second. Discussion? Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

Brother Pierson, chairman of the committee. Is there going to be anything left for 2017 after this?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

You have a fifteen thousand dollar budget to spend in the budget.

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

Okay. I thought it was...

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Right now, there is, if I recall correctly, there's something like twenty-seven thousand dollars in the fund because we haven't been issuing grants.

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

I'm satisfied. Thank you, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion? Hearing none, all in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. The next one is from the Department of Chesapeake. This one's even on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund request form. It's a thousand dollars for a new monument, Point of the Rocks Cemetery in Chesterfield, Virginia. Chesterfield County has funded a Civil War park at the site of the Union Field Hospital at Point of the Rocks. The county has asked the Civil War Heritage Organization to fund a pyramid monument they will place at the entrance to the park. The park will cost the county an excess of one million dollars. The county already has funding mostly through grants. The National Civil War Society has purchased and placed several interpretive signs in the park already. This is being requested through the Iron, Irish Brigade Camp 4 and the James Brady Camp 63 both of which are anticipating making significant contributions towards the final costs. The final costs of the monument will be sixty-eight hundred dollars and they are asking us for a thousand.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Point of order. Point of order. James Pahl, National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan. The request was submitted on Form CWM-62, Civil War Memorial Fund Requests. It appears that they've looked like they may be trying to bypass the committee and coming directly to the National Encampment to fund something that is squarely within the prevue of the committee. I therefore move that this application be referred to the Civil War Memorial Fund Committee for consideration.

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

Thank you. We'll happy to consider it. Brian Pierson, chairman of the Monuments Grant Committee.

Unknown

What did he say?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Well, we have a motion.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Were you seconding my motion?

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

I will second it, yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And a second.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

What was the date of that application?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Yesterday.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

What he said.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Beard.

D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake

Michael Beard, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake. The reason it's on that form, I was under the impression I was gonna read it from here and I had all the information that was gonna be needed so I put it on the form. I had no intention of going through that process. I wanted to have it in the Encampment since the purpose of the monument itself is a joint monument coming from the Sons and Daughters of the Union and the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy and that will all be put on this monument. So that was the reason I was coming through the Encampment.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. And we're still in discussion. Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

I'm just standing here looking ugly.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry?

Unknown

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee

I'm just standing here waiting.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

You just standing there. Rich, would you restate what we're voting on?

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. We are voting on referring this request for the thousand dollars for the Point of Rocks Chesterfield County, Virginia to the Committee on Memorials and Grants. They process these all year long. I issue these checks all year long once the committee say yes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor. All opposed. Passes.

[one rap, *]

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. We have one more. This is the one that was read under communications from Davis Camp in Pittsburgh. The additional papers of A.P. Davis, the founder of the Sons, that were discovered, some in the archives of Soldiers and Sailors when they were cleaning out an old vault and some of it came from a private donation. The curator there has estimated the total cost of five hundred dollars for archival boxes and acid free envelopes and things like that to store these papers in. The Pennsylvania Department has contributed two hundred and fifty dollars and the Department is asking that the National Organization contribute the other two hundred and fifty dollars to purchase the archival materials.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion. All in favor. Opposed. Passed

[one rap, *]

Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, that is the end of the items for the budget. The budget will go to the Council of Administration for final approval per action of this Encampment.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, National Treasurer Orr. So, I am going to ask...

Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury. I just have one brief request in FC and L that tonight at the banquet, the Commander-in-Chief or his designate explain to the Allied Orders and members the action taken today regarding Memorial Day because that tremendously affects all the Allied Orders and how they'll help us. Thank you, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I will consider that.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

And the reason...and the reason I am considering it is not, because of course like you, I'm obviously passionate about this and I'm will obviously talk to anyone who will listen to me. But you got to remember that this is all of the Allied Orders and I don't want to take time or anything from them. So, I will talk to some of the other people. I'm pretty sure it's gonna happen. I can do it. I don't have a problem with that. I just want to make sure it's okay with everyone else that I take their time. I think we have a charter up here. I hope that there's members of the Edward Wallace Camp #21, Georgia and South Carolina. If they are there, I wish they would come forward please.

Unknown

Brothers, Commander's just given me permission just to give you about a two minute briefing on Edward Wallace Camp. This is a Camp that is in Buford, South Carolina. They are made up of descendants of the first, second, third South Carolina U.S. who then became part of the United States Colored Troops. So, they all are descendants of former slaves. They also own the only Grand Army of the Republic Hall in the state of South Carolina. They have been around for a long time. For some reason, we can talk about it offline. They kind of separated from the Sons of Union Veterans. They have kept Memorial Day alive in South Carolina, in a Buford National Cemetery. They have kept their identity. This is the culmination of a six year long effort to bring them back into the fullness of the Order. So, this is wonderful that they've now got their new charter. They still have their old charter. That was issued seventy, eighty, ninety years ago. So, this is significant. Thanks to the Department for shepherding it. Thanks, guys.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

We will now proceed with the election of officers. The Guard will secure the door and allow no one to enter. No one will be barred from leaving the room, but if you do leave the room, you will not be allowed to re-enter until the elections have been completed. The Credentials Committee, please read the list of Departments' voting strength. I'm sorry?

Encampment

(chatter).

The election of officers was not captured on the recorder. It was moved and seconded that all offices with only one nominee be elected by unanimous ballot. The motion was passed.

For Commander-in-Chief the only nominee was Donald L. Martin.

For Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief the only nominee was Mark R. Day.

For junior Vice Commander-in-Chief the only nominee was Donald W. Shaw.

For National Secretary the only nominee was Jonathan C. Davis.

Four candidates; Ed Norris, Paul Davis, Fredric Lynch, and Michael Paquette, ran for four open seats on the Council of Administration. Ed Norris made a motion that Paul Davis and Michael Paquette be elected to the three-year terms and he and Fredric Lynch be elected to the two-year terms.

The motion was seconded by another candidate and passed by the Encampment. Therefore, no vote was held for the offices on the Council of Administration.

The office of National Treasurer was contested by nominees Richard D. Orr and David McReynolds. The vote for National Treasurer was sixty-one votes for Richard Orr and one hundred twenty-one votes for David McReynolds.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to give a five minute break for bathrooms? Be back in five minutes for the installation.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

(break)

Robert E. Grim, Installing Officer

Brothers, let's proceed to our seats. It's time for the installation of the new officers.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I'm relieving you of the command of the National Organization. On behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interests 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 serve the Order. Please be seated on my left. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Yes, sir.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

If so then, the Guide will hand your list to the Secretary.

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Secretary has it already.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

He has the list. Secretary, call the role of the Officers Elect and Staff Appointees who, as their names are called, will rise.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald W. Shaw. National Secretary, Jonathan Davis. National Treasurer, David McReynolds. Council of Administration, Brian C. Pierson. Council of Administration, Michael A. Paquette. Council of Administration, Paul Davis. Council of

Administration, Edward Norris. Council of Administration, Frederic Lynch. *Banner* Editor, James B. Pahl. Executive Director, David W. Demmy. National Aide de Camp, Dustin Martin. National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, I excuse me but I can't remember exact the...uh... title, but Loran Bures. National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski. National Chief of Staff, Edward Norris. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch. National Color Bearer, Brian McManus. National Counselor, Donald Darby. Assistant National Counselor, Robert E. Grimm. Assistant National Counselor Blue Book, James B. Pahl. National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James Lyon. National GAR Highway Officer, Peter Hritsko, Jr. National GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin. National Graves Registration Officer; Bruce Frail. National Guide, Greg Carter. National Historian, Robert Wolz. National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Perley Mellor. National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffry Burden. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ. Parliamentarian, Kent Melcher. National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French. National Signals Officer, James McGuire. National Legislation Officer, Daniel Earl. Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond. Washington D.C. Representative, Lee Stone. National Webmaster, James McGuire. National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Ken Freshley. Assistant National Webmaster, Ken L. Freshley. Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large. Secretary/Treasurer, James B. Pahl. Assistant National Secretary Camp-at-Large, Secretary/Treasurer, James B. Pahl. Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Donald E. Darby. Assistant National Treasurer #1, James B. Pahl. Assistant National Treasurer #2, Max Newman. Assistant National Quartermaster, George Shadman. National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation: chairman, Edward J. Norris. National Committee on Civil War Memorials: chairman, Walter E. Busch. National Committee on Communication and Technology: chair, James P. McGuire. National Committee on Constitution and Regulations: chair, Robert E. Grimm; National Encampment Site Committee: chair, James T. Crane. National Committee on Fraternal Relations: chair, Kevin Martin. National Committee on GAR Post Records: chair, Dean Enderlin. Newly Past Commander-in-Chief, Council of Administration, Eugene G. Mortorff. National Committee on History: Robert Wolz. National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance: Robert Petrovic. National Military Affairs Committee: Henry Shaw, Jr. National Committee on eBay Surveillance: James Dixon. National Committee on Scholarships: Gene Turner. National Committee on Pro...Promotions and Marketing: Donald D. Palmer, Jr. National Committee on Vision and Planning: Brian Pierson. And that's the roll call of Officers.

[three raps, ***]

Robert E. Grim, 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 him now speak or forever hold his peace.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Guide, present these Brothers before the altar for installation. Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and 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 the duties of your respective offices will depend very largely the success or failure of the administration of the National Order. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

Officers (in unison)

I am.

Robert E. Grim, 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 use mine. And if it's necessary, you can put your hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you. I, Robert E. Grim... having been regularly chosen...as an Officer of the National Organization...Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War...hereby renew...the sacred obligation...given at the time of my initiation...and in the presence of all mighty God...and the members of this encampment here assembled...do furthermore... solemnly and sincerely...promise and declare...that I will...to the best of my ability...in word and deed...and without fear or favor...faithfully...honestly... and impartially...perform all the duties of the office...upon which I am about to enter...so help me God. You may drop your hands.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Guide, conduct the Officers to their respective stations. Acting Officers vacating. Guide, conduct the Commander-in-Chief to this station.

Encampment

(chatter).

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Sir, I have the honor to present the Commander-in-Chief of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Guide should have told me that. Where is he?

Encampment

(laughter and applause).

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is in evidence, not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful and earnest, conspicuous devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trust and grave cares await you. And to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you.

[three raps, ***]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the

Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties of the Office in which they are to be installed with the knowledge that You are ever watching over them. Keep them in good health, that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action, in Your name through the mediation of Your blessed son, Jesus Christ our Lord. If you agree with me, say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

Amen.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, 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. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the heritage it represents. Next, I place in your care the Ritual of our Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. [one rap, *] One rap, calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing. [two raps, **] Two raps, calls the Officers to their feet. [three raps, ***] Three raps, calls the entire Encampment up.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

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 this National Organization duly elected and installed, and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties, for the term that will end in August of 2017, or until their successors are regularly elected and qualified and installed. Now, I have the pleasure to present you with the badge of the office of the Commander-in-Chief. And do you have a person who would like to pin this to you?

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Don Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Ready?

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Ready.

Encampment

(laughter and applause).

Robert E. Grim, 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, *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's all yours now.

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Thanks, Brother. Thank you, Brothers. Mrs. Mortorff, on behalf of a grateful Order, we hereby give your husband back to you.

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

If you would like to pin this Badge on him. He's been looking forward to this for a long time.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief

However, I wish you would have shown her the proper way of doing it.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief

Just because you got yours pierced (laughter)...

Mrs. Linda Mortorff

Be nice.

Encampment

(applause).

Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief

Can I just say one word?

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Absolutely.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief

Gentlemen, I just want to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am to everyone who helped me during this last year. It's an incredible journey. And I know that maybe with the, you know, the things that happened today in here, there was a lot of disagreements. And I hope that we can be Brothers and we can work through that. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause and chatter).

[one rap, *]

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

My Brothers, it is truly you that make this Organization what it is. And once again, I'd like to thank you for the trust and confidence that you continue to show in me. I'd like to thank Brother Bill Johnson and the Encampment Committee and the National Site Committee for a great Encampment this year. Would you please give them a round of applause?

Encampment

(applause).

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

While we must continue our mission of education and preserving the history and legacy of the Boys in Blue, we need to do the same for our Order. We need to promote the SUVCW and educate the public on our works and projects. We must complete our projects and not just create new ones. For example, all Camps and Departments must complete a history of their Camps. That's been on the books for a very long time. Camps and Departments are to place a marker on the grave of the last Union Soldier of each county, stating this fact. Brothers, this needs to be completed. My Department of Ohio has located the last soldier in our eighty-eight counties. These appear on our website. We are actively placing the last soldier markers on Brothers graves. This and Camp histories are close to my heart, as I have written my Camp history. And while as Camp Commander, I started the process which resulted in marking the graves of four of our counties. Our historical records on microfiche need to be converted to digital. We need to keep our records current with the technology. So, I intend to create a committee with the purpose of seeing this project through to completion before the end of my term. I'd like to share with you twelve things that I think are important and would help us towards our success. We are and should remain a Camp up Organization. Success begins in the Camps. Communication must go up, not just come down. Tell National what you're doing, but also tell your community. And do all that you do well. Handle things at the lowest level. Because if National gets involved, there are going to be a lot of unhappy people.

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Announce, advertise, promote everything you do. Add patriotic instruction to your Camp and Department meetings. This helps make them a little more interesting, especially to those new members who may not be quite into talking all this business. Our website has over a hundred patriotic instructions. And Camp Commanders or Camp Patriotic Instructors are most welcome to present those of their own. Patriotic Instructors, file your reports. This is another thing of mine, as Patriotic Instructor. And I had one of the Department PI's was talking to me and he said that next year ... "Yeah, we've got to do this because Brother Martin insisted that we do this." Just needs to happen. It has been very fascinating as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, as I'm contacting Department Junior Vices, I'm seeing the same names at the Department chairs and in National as the guys that went through Memorial University. What does the book say? That's an old Air Force saying. Brothers, read and know the Constitution and Regulations. It's easily accessible online and it's a very detailed table of contents. I

know because I did the first draft. The answers are there. If you ask me a question, don't be surprised to hear me say, "What does the C & R say?" Or respond with the suggestion where you can find it. Become familiar with the National webpage. The solution is probably there. Adopt a school program, flag information, lesson plans, historical audio, documents, teaching aids, and the list goes on and on, are all on our website. Remember K.I.S.S. And to you Navy guys, it's not what you're thinking.

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Keep it short and simple. Us military guys know it's keep it simple stupid.

Unknown

That's correct.

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Personally, I lose interest after the first two paragraphs and might miss your point altogether. Find a niche for each member of your Camp. What gets them excited? What's of interest to them? What's gonna keep them coming back to those meetings? And keep in mind the following about the word "ideas." Ideas are things for other people to do. Everybody thinks somebody will do it and in fact no body is the one that does what anybody could have done. Good ideas come with the originator heading the committee. Great ideas have a solution and the originator ready to implement them. Gripes and complaints are fine. They make you feel better. But there it ends. So, if you have a great idea, be ready to head the committee. Or track down the information and get back with me. Finally, ask yourself these two questions on almost every issue. How are we gonna pay for it? That question is gonna come, I'll guarantee that. And finally ask yourself, how is this Good for the Order? Brothers, with your help, I look forward to a good year. And, thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause).

[one rap, *]

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

before we go to close, I'd like to make an announcement. All Officers please gather together at the staircase that's just past the elevators so we can get a photograph. So, if you would go, please go straight from here to there. Being there's no further business to come before this National Encampment, we will proceed to close. I'm sorry. Yes, Brother Crane.

James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee

Commander-in-Chief, I'm sorry to interrupt. whoever ate at the Masonic luncheon needs to go pay in the restaurant. We know who you are. If you don't, it's going on your room bill. They do not pay for it. Okay? Thank you.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

The Masonic luncheon, the money was all paid, and the Department of Illinois has it.

James T. Crane, Encampment Site Committee

Thank you.

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any other announcements? All right. Anyone else?

Richard Hoovler, Department of Illinois

Richard Hoovler, John Logan Camp 26. If you are a descendent of a Civil War POW, after this I would like to meet you so that I can get everything ready so I can send the letter in. Thank you.

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Hey Brothers, therefore being no further business to come before this National Encampment, we will proceed to close.

[three raps, ***]

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

You will give attention while the National Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations.

Jerome W. Kowalski, 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. When our mission on earth has ended, take us to a better world. If you agree with me, say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

Amen.

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organizations we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties, and exhibit towards each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity, and an unswerving loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the altar and stations. Would you please retire the colors?

Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief

I now declare the 135th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly closed.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause)

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1.0 Preface

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, and Department reports for the National Encampment held in Springfield, IL 11 – 14 August, 2016. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

2.0 National Elected Officers

2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Eugene G. Mortorff, CinC

Report will be read at the National Encampment.

2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Donald L. Martin, PDC

I would like to thank and recognize Brother Alan Russ for all the work he has done for this committee above and beyond the duties of an aide. In coordination with the Executive Director, he initiated and completed the long overdue revision of FORM 27. He personally took on the task of updating FORMS 3, 30, and 60 as well. He quietly made suggestions to improve several actions of the Programs and Policy Committee. He was instrumental in providing the historical context of many motions and initiating suggested courses of action for several difficult recommendations. Through his knowledge, experience,

and selflessness, his advice and counsel have proven invaluable in my transition from JVCinC to SVCinC.

Old Business

1. From National Encampment, August 2011: The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award. Implement the award. CofA 2012, motion 18 approved the criteria.

ACTION: Recommendation sent to C&R Committee 14 Apr 2016

2. From National Encampment August 2011: Brothers who have been awarded the Korean Defense Service Medal are eligible to wear the SUVCW War Medal with Bar stating Korea for their service.

ACTION: Update Form 5 to reflect. Submitted to CofA 28 Jul 2016

3. From PCinC Freshly G.O. #5 Oct 6, 2013 Department Permission to Sue: This item came about because of a Cannon Tube in a by Cemetery resulting in a Department entering in a lawsuit over the rightful owners of the tube.

ACTION: Recommendations reflecting National Counselor Pahl's Opinion 1 2015 and Freshly G.O. 5 sent to the C&R Committee 5 Oct 2015.

4. From CofA Meeting Apr. 2014 Dishonorable Discharge Policies and Tracking: Review Policies regarding Dishonorable Discharge from the Order and suggest tracking mechanism (From the 2014 Springfield COA Meeting by direction of the CinC.)

ACTION: P&P Committee referred recommendations to the C&R Committee 17 Sep 2015

5. From CofA Meeting 14 Aug 2014: Criteria for Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star: Criteria will be developed before the Springfield CofA meeting for vote either before (online) or at that CofA meeting.

The issue has been whether the criteria for the award is too subjective. There is also an issue with the fact that the award is being given with just a certificate. This award deserves a "citation" that outlines in detail the examples of outstanding service actually accomplished.

ACTION: Recommendation approved by CofA, 3 Oct.2015. Referred C&R Committee 5 Oct 2015

6. From Executive Director and National Treasurer 2014. Complete revision of Forms 27: To include font size for fillable fields and the addition of sections to record reinstatement fees. Also provide 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 30's. It should also reflect the \$5 annual surcharge for items mailing items overseas. CofA Meeting 23 Aug. 2015.

ACTION: Form 27 updated, approved CofA 1 Nov 2015.

7. From Executive Director and National Treasurer 2014. Complete revision of 35: To include font size for fillable fields and the addition of sections to record reinstatement fees. It should also reflect the \$5 annual surcharge for items mailing items overseas.

ACTION: Approved CofA 29 Feb 2016 and submitted to web master.

8. From National Encampment, August 16, 2014. Form 62 Civil War Memorial Fund Request: Add to pages 2 and 3 the following questions: How much money has been raised for the project so far? What has or will the Camp or Department do towards project accomplishment? Has Form 61 GAR Monuments Civil War Memorials Assessment been submitted? Streamline Form 62 by incorporating the committee worksheet, removing the Camp address section and removing form prepared by section.

ACTION: Form 62 updated, approved CofA 1 Nov 2015

9. From CofA Meeting August 2015, carryover from (2014-15): Update National Officer Reimbursement Form and Special National Officer Reimbursement Form (CinC Representation)

ACTION: Brother Orr consolidated forms to create FORM 13. Submitted to Web Master.

10. From National Encampment, August 2015. Form 62 Civil War Memorial Fund Request: On page 1, update the decision of the National Encampment to reflect grant amounts and disposition. Contact information updated to reflect current Chair of the Committee Brother Brian Pierson who submitted these revisions.

ACTION: Form 62 updated, approved CofA 1 Nov 2015

New Business

11. From the Department of GA/SC 2015: Recommendation to Adopt a Flag Certificate Program: The Dept. of GA & SC proposed that a Flag Certification program be adopted throughout the SUVCW as a formal program in order to ensure standardization and broad implementation.

ACTION: The P&P committee recommended that the Flag Certificate Program be adopted and the necessary changes be made to the C&R. Pending approval, recommend that Quarter Master be notified to secure the certificates. Sent to C&R Committee 24 Sep 2015

12. From Patriotic Instructor 2015: National Committee on Americanization and Education: To P&P to determine if this committee should continue to exist, and, if not, return back to the 2016 National Encampment with language to the C&R committee to remove the committee.

ACTION: The P&P committee referred recommendation that the National Committee on Americanization & Education should be eliminated to the C&R Committee. 19 Sep 2015

13. From the Floor 2015: Recommendation that the ROTC Medal be Presented by Auxiliary: Recommendation that the ROTC medal be allowed to be presented by the primarily independent auxiliary. P&P Committee to come back with a recommendation to the next National Encampment.

ACTION: Committee recommends that the ROTC medal NOT be presented by Auxiliary, 25 Sep 2015

14. From Encampment New Business 2015: Expand JROTC type program: P&P Committee to review the expansion of a JROTC type program to Civil Air Patrol Cadets, US Navy Sea Cadet Corps, and Young Marines.

ACTION: P&P Committee recommends that JROTC type program NOT be extended to include Civil Air Patrol, US Navy Sea Cadet Corps, or young Marines. 25 Sep 2015

Forms

15. From CofA Meeting 23 Aug. 2015: Update Form 3 to reflect \$5 annual surcharge for items mailing items overseas. Additionally, it has had a lineage component added to the application

ACTION: Form 3 update approved CofA 21 Nov 2015 submitted to web master

16. From the Department of GA/SC 2015: Update transfer form (SUVCW Form 4) to include all information needed on Form 30.

ACTION: Form 4 update approved CofA 20 Oct 2015

17. From CofA Meeting 23 Aug. 2015: Update Form 5 to reflect \$5 annual surcharge for items mailing items overseas.

ACTION: Update Form 5 to reflect. Submitted to CofA 28 Jul 2016

18. From National Treasurer 2015: Amend ROTC Form 7. Recommendation: The ROTC form be amended and posted on the website in the new form no later than 15 December 2015 deleting the information regarding the name of the cadet.

ACTION: ROTC Form 7 update approved by CofA 19 Sep 2015, posted web site 27 Sep 2015

19. From National Treasurer 2015: Amend ROTC Form 7. Recommendation: Effective 1 January 2017 all ROTC request must be submitted electronically.

ACTION: ROTC Form 7 updated per above, approved by CofA 19 Sep 2015

20. Update Form 10: remove the incorrect year and reflect the National Treasurer's new address.

ACTION: Completed 20 Mar 2016 and submitted to Web Master.

21. From CofA Meeting 23 Aug. 2015: Update Form 30 to reflect \$5 annual surcharge for items mailing items overseas.

ACTION: Form 30 update approved by CofA 7 Oct 2015

22. From CofA Meeting 23 Aug. 2015: Update Form 60 to reflect \$5 annual surcharge for items mailing items overseas.

ACTION: Form 60 update approved by CofA 18 Oct 2015

23. From National Civil War Memorials Officer Revision of FORM CWM 61: Brother Walt submitted proposed revision of form to be used upon approval.

ACTION: P&P recommended approval, CofA approved 19 Sep 2015. Awaiting completion of the Form's fill in version. Thanks to Brother Busch and Brother Dean Enderlin for Form development.

24. Completed proposed FORM 17 Meritorious Service Award & MSA with Gold Star Application and citation.

ACTION: Submitted to C&R Committee 9 Apr. 2016.

2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Mark R. Day, PDC

The Following report covers both my activities during the preceding year and the Online Membership Application, I have processed.

- Attended Post 2015 National Encampment CofA meeting
- Attended the Mid-year meeting of the Department of Pennsylvania
- Attended the Mid-year meeting of the Department of the Chesapeake
- Attended CinC Mortorff Testimonial Luncheon
- Attended Remembrance Day
- Attended the Gettysburg CofA meeting
- The Lincoln Birthday Dinner put on by the Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 in Lynchburg, VA
- The MOLLUS Lincoln Birthday Ceremony and Luncheon in Washington DC
- Represented the CinC at the Department of Tennessee Annual Encampment and installed their officers
- Attended the Lincoln Death Day ceremonies in Springfield, Ill
- Attended the ceremonies rededicating the Stephenson Monument in Ill.
- Attended the Springfield CofA meeting
- Represented the CinC at the Department of Georgia and South Carolina and installed their officers
- Attended the Department of North Carolina Annual Encampment
- Represented the CinC at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day and placed a wreath on the tomb of the unknowns
- Represented the CinC at the Lincoln Cushing Memorial Day ceremonies at the Old Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery and presented a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier.
- Represented the CinC at the Department of New Jersey Annual Encampment and installed their officers.
- Attended the Department of Pennsylvania Annual Encampment
- Served on the Programs and Policies Committee
- Served on the Memorial University Re-write Committee
- Served as Chair of the Promotions and Marketing Committee

My Report on the processing of On-line Membership Applications (August 2015 thru July 2016 follows:

Applications by Type

Full Member	154
Associate	6
Junior	2
Junior Associate	0

Departments to which the On-line New member applications were assigned.

California	6
Chesapeake	20
Colorado and Wyoming	0
Columbia	2
Connecticut	5
Florida, PR, VI, and GITMO	5
Georgia and South Carolina	5
Illinois	12
Indiana	8

Iowa	1
Kansas	0
Kentucky	5
Maine	0
Massachusetts	4
Michigan	7
Missouri with Arkansas	5
Nebraska, N, and S. Dakota	3
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	5
New York	5
New Mexico and Arizona	2
North Carolina	4
Ohio	11
Oklahoma	4
Pennsylvania	14
Rhode Island	0
Tennessee, MS, and AL	7
Texas and Louisiana	13
Vermont	2
Wisconsin with Minnesota	5
NMAL	1

Note # The NMAL is an associate living in Australia

In addition to the applications, which have been processed, I currently am holding:

- (4) Applications which lacked a witness signature
- (3) Applications that lack evidence
- (2) Applications, which arrived without payment / check

2.4 National Secretary; Jonathan Davis, PDC

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meeting:
Council of Administration meeting, Springfield, Illinois, Saturday, April 16, 2016.

MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM. The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since April 2016. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below. The results are also posted on the National website.

- Special Election – Council of Administration Member. By order of CinC Eugene Mortorff, the voting members of the Council of Administration shall vote for a brother to serve as interim Council of Administration member, to take office on April 16, 2016. Voting closed at 11:59 PM (PDT) on April 1, 2016

-Voting for Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. This will be announced during the 2016 National Encampment. Voting closed at 11:59 PM (PDT) on July 3, 2016

- Voting for Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. This will be announced during the 2016 National Encampment. Voting closed at 11:59 PM (PDT) on July 5, 2016

- Voting for Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. This will be announced during the 2016 National Encampment. Voting closed at 11:59 PM (PDT) on July 9, 2016

- Motion 29 Motion Passed July 17, 2016. A motion by Brother Darby, seconded by Brother Orr, that the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held at Springfield, Illinois, on April 16, 2016, be accepted. Voting closed at 11:59 PM (PDT) on July 17, 2016

CAMP/DEPARTMENT CHARTERS. One application for replacement charter from a new camp was received since April 2016:

- General Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75, Department of Iowa, expired April 5, 2017. Two new applications for permission to form a new camp was received since April 2016:
- Edward Wallace Camp No. 21, Department of Georgia & South Carolina, expired March 16, 2016
- Curtis King Camp No. 37, Department of Iowa, expired May 3, 2017
- Edward Wallace Camp No. 21, Department of Georgia & South Carolina, expired April 18, 2017

The following charters was issued by CinC Mortorff since April:

- (2016-01) Ensign John Davis No. 10, National Department-at-Large. Date of ranking: March 17, 2016.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS. Have not yet received the National Encampment Proceedings for 2015 for printing and distribution.

2.5 National Treasurer; Richard D. Orr, PCinC

It has been a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer this past year. The bills are paid and we have money in the bank. Our saga of the IRS continues.

At this time, all tax returns, and other reports to the IRS are current. I do want to thank those Department Secretaries and Treasures who submitted the EIN reports on time this past year. It made the task of compiling the report to the IRS much simpler and less hectic.

Likewise, I want to thank those SVR, Department and camp officers who responded to the request for the letters authorizing the National Organization to include the camp, department or SVR unit in the group exemption application to the IRS.

Please be aware that no new camp or SVR unit is attached to the National Order and covered by our tax ruling until I submit a letter verifying that the camp/unit is a subordinate of the National Organization. To do this I need the EIN and the name and address of the treasurer. This information can be submitted via e-mail or regular mail and should be forwarded as soon as possible.

There were requirement changes in the 2015 Omnibus Tax Act which affect us. The changes in tax law require that a form 8976 be completed by all camps, departments and SVR units which were not current with their 990N by July 8, 2016. They have until September 8, 2016 to file the required form and pay the \$50 fee. This is a one-time requirement. It also applies to a new camp or SVR unit which has not filed a 990N with the IRS. Some of the new camps will fall into this category because they have not been required to file a 990N yet. Any future camps or unit formed after July 8, 2016 will have 60 days after they obtain an EIN for file the form 8976. This form is intended to speed up the process of registering 501(c)(4) organizations as non-profits. Once we are re-classed as a 501(c)(3) organizations this will become passé'.

This past spring we terminated the agreement with the attorney who had been working on the 1023 application with the IRS. He has stopped communicating with this office and failed to file the required registrations with the 39 states which require us to file. We engaged the services of Maher Duessell an accounting firm with a division which has 1023 applications as one of its major services. The revised application has been submitted. The authorization letters mentioned above were the last item needed to complete the application. The IRS has up to 270 days to make a determination.

We are in the process of engaging a corporation in San Diego, California which provides services to file the charitable organization reports with the 39 states which require them. They have never worked with a congressionally chartered corporation before and it has been a steep learning curve for them but we are making headway. For instance they did not know that Hawaii only requires a one-time registration by congressionally chartered organizations and waives the annual filing requirements.

We continue to be challenged on the level of charitable work performed by the National Order. Since the application and 990 do not show the work of the camps and departments, those charitable works are not considered for the application of 501(c)(3) status. Only those charitable efforts of the National Order are considered. We have made considerable improvement in the amount of funds expended on charitable activities. To be considered charitable for purpose of conversion to a c3 organization, the activities must: provide "Relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged, Advancement of religion, Advancement

of education or science, Erection or maintenance of public buildings, monuments, or works, Lessening the burdens of government, Lessening of neighborhood tensions, Elimination of prejudice and discrimination, Defense of human and civil rights secured by law, and Combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.” For the most part we are using two of the requirements – erection of monuments and relief of burdens on government through headstone replacement and monument preservation. The scholarship program and ROTC program are seen as advancing education. As long as we continue to publish articles of historical significance in the Banner, we can claim the cost of the Banner as an advancement of education.

The overall amount of funds in the Grand Army of the Republic Fund and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund continue to dwindle. The income for these funds is minimal. This requires the drawdown of the principal of the fund to meet the fund obligations.

Recommendations:

The cost of National Officers representing the Commander-in-Chief at department encampments has been increasing. We currently have a cap of reimbursing these Brothers for expenses incurred to represent the CinC at \$500 per trip. Several times the cost to the Brother has exceeded this amount and I am limited in what I can reimburse the Brothers. The cap has not been increased in more than 15 years. I recommend the cap be increased to \$750 per occurrence.

2.6 National Quartermaster; Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC

It has been a pleasure serving for another year. I will be glad to serve for another three years if you want me to. The Quartermaster store is in good shape. I wish I could say the same for the web site. A lot needs to be done to bring it up to where it should be. It has become a time when we need to have it done by an outside company. Essco has provided us with an offer of complete setup for \$2500.00 and a good price on changes. This passed at the last council meeting with changes to the contract which are minor. The changes have not been done as of yet.

I suggest that we get them done and start to complete putting the Quartermaster store on the internet. The PayPal site has become the premiere site with 60 to 70 percent of the business. If the store does not pick up with the way it is going, we may need to raise the per capita tax and no one wants that.

The Quartermaster has an assistant now for the ROTC program. It is Brother George Shadman who will run it in a very good way. It is now to be done online and is free as long as they follow the rules. The ROTC program is doing around 1,000 medals. I believe from what is now happening it will reach 1,500 by year's end. I thank Brother Shadman for taking on this very important job.

The store did \$42,000.00 this year. I have worked out a deal with the people that do our flags to make parade banners.

I have one recommendation – that the contract be written so that it can be done and given to Essco and completed as it passed at the last CofA meeting. This will allow the Quartermaster store to be set up for the good of the Order. The store is the second way of obtaining excess income and at this time helps pay for the ROTC program which may help us get our 501(C)3 status.

2.7 Council of Administration – 2017; Don Darby, PCinC

Nothing to report.

2.8 Council of Administration – 2016; Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Much of my time this business year was occupied in developing the new SUVCW Form 70, Information and Recruiting Brochure. An initial production run of 1,000 sample copies was done and brought to the Council of Administration meeting in Springfield IL in April 2016. At the meeting, the brochure design, content, and quality were approved and a full production run of 20,000 copies was authorized. Copies have been brought to this National Encampment for distribution to the Departments present. Copies will be mailed at a later date to those Departments who did not send any delegates. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all those who provided substantive inputs on the brochure. This was a very involved and detail-oriented project and your assistance and advice were key in making this a first-class and professional product that will present a positive image to potential members.

On 2 April 2016, I had the honor to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Department of Oklahoma's annual Encampment.

I had the honor to serve on the Special Committee chaired by Br Ed Norris for the SUVCW bench at the Stephenson Memorial.

I had the honor to serve with SVCinC Martin and JVCinC Day on the ad hoc team to draft the final report on Dual Membership summarizing the findings of the Special Committee authorized at the 2015 National Encampment for the purpose of investigating the issue of dual membership dues.

I provided inputs to incorporate the regulations into the Constitution & Regulations for the award of the Mary Edwards Walker medal, approved in 2012.

I voted on such motions as came before the Council of Administration.

2.9 Council of Administration – 2016; Edward J. Norris, PDC

Attended the Council of Administration meeting in Richmond and Gettysburg. Excused from the Springfield meeting so that I may represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Department of New Hampshire Encampment, but was required to work that weekend. Voted on all Electronic Boardroom motions.

I will be running for reelection to the Council of Administration in 2016 and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 2017. If Brother Donald Martin is successful in his bid for Commander-in-Chief in 2016, he asked me to be his Chief of Staff and I accepted.

2.10 Council of Administration – 2016; Walter E. Busch, PDC

Voted on all items placed before us. Abstained on one.

I hope I have helped as I step down and I know that I've learned a big lesson...I learned most importantly that the people who run this organization are dedicated and hard-working and deserve more respect than often given by the membership at large. Therefore, I will from now on worship them from afar.

I saw one trend that bothered me both at the national level and at my state level and that is the handing out of awards, meritorious or otherwise for people doing their job. One person doing 5 or ten jobs of course, but just one? Or people receiving awards for work done outside our organization. Indeed, at the state level, one person was recommended in the past 2 years who had done most of their work for the Sons of the American Revolution. Last I looked I cannot be a member of that organization and doubt that their work there justifies us giving them an award. There is also a trend (at times) to give awards to your own department or camp. We all complain about cronyism but then continue to do it ourselves. My caution is that I don't want to see our SUVCW awards mean nothing. If ever given an award again, I want it to stand for the fact that it was for something above and beyond or because I was the best.

That being said, I hope my editing of the department newsletter gets me the Marshall Hope Award this year. Check out our newsletter and website at www.suvcwmo.org.

2.11 Council of Administration – 2015; Donald W. Shaw, PDC

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels this past year, I have also been busy with duties in connection with the post of Member of the National Council of Administration. I have monitored and participated in all discussions regarding questions coming before the Council. Further, I have cast votes on the issues put to the Council for discussion and decision.

I have attended various dedications and events promoting the Order and honoring the service of our Civil War ancestors.

I have acted as installing officer, representing the CinC at four Department Encampments. Specifically those involved visits to our brothers in the Departments of Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri.

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

It has been a pleasure to serve over the preceding year.

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

2.12 Council of Administration – 2014; Tad D. Campbell, PCinC

Between August 22, 2015 and August 12, 2016 I participated in the following activities:

- Info Booth, Civil War Days, Huntington Beach, CA (5-6 Sep 2015)
- Sister Mary Lou Christian Memorial Service, Santa Rosa, CA (12 Sep 2015)
- Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony, San Jose, CA (27 Sep 2015)
- Ord Barracks Civil War Encampment, Monterey, CA (2-4 Oct 2015)
- Camp 4 Election Meeting, Santa Clara, CA (7 Nov 2016)
- Veterans Day Parade, San Jose, CA (11 Nov 2016)
- GAR Monument Wreath Presentation Ceremony, Gettysburg, PA (21 Nov 2015)
- Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA (21 Nov 2015)
- COA Meeting, Gettysburg, PA (22 Nov 2015)
- Camp 4 Pizza Party Social Event, Los Gatos, CA (5 Dec 2015)
- Camp 21 Installation, Fallbrook, CA (12 Dec 2015)
- Camp 4 & Auxiliary 52 Installation Banquet, San Jose, CA (15 Jan 2016)
- Camp 23 & Auxiliary 23 Installation Meeting, Santa Rosa, CA (16 Jan 2016)
- Ancestor Roundup Genealogical Seminar, Seaside, CA (23 Jan 2014)
- 130th Annual Encampment, Department of California & Pacific, Sacramento, CA (4-5 Mar 2016)
- 1st Annual [Regular] Encampment, Department of the Columbia, Vancouver, WA (9 Apr 2016)
- Camp 4 Meeting, San Jose, CA (14 May 2016)
- School Presentations, Quimby Oak Middle School, San Jose, CA (27 May 2016)
- Info Booth, Roaring Camp Civil War Reenactment, Felton, CA (28-29 May 2016)
- United Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony, San Jose, CA (30 May 2016)
- SUVCW Memorial Day Ceremony, San Jose, CA (30 May 2016)
- Camp 4 Meeting, San Jose, CA (25 Jun 2016)
- COA Meeting, Springfield, IL (11 Aug 2016)

Total miles travelled were 12,555. I have also participated in online COA discussions and votes of the COA taken in the online boardroom. I have no recommendations at this time.

2.13 Banner Editor; James Pahl, PCinC

With the issues presented after the retirement of former Editor Steve Michael, PCinC, I was appointed by the Council of Administration to become the Editor of the Banner on or about February 1, 2016. The Fall 2015 issue had not been published and materials for the Winter Banner had been provided to layout.

Working with Dave Milawski of DM Design & Videography (layout), Bill Sallwasser of United Press and Graphics (printer) and former Editor Steve Michaels, I was able to do final edits and get the Winter issue out to my brothers.

Steve Michaels had previously established material submission deadlines and publication dates. I was able to gather materials, edit and forward to layout the Spring Banner, publishing that issue per that schedule. As of this report, the Summer Banner was very recently forwarded to the United States Postal Service by the printer and I hope you all have that issue in your hands as of this Encampment.

While it is very difficult to improve upon the product Steve Michaels produced for years, I have done some tweaking and made minor changes in the mast head and layout. I hope you enjoy it. It is my pledge that my brothers will receive four Banners a year – on schedule.

2.14 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC

National Life Member applications processed year to date equal 13 with 1 pending. For this time of year, 13 new life memberships is average for the past 6 years!

The following statistics are offered as of this date on the membership of our grand Allied Order.

Profile Categories	2016	vs	2015	Difference
Associate	533		541	-8
<i>Junior</i>	71		76	-5
Life Member	385		376	+9
Member	5329		5299	+30
Real Son	5		6	-1
Total:	6323		6298	+25
<i>Dual Associate</i>	11		7	+4
Dual Life Member	59		51	+8
<i>Dual Member</i>	130		127	+3
Honorary	4		4	0
War Zone Service	4		7	-3
Total:	208		196	+12
Grand Total	6531		6494	+37

We have experienced the loss of over 45 deaths reported during last 12 months!

Requests for our ROTC and Eagle Scout awards have settled down for the season. The assignment of an Ass't QM to handle ROTC program queries has been a shot in arm for all concerned.

As Form 49s arrive at HQ, they are scanned. Copies are shared with national officers and appropriate committee personnel that may need the data to carry out their SUVCW duties. Likewise, the national Eagle Scout Brother has been a tremendous help whenever a local scout officer is unavailable.

Remittances received are copied and mailed weekly to National Treasurer for his further action.

If you or your subordinate officers need a report or other data, 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. I have had the pleasure to entertain Commander in Chief, and other officers as well as a number of visits and volunteers at national headquarters during these short 7 months of 2016!

3.0 National Appointed Officers

3.1 National Aide-de-Camp, Faron Taylor, PCC

Nothing to report.

3.2 National Camp-at-Large & Dept. Organizer, Loran T. Bures, PCC

With VISION 2020's Organization Expansion Initiative as a guide, I am pleased to report the following:

Department of the Southwest (Arizona & New Mexico): The Special Encampment to organize the Department of the Southwest was held in Scottsdale, Arizona on March 26, 2016. Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff served as installing officer.

With this Special Encampment, all states, territories and possessions of the United States are now in regular organized Departments.

Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 of London, England: Our first international camp, the Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 of London, England, was presented its charter on July 23, 2016 by Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff. The Camp primarily serves the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Canada: Interest has been expressed in establishing an international camp in Canada. We are in the process of contacting our Canadian Brothers to gauge the level of support for this effort. So far, the response has been encouraging.

3.3 National Chaplin, Jerome W. Kowalski

I attended four Department Encampments; Florida, Texas and Kentucky as the representative of CinC Mortorff and Illinois as their own chaplain. Two services on Veterans Day, five on Memorial Day weekend, one on Memorial Day itself. I gave prayers at the Cemetery Services for the restoration or replacement of many dozens of grave markers for the Boys in Blue who fought for Mr. Lincoln. I attended and participated in wakes, funerals and other religious services connected with our Order. I was an active member of Camps 1 and 2 in the Department of Illinois; Chaplain for Mulligan's Battery, SVR; and National Chaplain for the SUVCW and SVR. I wrote several dozen articles and fervoros for various publications of our Order. First and foremost, I have prayed for the officer and members of our Order and their families – that they may to the best possible job to advance our goals, to make our Nation exactly what the Almighty intended it to be, and that we have Peace.

3.4 National Chief of Staff, Michael A. Paquette, PDC

It was a privilege to travel with CinC Mortorff this year and meet Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders that I had not had the opportunity to meet before as well as renew friendships with those I was acquainted with. I assisted with the planning and execution of the CinC's Testimonial Luncheon. I prepared and provided copies of the reports packets for all CofA meetings this past year. Additionally, I attended the following events:

- CinC Testimonial Luncheon in Fredericksburg, VA
- Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA
- Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg, PA
- MOLLUS Lincoln Birthday Observance in Washington, DC
- Medal of Honor Day Observance in Frederick, MD
- Department of Rhode Island Annual Department Encampment in Providence, RI
- Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL
- Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, IL
- Department of the Chesapeake Department Encampment in Frederick, MD
- Department of Michigan Annual Department Encampment in Lansing, MI
- Department of Pennsylvania Annual Department Encampment in State College, PA

3.5 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

Members of the committee this last year include:

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Issues This Past Year:

1. I've turned over my database to the webmaster as we need a webpage developed so that the public and members can access the information without altering the contents. According to the last

communicate I had with him, they may have to rework the access database into something else. That being said, I've placed on hold my entry of monuments into the database as I would really hate to have to produce over 1,000 records twice. The information about what has been entered so far is recorded below.

2. New Form 61s was approved this year and is online. The new format should be used. And with cellphones so handy, please take plenty of pictures. Most people are submitting files via e-mail to me and I compile them into one PDF.

3. We've had an increase of interest this past year in the sending in Form 61s with the Brothers John Baz-Dresch of New Hampshire, who sent in a boatload monuments from several states; James King ,Bruce Crandell, William Poulton, & Douglas Deuel of New York submitting several; Johnny Manley of Ohio submitted some; Dale Crandell of Missouri submitting several; and Dennis Fyke, who supplied me with back up files from Michigan that I was able to check and add considerably to Michigan's monuments.

4. This past year I feel has been a good year in monuments with me being on the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund chaired by Brian Pierson. Because of that, I could quickly determine for the committee if Form 61s were present as we processed Form 62 grants. I could also keep copies of the new information on hand and in that way we did not fall into the trap of the Monuments Officer not having the files of the Grants Committee or having them delayed for several years. The joint effort insures that once the database is on line, both committees can quickly see what grants have been given in the past and what paperwork needs to be submitted.

It is my recommendation that future Monuments Officers be included as either voting members or non-voting member of the Grants Committee, so that efforts are not duplicated.

**DIGITIZED RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR
MONUMENTS**

STATE/LOCATION	2015 Form 61/62	2016 Form 61/62	Gain / Loss	Monuments Entered Database	Last Soldier Markers	LS Entered Database	Notes
Arizona	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Arkansas	3	4	0	239	0	0	Note 1
Australia	1	1	0	1	0	0	
California	40	40	0	0	0	0	
Colorado	4	4	0	4	0	0	
Connecticut	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Delaware	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Florida	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Georgia	6	7	1	7	0	0	
Idaho	9	9	0	9	0	0	
Illinois	128	128	0	0	0	0	
Indiana	6	5	-1	5	0	0	Note 2
Iowa	7	8	1	6	0	0	
Kansas	15	14	-1	0	0	0	Note 2
Kentucky	10	10	0	9	0	0	
Kazakhstan	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Maine	5	5	0	5	0	0	
Maryland	4	4	0	4	0	0	Note 3
Massachusetts	37	40	3	0	0	0	

STATE/LOCATION	2015 Form 61/62	2016 Form 61/62	Gain / Loss	Monuments Entered Database	Last Soldier Markers	LS Entered Database	Notes
Mexico	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Michigan	88	210	122	0	0	0	
Minnesota	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Mississippi	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Missouri	473	505	32	37	1	0	
Nebraska	6	6	0	6	0	0	
Nevada	4	4	0	0	0	0	
New Hampshire	9	18	9	9	0	0	
New Jersey	5	5	0	5	0	0	
New York	6	24	18	18	0	0	Note 4
North Carolina	12	12	0	0	0	0	
North Dakota	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Ohio	26	31	5	4	14	28	Note 5
Oklahoma	2	4	2	3	0	0	
Oregon	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Pennsylvania	27	27	0	0	0	0	
Rhode Island	26	27	1	0	0	0	
South Carolina	1	1	0	1	0	0	
South Dakota	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Tennessee	7	6	-1	6	0	0	Note 2
Texas	2	2	0	2	0	0	
Utah	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Virginia	4	4	0	4	0	0	
Vermont	0	1	1	1	0	0	
Washington	12	13	1	10	0	0	See Note 6
Washington DC	1	1	0	1	0	0	
West Virginia	1	0	-1	0	0	0	Note 2
Wisconsin	32	32	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	1035	1228	192	412	15	28	0

* Minuses are result of cleaning up duplicate files

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

Note 2: Monuments determined to be a duplicate. WV one actually Ohio.

Note 3: 1995 Maryland Governor's Comm on Monuments report digitized

Note 4: 1992 New York SUVCW Monuments Book Digitized

Note 5: Ohio Last Soldiers in Database came from a listing of markers that had no Form 61 or Form 62 filed for them

Note 6: Washington 10 monuments in database are ones the WRC sent me and have no Form 61 or Form 62 yet

Mullins Company Monuments Catalog of 1913 Digitized

3.6 National Color Bearer, Robert Heath, PCC

Nothing to report.

3.7 National Counselor, James B. Pahl, PCinC

Over the course of the past year, I issued four formal opinions. I also counseled countless brothers of the Order concerning issues relating to our Constitution and Regulations.

OPINION I – SERIES 2015-2016

I have been requested of the Commander-in-Chief to render an opinion as to the following question: Does a Camp or Department need the permission of the National Organization to file legal action in a court of competent jurisdiction?

It is my opinion the answer is yes.

The National Organization charters Departments to carry out the purposes of the Order within certain geographic boundaries. Camps are chartered within each Department (with the permission of the National Organization), to again conduct activities to carry out the purposes of the Order. Those purposes are found in our National Charter as granted by the Congress of the United States and is found in 36 USCS § 200301 (2002), specifically, § 200302.

Under the basic principles of agency law, by issuing Charters to Departments and Camps, the National Organization (as the principal) is creating “agents” to do the work of the Order on behalf of the Order. An agent can only act on behalf of the principal as authorized by the principal.

Agency law defines the various types of authority. There is Actual authority and Apparent authority. Actual authority is divided into two types:

Express actual authority - means an agent has been expressly told he or she may act on behalf of a principal.

Implied actual authority - also called "usual authority", is authority an agent has by virtue of being reasonably necessary to carry out his express authority. As such, it can be inferred by virtue of a position held by an agent.

Apparent authority is when a principal, by either words or actions, causes a third party to believe that an agent has authority to act, even though the agent has no express or implied authority to act with regard to the particular matter at hand. There is also the principle of Ratification, where a principal ratifies the previous unauthorized action of the agent

Nowhere in section 200302 is a Department or Camp – as an agent – empowered to file legal actions. Therefore, there is no Express actual authority for a Department or a Camp to file a legal action.

Nor is the ability to file legal action in any way necessary to carry out the functions of the Order.

The authority for the National Organization to sue and be sued is found in § 200305 of our National Charter.

It is my opinion section 200302 does not have any language that would cause a third party to believe a Department or a Camp has authority to file legal action with any fair reading of section 200302.

It is therefore clear under the principles of Agency Law, Departments and Camps of the Order may not file any legal action in any court without the consent of the National Organization.

OPINION II – SERIES 2015-2016

At the post Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration in Richmond, Virginia on August 23, 2015, the Commander-in-Chief requested me to render an opinion as to the following question: Does a National Elected Officer’s credentials to attend and vote at a National Encampment count as one of the delegate positions allowed that officer’s home Department?

Membership at a National Encampment is defined in National Regulations, Chapter III, Article II, Section 1. The various paragraphs indicate the diverse ways one may have voting credentials at a National Encampment. Each Department gets a set number of delegates, plus those who have standing

credentials, such as the current Department Commander and all Past Department Commanders. These credentials are issued by the Department Secretary.

The section goes on to read that all elected National Officers have voting credentials and those credentials are issued by the National Secretary.

During the 2011-2012 Administrative year, I issued Opinion V as National Counselor, that any Past Department Commander and any Past Commander-in-Chief may be seated and have a vote at any National Encampment even if their home Department were under suspension. After this opinion, National Regulations were amended in Chapter II, Article I, Section 10, which takes all voting rights away from the entire Department delegation (including the Department Commander and all Past Department Commanders – but not any Past Commander-in-Chief) if that Department is under suspension for failing to file their reports in a timely fashion for five consecutive years. One Department was under this type of suspension at the 134th National Encampment. If an elected National Officer's credentials counted against the allowed number of delegates allowed at a National Encampment, such interpretation would give good argument that such National Officer could not be seated at the Encampment if his home Department was under such suspension. This would have interesting implications should the home Department of the Commander-in-Chief be under such suspension.

It is therefore my formal opinion, the credentials of a National Elected Officer does not count towards the number of delegates allowed from that officer's home Department.

OPINION III – SERIES 2015-2016

I have been requested of the Commander-in-Chief to render an opinion as to the following question: May a Camp be assigned the number zero "0"?

It is my opinion the answer is no.

Article V of our Constitution states each Camp shall bear a name and number. National Regulations Article I, Chapter I, Section 1 states no two Camps within a Department may have the same name or Camp number (with an exception not relevant here) and the Camp number will be assigned by the Department Commander. National Regulations are otherwise silent on this issue.

So the issue at hand is: Is zero a number as contemplated by our previous National Encampments which adopted this provision? When you define numbers by "counting numbers", then zero is not a number. When you look at it from a "real number" point of view, authorities are divided as to whether it is a number or not. Most mathematical definitions do include zero as a number.

While only advisory in nature and not binding upon our Order, I cannot locate an instance where the Grand Army of the Republic used a zero as a Post number. The Grand Army Blue Book is also silent as to this issue, other than the number would be assigned by the Department Commander.

For the purposes of our Order, it is my opinion the best model to follow is counting numbers and therefore, zero is not an appropriate number for a Camp of the Order.

OPINION IV – SERIES 2015-2016

I have been requested of the Commander-in-Chief to render an opinion as to dual members and resignations from the Order.

Facts: A brother of the Order is a dual member of two or more Camps located within different Departments. This brother submits a letter of resignation from the Order to one of the Camps. As no disciplinary actions have been taken to the knowledge of the Camp and/or the brother and the brother owes no money to the Camp, so the Camp issues an Honorable Discharge. Disciplinary proceedings may have begun by a brother in another Camp or at the National level, but the brother in question had not received a copy of the charges and specifications at the time of his resignation from the Order.

What is the impact of the Honorable Discharge upon this brothers remaining Camps and the Order?

It is my opinion his resignation from the Order submitted to one of his Camps and that Camp issuing an Honorable Discharge is binding upon all other Camps and Departments of which he may have been a member (and the Order as a whole), so long as there are no disciplinary actions pending upon which the brother in question has notice.

The key here is actual notice. To trigger anything other than an honorable discharge, per Chapter IV Discipline, Article 25 and/or Article 26, the brother must have received a copy of the pending charges and specifications under National Regulations Chapter IV, Article 8. Until he receives a copy of the charges and specifications, no proper notice of pending charges has been provided.

3.8 Assistant National Counselor, Donald E. Darby, PCinC

Nothing to report.

3.9 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book), James B. Pahl, PCinC

In 2016, I was able to publish an annotated Constitution and Regulations with amendments to the Regulations current as of the 134th National Encampment in August 2015 held at Richmond, Virginia and annotations current to the 133rd National Encampment in August 2014 held at Marietta, Georgia.

3.10 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James L. Lyon, PDC

It has been an honor working as the National Eagle Scout Coordinator this past year and I look forward to continuing my work to organize this great program. I will be trying to work with the Boy Scouts of America to let them know of our program so that all Eagle Scout that might want a certificate can get one.

When I receive a request I forward them to the proper Department so that they can send out a certificate to the Eagle Scout. It would be nice to have a reporting system so that we would know how many certificates that we present each year.

I will still be working on the history and relationship between the SUVCW and the BSA. I hope to get some articles written for Scouting, Eagle Scout, Boys Life, and our Banner magazine.

I have been working with Brother Demmy to keep an updated Department Coordinator list. It was approved at the April CofA meeting to assign an e-mail address for whoever is the National Coordinator. I have not seen this yet. This will help with transition from one Brother to another.

3.11 National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PCC

I sent out an email to all State Department GAR Highway Officers letting them know it was a pleasure working with them. I sent out a new form that I made up that will be used at a later time in regards to information pertaining to the GAR signs that are located in each state. The form can be used to keep track of the condition, how are they mounted, location GPS, a yearly report of keeping track of the signs to express ideas or suggestions on how to improve the SVUCW's presence of these signs.

New York

1. To follow up on the purchase of two GAR road signs for the City of Peekskill, NY, the John L. Worden Camp purchased two signs at a cost of \$125 + \$25 shipping. A dedication service for the signs was conducted at the Lincoln Depot Museum in Peekskill, NY and I gave a brief speech about US RT 6 GAR Highway. The signs were coated in a special paint that helps protect them and then placed on Route 6 coming into the city limits and leaving them. This adds two new signs to the NY area for a total of 10 signs marking the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

2. NY Department US Route 6 GAR Highway Brochures are being distributed through the courtesy of the Bear Mt. Toll House Tourist Information Center.

3. Membership, ours being free as a not-for-profit, has been renewed in the US Route 6 Tourist Assn. for the 2016 year.

Rhode Island

There are ten strategically placed and suitable GAR Highway markers located along the Rhode Island Route 6 corridor heading both east and westbound. The restoration project was completed by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation in September of 2011.

The most recent survey of state signage was conducted on 12 July 2016 and all signs appeared to be serviceable. In this state the route is approximately 45 miles each direction which makes monitoring an efficient and simple affair.

Utah

Since the last report submitted, the Department G.A.R. Highway Officer has performed the following activities:

- conducted personal inspections of several portions of the G.A.R. Highway (US-6) in Colorado and Utah;
- had a GAR Highway display table (containing a GAR Highway Sign, tri-fold display, a binder with documents, photographs, newspaper articles, etc.) at the Department Encampment in June 2016;
- continued research and gathering of information on the history of the G.A.R. Highway within the territory of the Department; and,
- have written a letter to the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation regarding the lack of signage along US-6.

Colorado

All GAR Highway signs within the State of Colorado have been removed. A letter was sent (July 21, 2016) to the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation (C-DOT) advising of the situation.

Ohio

It was with Great honor on Saturday, May 21, 2016 there was a GAR Highway sign dedication in 3 different cities in Lorain County where the cities payed the total expense of the signs and installations. The Mayor of each City was Recognized with a special plaque designed by myself and made by a local business (see example see below). This event was supported with the attendance by the Department of Ohio Dept Officers; Commander Shawn Cox, Peter J. Hritsko, Sr V.C. James Crane, Jr. V.C. National PC-in-C Ken Freshley, PDC Thomas Graham, PDC Jon Silvis and PDC Tim Graham. Past National President of the Aux. SUVCW Nancy Hilton, Jane Graham, and current Dept. of Ohio President Aux SUVCW Cindy Hillard, Past President of Woman's Relief Corps Cindy Northon. The James A Garfield Camp # 142, Gen Voris Camp # 67 and the McClellan Camp # 92 and the Ohio Naval Brigade. Eliza Garfield Aux SUVCW The 29th Company G. OVI, Ladies of the GAR and Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil and the Lorain County Quincy Gilmore Civil War Roundtable. Having the support of the SUVCW and Allied Order of the SUVCW and the Reenacting 29th Co. G OVI made a great impact with these mayors and the public. Especially have the National Flags and the camp flags being presented at all of the dedications.

The first event at 9:30 am in the city of Avon Lake with Mayor Greg Zilka. The second event took place at 11am in the city of Sheffield Lake Mayor Dennis Bring. The two cities of Avon Lake and Sheffield Lake are located in Lorain County. The third and last dedication took place at 12:30 pm in Cuyahoga County with the City of Bay Village Mayor Debbie Sutherland.

This event was published on the front page of the Lorain Morning Journal Sunday, May 22, 2016. This newspaper covers a large area of Lorain and Erie County's. I felt it was a teaching moment showing the interest and involvement of the public.

I am happy to report Lorain County US Route 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway is completely done. You will see a sign as you enter the city from either direction. The City of Vermilion west portion is in Erie County east portion in Lorain County. Vermilion borders the City of Lorain and the City of Lorain borders City of Sheffield which borders the City of Avon Lake and is in Lorain County. Bay Village's west portion borders Avon Lake and Bay Village is in Cuyahoga County.

I am still in contact and discussing placement of GAR signs in the Cities of Rocky River and Huron. Now that there are signs that border these cities I will use this in our advantage to continue our effort of having these signs placed in other cities hopefully soon. I will continue to reach other Cities heading East and West.

I will following up with an article to be placed in the Banner.

We must continue to show our full support to these communities and our appreciation of recognizing the cities who are taking their time and the cost of placing these sign within their city limits. I will update the Dept. Ohio with dates and time and location of future dedication ceremonies for GAR signs

Future projects include continued research, presentations and dissemination of information regarding the G.A.R. Highway within the jurisdiction of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming

3.12 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2015-2016 administrative year. This is my sixth consecutive term serving in this appointed office.

The amount of interest in our program continues to grow. Since 1 August 2016, I have received 280 emails regarding GAR records (compared to 250 the previous year), and have responded to all of them. Twenty-three submissions were also received using our website's online GAR records notification form. This compares to 37 received the previous year. A special GAR ancestor project sponsored by the DUVCW came to a conclusion at their National Convention in July 2016. Our GAR Records Catalog proved to be an essential tool to assist our DUVCW Sisters with this effort, and it engendered strong bonds of cooperation between our two organizations.

In addition to routine additions to the GAR Records Catalog, much of my time this year was devoted to expanding the Post history pages on www.GARrecords.org. The earliest history of the GAR in many states is poorly documented, and it has proven to be a challenge to identify many of the earliest Posts. Ironically, in reviewing our lists of early GAR Posts in preparation for the GAR Sesquicentennial, I discovered that Old Post No. 1 – the original GAR Post, chartered 6 April 1866 – had never been added to our catalog! This oversight apparently goes back to 2000, when the list was first prepared. Thankfully, a detailed history of the early Illinois Department Posts was included in the Journal of Proceedings of the 26th National Encampment of the GAR (1892). Using this history, I was able to add the missing information for Old Post No. 1, along with information on 36 other early Illinois Department Posts. This serves as an important reminder that the GAR Records Catalog is a living document, constantly changing and improving with time.

The number of known and uniquely named/numbered GAR Posts in our catalog now stands at 10,678, up over 140 from last year's count. This number reflects new additions to the catalog, as well as the removal of several duplicates and misidentified Posts.

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

No Recommendations.

3.13 National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

Due to the active attacks that are taking place against our Graves Registration Database, a detailed report will be sent to the National Secretary and Commander-in-Chief, this report will be too large to be included with the Encampment Reports Booklet under the one to two page guidelines. **There is one recommendation, that the National Encampment authorized legal action to track down and bring these people to justice.**

3.14 National Guard, Justin M. Dorsey, PCC

Nothing to report.

3.15 National Guide, Adam W. Gaines

Nothing to report.

3.16 National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, PDC

I submit with pleasure my report as National Historian and Chair of the National history committee. The internet produces a steady stream of questions regarding ancestry to Union veterans. In this age of Google, inquirers simply cannot imagine that we do not have their ancestor's records stored away. Likewise, they wonder why we do not have more complete records on our own membership.

The next volume of inquiry seems to focus on badges, insignia and photographs.

A number of these clearly show the relationship between the Sons of Veterans units and their state National Guard, a proven heritage not yet fully researched.

Brother Demmy has kindly forwarded numerous inquiries about insignia and badges and I have tried to answer these as completely as possible. Families of two Past Commanders-in-Chief were not aware we still existed and a store in Tennessee purchased a turn of the century SV cannon and have created an exhibit on the Sons in their store.

My book, Grand Army Men, continues to be well received and has led to several new members enrolling in both the Sons and the Loyal Legion. Its purchase through our Quartermaster or Amazon has resulted in some lengthy correspondence about our history and I am always happy to share whatever I can.

Likewise, The Banner articles also have proven popular to further disseminate our story.

Thank you again for the trust and honor it has been to serve.

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

The REAL Memorial Day, May 30th, 2016, was celebrated by services held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH. It was an absolutely gorgeous day, with the sun shining brightly and the winds blowing through the mountains and valleys of NH.

As we walked down the path, I gave thanks that my National Commander-in-Chief had asked me to represent him and give me this opportunity to be liaison for this quiet, but special event.

The ceremony lasted about an hour, but moving, as each Patriotic Organizations name was called, we stood in proud recognition and gave a few words to the attendees.

The organ played "America: and "Let there be Peace on Earth" and it resounded off the Mountains and Valleys of this great place. The feeling of serenity in your heart overflows in tears of peace and happiness, a solo of God Bless the USA was performed by Molly Caouette.

We were thanked by several of the trustees for our donations to them. They survive on donations only.

After the ceremony, there was a dedication of a new stone placement in the altar from President Obama. Each president has a stone in the altar.

Besides myself, attending this year from the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was National Liaison PNP Diane Mellor, and representatives from several NH camps.

3.18 National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffrey C. Burden

Nothing to report.

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

The Annual Report for the National Membership at Large reported the strength, as of March 31, 2016, as fourteen Members and Life Members, one Associate, and one Junior Member, for a total of sixteen brothers.

There have been no gains or losses since April 1, 2016:

I 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 Mortorff and the Council of Administration. It continues to be my honor to perform these duties.

If there are any questions or concerns, I remain at your service to discuss them.

3.20 National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French, PDC

It is with pleasure that I report to you and our fellow Brothers the progress for 2015-2016.

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

Memorial University: The Memorial University Certificates have been sent to the Departments for the following who have completed the course prior to 2015-2016 year. The Brothers are Robert McCord, David McReynolds, Randy Potts, Bill Schultke, Daryl VerStreate Jr., Wally Waert, and Chris Workman. Currently we have three completed to be presented at National Encampment who are Doak Marasco, John B. Crider, and W. B. Smith and two Brothers enrolled who are Rev. Peter Preble and Bill Schulke.

Unfortunately the Memorial University Pins could not be located. My recommendation is to have some more made to issue with the Certificates in the future and provide to those who received their certificates without pins. Request a one-time budget be approved for these pins.

Major changes on the web site is needed to make the University a success and easy for the NPI to track those doing the course. An IT person is required so any member can sign on creating their own Username/Password. This sign on application will collect their Name, Camp and Department, and email that will automatically generate notification to the NPI. Currently the NPI has no idea who is doing and completing the course; creating more confusion. I like to recommend Brother Kevin Martin to work with our WebMaster Brother McGuire. Brother McGuire has done what he could to include seeking help from Brother Freshley. Once these action have been executed and implemented the process will be greatly improved.

Continuity checklist: The continuity checklist has been provided by Brother Don Martin and is currently being updated for all future National Patriotic Instructors can carry on this duty without fail.

Department Reports: The following Departments have submitted their reports; California and Pacific, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Iowa. Here is a summary of their reports as follows:

Department California & Pacific presented ten JROTC Awards and fifty Eagle Scout Awards. Nine Camps have worked with other Allied Orders. Conducted numerous events such as the Mervine Living History Event and the King City School event.

Department of the Chesapeake presented twenty-seven JROTC Awards and thirty-four Eagle Scout Awards. Eight Camps have worked with other Allied Orders. Conducted numerous events such as the 150th Anniversary of Point Lookout releasing the last prisoners of war and Medal of Honor Ceremony for Doctor Mary E. Walker.

Department of Florida presented sixty-five JROTC Awards.

Department of Iowa had one camp worked with other Allied Orders. Conducted numerous events such as two Grave Dedications at Centreville and Knoxville, IA and two Monument Dedications in Centralia, MO and Montezuma, IA.

Department of Michigan presented two JROTC Awards. Four have worked with other Allied Orders. Conducted numerous events such as organizing and participating in the Western Michigan Living History Association's Annual Grand Rogue and the Voyager School Program.

Department of New York presented ten JROTC Awards and 48 Eagle Scout Awards. Ten have worked with other Allied Orders. Conducted numerous events such as the Dedication of Site Markers and directional signs for General George Thomas at Oakwood Cemetery and Faith Fellowship and Harrisville School History classes on the Civil War. Most notable event was the reinternment of Civil War Veteran Elisha Woodcock and his wife Mary at Talcottville Cemetery from a cow pasture. Four Camps and DC LeMay III with their Sisters from DUVCW and ASUCW conducted this ceremony with living descendants present.

Department of Ohio presented 24 JROTC Awards and five Eagle Scout Awards. Six Camps have worked with other Allied Orders. Conducted numerous events such as Gunckel Foundation Dedication and the Lincoln Funeral Train.

All Departments have conducted events for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Americanization Committee: Nothing was done for this year on my part. Recommend that this committee be dissolved. If there is ever a need for review of policy or regulations dealing with Americanization then the NPI and DPI's can form an impromptu committee for review and decision/recommendation.

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

3.21 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC

With the formation of the Department of the Southwest and the Department of Columbia, I found myself without any duties. With the formation of the new Camp at Large in London, England, I shall again be engaged with this office.

3.22 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), Donald E. Darby, PCinC

Still working on 134th National Encampment Proceedings and have acquired the Proceedings for PCinC George Powell's Encampment of 2002 (14 years ago).

3.23 National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire, PCC

My first year as National Signals Officer/Webmaster was a mixed bag. The difficulties I experienced in the first four months in the position are well documented and I am sure, much discussed. Many of us who do jobs at the national level have to do most of our work with very little assistance, and I can assure you that I was set firmly on an island for much of the year, having no reliable or engaged assistant in place. I will gratefully acknowledge the timely intervention of the Commander-in-Chief and the members of the Council of Administration that were so encouraging and supportive, knowing the tough situation. The CinC, CofA, and the National Quartermaster, in establishing the position of Assistant Nat'l Webmaster for the Quartermaster Store, have acted in a responsible, 21st-century way of forward thinking. It was a move that was a long time coming, and one that I hope will open up new opportunities and avenues for e-commerce and inventory management for the future.

Once the New Year rolled around, I had much more of a grip on the day-to-day maintenance of the main SUVCW website, and I am happy to report that I kept it updated in timely fashion as changes to forms came in from the CofA, or updates to officers and committees were sent to me. I also had the opportunity to make changes to several Department sites that are tucked underneath the National site, a duty I did not expect, as I was unaware that the National Webmaster was also supposed to serve as a Department Webmaster for others.

Besides forms, updates and Departments, I have also begun the grinding task of isolating the old pages from the old website that are still linked and have been updating them one at a time as I have the time. That is a full-time job in itself, but it needs to be done because there is entirely too much old content still mixed in. Bringing everything forward into the new Wordpress environment also affords us the opportunity to check the information to make sure it is current. I have on several occasions found, or have been advised of, committees listed, or projects listed, or Brothers listed that are simply not there anymore. Additionally, I made some important navigation tweaks that I hope have made it easier to identify and access areas of interest that Brothers need to get to from the home page. Example: simply changing the path header "Governance" to "Governance and Forms" has seemed to make a big difference, as has rearranging the order that the path headers appear.

Moving forward this year there are three major undertakings for the web: Memorial University, The National Monuments and Memorials Database and the final conversion of all old web pages to the new environment (these are discussed in more detail in the Comm & Tech Committee report). These three tasks alone will probably take the whole year, and it is important that this office is empowered to do what it takes to get these done, even if it requires third-party resources. I am still not sure what I am allowed to ask for and what I am not allowed to ask for, because I was given no guidance for how to communicate with the CofA. That being said, I think that communication at the beginning of conversations about major web projects should include the person who is A) supposed to be advising the CinC and CofA on communications technology, and B) supposed to be the one to figure out the technology and how to deploy it to the public... Right.

As I stated in a recent communication to the National Officers, things are "moving in the right direction" after a couple of false starts and some hiccups and acid indigestion. The next year should be much smoother and we should see much progress on the site and the special projects that NEED to get done this year.

I apologize in advance for the following, but everyone wanted me to do this job, so here are my wrinkles. I submit the following recommendations and their rationale:

Recommendation 1 Communication Standards and Inclusion A: I will be clear at the onset, that this has very little to do with my desire for any personal insight into anything. In many ways, I have found that to be undesirable at this point in my SUVCW career. This is a recommendation that will affect all who are in my National Signals Officer position moving forward for the Good of the Order. One of the most difficult realities of this position was that I was flying blind with no idea what was being discussed, and more than once, I was suddenly contacted by a national officer who simply told me “do this” when I had no actual ability to do so, or any idea what they were talking about. Had the Signals Officer been involved in the web conversations between the CofA and the officers themselves, a lot of time could have been saved trying to work on a viable plan and solution, instead of suddenly hitting a brick wall and having to basically scrap everything and start from scratch. It is very frustrating. The Signals Officer is supposed to serve as advisor to the CinC and CofA on these things, yet I was caught blind. Blind, without a clue when the conversations began, what they were about, what the rationale was behind them or what the expected outcomes were. And quite frankly, being “brought into the loop” at “some point” isn’t enough when we are talking about these kinds of technology deployments on this scale. Websites, databases, online courses (oh my)! The SUVCW website itself has become an essential repository of all things SUVCW, on par with the Banner, nay... moreso. Yet, (no offense intended) the Banner Editor has a seat on the Council of Administration, when the majority of time-sensitive and administrative communication to the Order goes through the website. Conditions have changed in organizational communication since that office was added to the CofA. I recommend that the National Signals Officer, who oversees all technology and digital communications streams, be included in the Council of Administration in the exact same weight and capacity as the Banner Editor, as the position is of at least equal importance to the Order. I can see no reason that the editor of our quarterly magazine should be privy to the same information that is needed to function in both the print and digital worlds and the Order’s conduit for digital communication should not. In today’s day and age, it almost feels that the whole arrangement should be flipped entirely. I understand that this addresses the C&R and membership on the CofA. (One will note that I am talking about the Signals Officer, who is essentially the Chief Technology Officer [CTO] of the Order; understanding that a CTO, if given equal weight as the Banner Editor, will be a position elected by the CofA, and MAY be a different person than the webmaster) and that this is likely out of order at this time. But I would hope someone will take this up if it is, as I would like to remain neutral on the matter seeing that I am currently seated in both offices and only want things to operate as they should moving forward. I would ask the following for your consideration: until my immediate predecessor, Br. Clayborne (2yrs), and myself (1yr), when was the last time the National Signals Officer/Webmaster was not a National Officer on the Council of Administration, an elected member of the Council of Administration, or a PCinC, privy to the discussions of the Council of Administration? That might explain the communication breakdown and slowdown over the past few years. This fixes that.

Recommendation 2: Communication Standards and Inclusion B: Understanding that a change in the C&R will require discussion and debate, I recommend that until such discussion and debate occur, that the National Signals Officer be included as a non-voting member of the Council of Administration until such time to ensure that he is properly informed of all web communications and technology discussions, as they are essential to the day-to-day operation of this Order, and are becoming more and more essential with each year.

Recommendation 3: Department and Camp Webpages: I was surprised to find out that in 2016, the National Organization is still hosting department webpages and that the National Webmaster is taking care of some of them. I was also contacted by a very dedicated Camp Webmaster asking what he needed to do to get his Camp webpage hosted under National. I told him that I had no idea, because I didn’t. I have been advised that there is a fee associated with this hosting, but I don’t know where that fee schedule is or how or if it is enforced. In today’s day and age this is a waste of time and resources. There are so many resources available in 2016 to make each Camp or Department who desires to have a website for very little expense. For example, any Camp or Department can buy a domain name for less than \$20 on Wordpress and then build a very user-friendly site on the very same platform as the National website for free. There are other platforms out there as well. All of them have tutorials to help users, and are likely a cheaper option for Camps and Departments than National hosting would be if we did an audit. Let’s not forget how many Camps simply use a Facebook page as their Camp page, and that’s completely free. I recommend that we eliminate the policy of hosting Camps and Department websites under the National Website and phase it out according to a schedule in order to help those few Camps and Departments that are currently under the umbrella time to establish themselves on other platforms.

Recommendation 4: Audit: Although I am loathe to do this, I recommend that an audit be performed of digital assets and a determination be made as to how many Camps, Departments, and Allied Orders are riding on the SUVCW hosting agreement, and whether or not any fees have been collected in relation to such.

Recommendation 5: Social Media Policy: It is increasingly obvious that social media is a powerful tool for web communications. Many of our Brothers are using Facebook and Twitter, possibly other platforms as well, to advance the Order. Facebook, Twitter, et al, has their own rules how to do things, and we need to respect those rules, but we also need to have a policy in place to ensure that the SUVCW's rules and regulations are being upheld by local social media administrators. I have been contacted occasionally with a complaint about how a Camp here or there has posted something political that is forbidden by our C&R. It is a slippery slope, because of the nature of social "sharing." Someone may "share" something that is a nice picture, without even realizing that the original post was attached to something that the SUVCW should not be. I recommend that the Communications and Technology make it a priority to research and devise an SUVCW Social Media Policy and Best Practices to be submitted to Programs and Policies. We need to do this 5 years ago. It may be a stand-alone policy, or it may supplement the National Communication Technology Policy.

Recommendation 6: Website and Social Media Census: Derived from a recommendation to me by Vision and Strategic Planning, I heartily believe that we need to get a grasp of where and how we are represented online. I recommend that the Communications and Technology Committee conduct a web presence census in to be completed by July 1, 2017. This census will then be compiled and presented to the National Encampment so we will have a complete picture of the Order's web presence from the top down. The National Signals Officer will consult with the CofA and relevant committee chairs in the first quarter of the next administration to formalize the census questionnaire.

3.24 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James Pahl, PCinC

I performed routine duties to assist our National Treasurer.

3.25 Assistant National Treasurer #2, David McReynolds, PCC

17 Nov 2015: Met with Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and discussed the Sons of Union Veterans, the work that we do and the benefit that our camps bring to our communities. He also commended my local camp upon winning the 2014-2015 Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award and the Horace Greeley Award.

19 - 21 Nov 2015: Participated in the Remembrance Day Parade and other related activities in Gettysburg, PA.

20 Feb 2016: Participated in 21st Annual Department of Tennessee Encampment held at the Tennessee Genealogical Society in Germantown, TN. Junior Vice Commander in Chief Mark Day attended representing the Commander in Chief.

Participated all year as a Member of the National Programs and Policies Committee.

Throughout the year participated in various grave markings, headstone dedications, monthly camp mess meetings, officer council meetings, camp quarterly educational meetings, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and July 4th activities. Our camp also actively participated in Wreaths Across America to benefit Knoxville National Cemetery in Knoxville, TN and the Blount County Jaycees Christmas Parade. We attended meetings of the local tent of the DUVCW and routinely included our auxiliary, Polly Toole No. 17 in our activities. We joined with the Sultana Descendants Association to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first monument to the Sultana steamboat tragedy, the worst maritime disaster in U.S. history, at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Maryville.

3.26 National Washington DC Representative, Lee D. Stone, PDC

Having been re-appointed Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff at the National Encampment in Richmond VA, I beg leave to report the following:

I supported the Commander-in-Chief's representative, JVCinC Mark Day, ASUVCW National President Linda Kronberg and her entourage, and other leaders of the Allied Orders, at the National Memorial Day ceremony, and at our local SUVCW Memorial Day observance, both at Arlington National Cemetery, both on 30 May 2016.

I represented the SUVCW by attending the District of Columbia Department Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, on 18 June 2016.

I look forward to attending the National Encampment at Springfield, IL, 11-14 August 2016.

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.

3.27 National Webmaster, James P. McGuire, PCC

Combined report. See section 3.23.

3.28 Assistant National Webmaster, Ken Freshley, PCinC

No report given.

4.0 National Standing Committees

4.1 National Committee on Americanization & Education, Jeffrey French, PDC

See paragraph 3.20.

4.2 National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation, Edward J. Norris, PDC

Continued to spread the word about the importance of preserving our ancestors' colors. The Facebook page is up to 1,681 Likes; this is an increase of 9.8% over last year. A post about the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School students raising money to restore a flag carried by the 62nd Pennsylvania reached 2,875 people and was shared by 25 people. Some bad news from New Hampshire - after significant progress on the preservation of the flags in their State House during the past two years, the Joint Legislative Historical Committee voted to "suspend flag preservation efforts indefinitely". The New Hampshire Battle Flag Preservation Committee is staying on top of this action and keeping our committee informed.

4.3 National Comm. on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Russell W. Kirchner, Jr., PDC

Nothing to report.

4.4 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Eleven grant requests were received during the business year, of which nine were approved. The total amount awarded was \$7423. The other three requests totaled \$3,000.

The details of the requests are provided below.

- 2015-16-01, 3rd Div, XXIII Corps - Utoy Creek Battlefield, Atlanta, GA. New Monument. \$1,000 grant requested & approved. Form 61 to be submitted upon installation of monument.
- 2015-16-02, Defenders of the Flag Monument Restoration, Mt Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY. Processing of the grant was deferred until Camp submitted a Form 61. \$1,000 grant requested & approved.
- 2015-16-03, Civil War Soldiers & Sailors Monument Restoration, Weymouth, MA. Processing of the grant was deferred until Camp submitted a Form 61. \$1,000 grant requested & approved.
- 2015-16-04, GAR Monument, Tulsa, OK. Installation of flagpole at monument. \$1,000 grant requested & approved.
- 2015-16-05, Victorious Charge Monument Renovation, Milwaukee, WI. \$500 grant requested; \$600 approved.

- 2015-16-06, St Louis Civil War Veterans Memorial Plaque, Owensville, OH. \$900 grant requested; \$723 approved to cover actual cost of plaque.
- 2015-16-07, McPherson Monument Restoration, Atlanta GA. \$2,000 grant requested. Deferred until additional supporting information was provided. Due to this information being submitted after the FY cutoff, if approved, the grant will be awarded after the National Encampment.
- 2015-16-08, Restoration of Cannon; Scidmore Park, City of Three Rivers, MI. \$2,000 requested. Deferred until documentation proving the cannon's Civil War connection provided. The point of contact was advised that he would need to resubmit a request next business year if the grant was not able to be approved this year.
- 2015-16-09, Last Union Veteran Plaque - Cadiz Cemetery, Cadiz, OH. \$200 requested & approved. Due to this request being submitted after the FY cutoff, the check will be sent after the National Encampment.
- 2015-16-10, Civil War Monument Base repair, Oakland Cemetery, Adams County, IA. \$1,000 requested. Deferred due to the Dept of Iowa being suspended. The point of contact was advised that he would need to resubmit a request next business year if the grant was not able to be approved this year.
- 2015-16-11, Veterans Memorial Statue Restoration, Flushing, MI. \$2,000 requested and approved. Due to this request being submitted after the FY cutoff, the check will be sent after the National Encampment.

Per the decision of the 2015 National Encampment, the Services were contacted to see if they were interested in grants for monuments and memorials for which they are responsible. No responses were received. Alternative points of contact will be explored next year.

Additional/supplemental grants. Per the decision of the 2015 National Encampment, the committee notified points of contact for approved grant requests (specifically, those for which the total project cost was not met by the grant) and advised them to submit a supplemental request if their respective projects required any leftover monies in the Memorial Grant Fund. One request for additional funds was received:

- 2015-16-05, Victorious Charge Monument Renovation, Milwaukee, WI. \$600 approved.

Several grant requests were submitted late in the fiscal year. It is recommended that Departments and Camps strive to submit requests before the end of May, in order that there is sufficient time for the review process, especially in those cases where additional supporting documentation is required.

A number of requestors submitted obsolete Forms 62 and sent them to the wrong address. This extended the review process. Next year, any submission made on an obsolete form will be returned to the submitter with instructions to use the current form.

Grant requests do not carry over from one year to the next. Those requests that have not been approved by the National Encampment will need to be resubmitted next year.

Brothers Busch and Norris are to be commended for their thorough review of these applications with respect to both their merit and to ensure they are IAW SUVCW policies. The Committee thanks National Treasurer Brother Orr, PCinC, for his prompt attention to sending the checks to the applicants.

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

Combined report. See paragraph 3.5.

4.6 National Committee on Communication & Technology, James P. McGuire, PCC

It is with genuine regret that I report to this body that the Chair has had no "communication" with the Communications and Technology Committee at all this year, and we did not meet. Chalk it up to either wide-eyed terror on the behalf of the Chair, or an understanding that this, being my run-in year as National Webmaster, everyone would just see how I did. I am still standing. And so is the committee. We will do better this coming year.

As Chair, I was only contacted once by a Brother. That was by Brian Pierson, Chair of the Vision and Strategic Planning Committee, with that committee's input on web communications. Those recommendations and my response are available to anyone who requests them of me. The Vision and

Strategic Plan Committee put forth several ideas that I had already been thinking about, and a few that were concerning, and a couple that I flatly disagreed with, but it is all worth discussion. Most notably, atop that we all agree upon, is the need for the development of a plan of action for Social Media. This includes creating a Social Media Policy and Best Practices Document and researching advertising opportunities on social media platforms. This is a top priority.

A Brother has approached me from a different Department than mine, whom I have never met, and he expressed a great deal of anxiety over several Facebook posts by a Camp in his Department. He feared that they had a political bent and that if the IRS saw a Camp posting political things it would be detrimental to our non-profit status (not true; the Order is not at risk). I believe that I have managed that situation, but he did put words to a tough situation that I have been keeping an eye out for, especially as we are running up against one of the most contentious presidential elections since the days of the men whose courage we honor by being Sons. It's high time that we not only embrace social media, as many camps and departments have, but we also need to manage it by policy. There are two ways to manage social media (SoMe): the illegal way... or the right way. We should probably choose the right way. There are restrictions on employers, organizations, etc. on what they can and cannot tell their employees/members to do. We need to figure this out and get to some good policy. Since social media is a communications tool, and a web tool, and a social sharing tool, the need to design this policy falls to this committee. This will be a top priority moving forward, because SoMe is both wonderful and terrible.

Additionally, as Chair, through my position as National Webmaster, both the National Patriotic Instructor and the National Monuments and Memorials Officer engaged me for very important reasons. I fully expected the PI to reach out, as we have been struggling with getting Memorial University up and running, so there was some discussion there. I, admittedly, was caught off-guard by Br. Busch, who advised me that he had been instructed to by the CofA to build a database of monuments and memorials, and then "get with the webmaster" to get it online. This was unfortunate. I literally had no idea that these types of discussions were going on. When it comes to communication and technology, the Communications and Technology Committee, or it's Chair at the very least, needs to be consulted from the onset, to help steer others towards a solution that can be useful to all. Br. Busch has put a great deal of effort into a database that may not even function correctly on more than half of the browsers in use on the web. It's not his fault, mind you. Had the C&T committee, or simply its chair been aware of what was happening, we could have tried to work from the ground up, instead of having to go backwards. I cannot stress enough the importance of opening up communication to those who need it the most at the onset of these discussions.

Moving forward I would like to see the following three items be top priorities for the new Communications and Technology Committee for the coming year:

The Committee must (MUST!) develop an "SUVCW policy and best practices for social media" that will adhere to both our C&R and to Federal Law, because there are things that we simply cannot enforce that we would sure love to enforce. The Committee will look at SoMe policies from other non-profits, fraternal organizations, and even corporations and higher education to generate a model that best suits the SUVCW. This policy will then be submitted to Programs and Policies for review and submission to the CofA, or to the Encampment, whichever is prescribed. If this can happen in the next year, this will be a win for the Order. Once this policy is in place, we can then head down the road of social media management instruction for Departments and Camps. There are training modules that could be deployed, but I hope a very well thought out policy will do the trick.

This committee will work with the Monuments and Memorials Officer to find an acceptable, secure, accessible, comprehensive and user-friendly database for the monuments and memorials project. The Comm & Tech committee chair expects to require several knowledgeable aides on the matter (from within the Order) to assist the committee, but also does not expect the development and deployment of the database to be for free. There will likely have to be third party expense for a project of this magnitude.

There will also be third-party expense for Memorial University, which, despite the delay, may ultimately be the easiest of these three items to reboot with some speed.

These three items are very, very intense and are three very big projects to try to accomplish in one year. This Committee will attempt to do so, but this only happens with support from the Order and open communication.

I welcome discussion on any of these matters, but please be realistic in expectations about initiatives outside of those outlined above in the coming year. These are three huge projects, and we need to get them in order.

Recommendation: Committee Name Change: Simply a housekeeping matter, “Communications and Technology Committee” may be muddying roles and reporting, as the Banner is certainly one of the Order’s modes of communication, yet it seems to be on a different echelon as far as information access goes. Since we are not a committee dealing with phone-a-thons or print materials, I recommend we change the committee name to the “Web Communications, New Media and Technology Committee.”

4.7 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E Grimm, PCinC

The changes made to the Regulations at the 134th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R. The updated C&R with an index has been posted on the web site. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this encampment. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS BY THIS ENCAMPMENT ARE NOTED IN **BOLD TYPE** for new language and ~~strike throughs~~ of language being eliminated.

PROPOSAL #1

(This proposal was submitted by National Counselor Jim Pahl)
Chapter I, Article I Section 6, (See C&R page 26)

Note: This proposal allows for the creation of camps outside the United States that can be an affiliated association to the SUVCW. If approved this amendment will be inserted as Sections 6 – 12 of Article I and the existing Sections 6 -9 will become Sections 13- 16.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 6: Brothers of the Order who reside outside of the United States, its territories and possessions, may petition the National Organization to form a Camp in their home country, to be an affiliated association to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 7: Such affiliated association shall be formed under the laws of the nation or territory where such Camp shall be headquartered as a totally separate organization. Such affiliated association shall not be considered subordinate to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such affiliated association shall be licensed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to perform all such acts as may be appropriate for a Camp of the Order. Such affiliated association shall be known as an International Camp.

Section 8: A petition of the proposed International Camp shall comply with the instructions as found in Form 50. Such International Camp shall make its application as a Camp-at-Large as set forth in these Regulations.

Section 9: Upon approval, the National Organization shall issue a charter to the International Camp as an International Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, noting upon said Charter this is an affiliated association.

Section 10: The relationship of the International Camp with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be administered through the Department-at-Large of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 11: To receive a license to operate from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, membership in an International Camp shall be limited to brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Once a brother becomes a member of an International Camp, such brother shall

pay his National Per Capita, plus an amount set by the Council of Administration to cover the additional Banner mailing costs, to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the same as if the brother was a member of a Camp of the Order. Such payment is to be forwarded to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through the International Camp in the same fashion as a National Camp-at-Large.

Section 12: All payments to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by brothers and International Camps residing or located outside of the United States, its territories and possessions, must be in United States dollars and paid by international money order or a check drawn on a US bank. This includes sales through the Quartermaster Store.

Renumber Sections in Article I: Current Section 6 becomes Section 13 and current Sections 7-9 becoming Sections 14- 16 respectively.

PROPOSAL #2

(This proposal is a Resolution from the Department of New Jersey)
Chapter I, Article II Section 6, and Section 7(c) (See C&R page 29)

Note: This proposal limits national per capita (dues) payment for dual members to their home (primary) camp. Dual members would not be required to pay national per capita for the dual camp(s) they join. Also, dual members cannot be counted among the number of members required to form a new camp.

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal since a similar proposal was presented during the last two national encampments and neither of those encampments endorsed the proposal.

Section 6: Applicants, who are Brothers of the Order in another Camp or a Member-at-Large, may become a dual Member of another Camp. The applicant need not pay the application fee, ~~however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps.~~ 18 (footnote) **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).**

Section 7. (a) Dual Members shall only be counted in their primary or home camp in the total membership count of the Department but listed on each camp roster.

(b) A dual member must identify his primary or home camp and such camp must file a Form 30 showing that information.

(c) Dual members may **not** be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new camp.

PROPOSAL #3

(This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee)
Chapter I, Article VIII Section 1, (See C&R page 37)

Note: This proposal adds a new paragraph to this section authorizing Camps to present a Flag Certificate. The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1 (d) Any member of a Camp may nominate for a Flag Certificate Award, a person, company or agency that proudly, conspicuously and properly flies or display the United States Flag. The Flag must be properly displayed as outlined in Public Laws 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, which contains rules for the handling and displaying of the United States Flag. The Flag Certificate Award should not be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes. Public Law 94-344 appears on the SUVCW website.

PROPOSAL #4

(This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee)
Chapter II, Article I Section 14 (See C&R page 48)

Note: This proposal will add a new section to this Article and authorize departments to enter into a lawsuit with the permission of the National Organization.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 14. A Department, with the permission of the National Organization, may enter into a lawsuit within its area of jurisdiction to prove lawful ownership of Civil War era property. This permission may be granted through either the action of the National Encampment or that of the National Council of Administration via a General Order of the Commander-in-Chief SUVCW. Departments should be aware that any monetary liability regarding the lawsuit falls upon the Department to pay.

PROPOSAL #5

(This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee)
Chapter II, Article VII Section 4 (See C&R page 55)

Note: This proposal will require the department secretary to maintain a list of Dishonorable Discharges and provide that information to all camps in the department.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 4. (New paragraph (m) The Department Secretary shall maintain a record of all Dishonorable Discharges and provide each Camp in the Department a copy of Dishonorable Discharge reports received from the Executive Director.

PROPOSAL #6

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee at the request of the CofA)

Chapter II, Article XI Section 2 (See C&R page 63)

*Note: This proposal will extend the time allowed to form a new camp from six months to one year.
The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

Section 2. Departments shall pay to the National Organization: Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the Department Charter; Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each new Camp Charter, which amount shall accompany the application and shall be forfeited if the Camp is not instituted within ~~six months~~ **one year** from the date of application; and Ten (\$10.00) for the reinstatement of Camps which have been suspended. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the reinstatement of Camps which voluntarily surrendered their Charter or which had their Charter revoked provided that this fee shall be waived if a Charter exists.

PROPOSAL #7

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee at the request of the CofA)

Chapter III, Article VI, Section 2 (See C&R page 71)

Note: This proposal adjust the Regulations to conform to the change in name of the Membership-at-Large Coordinator to Organization Expansion Officer.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 2. On assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other officers and national committees, and may appoint one or more Assistant National Secretaries and one or more Assistant National Treasurers and may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate, except that he shall not appoint the Editor of the Banner, or the ~~Membership-at-Large Coordinator.~~ **Organization Expansion Officer.**

PROPOSAL #8

(This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee)

Chapter III, Article VI Section 4), (See C&R page 71)

Note: This proposal clarifies that when a vacancy in a national elected office occurs the CofA will make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the national organization when the office will be filled by an election.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 4. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the National Organization shall be filled ~~for the unexpired term~~ by the Council of Administration **by a temporary appointment**, until the next regular meeting of the National Organization, when an election shall be held. **The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served.**

PROPOSAL #9

(This proposal is from the Committee on National Legislation)

This Proposal makes changes to: Chapter III, Article VI, Section 14 (See C&R page 78); Chapter III, Article VII (See C&R page 85) Article X, Section 1 (See C&R page 90)

Note: If this proposal is adopted it will eliminate the Committee on National Legislation and replace it with a National Legislation Officer.

The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.

Chapter III, Article VI

Section 14. The Washington Representative shall have a residence in the District of Columbia or its suburbs; he shall accept on behalf of the Order service or legal papers or summons and immediately transmit the same to the Commander-in-Chief for action; he shall represent our Order on appropriate occasions and at memorial ceremonies and patriotic functions at the Capitol; he shall keep himself informed about legislation pending before Congress which is pertinent to the purposes or activities of our Order, and he shall state the views of our Order at hearings thereon; he shall promptly inform the Commander-in-Chief of any such legislation on which our Order should take action and has not already done so. ~~and; shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee on Legislation.~~ He shall ensure that a copy of the "Proceedings" from the Order's annual National Encampment is filed with the Library of Congress.

Chapter III, Article VII new Section 31: **Section 31. It shall be the duty of the National Legislation Officer to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States of America, proposed either in the Congress of the United States or elsewhere; to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commander-in-Chief.**

Renumber the current Section 31 of this Article to Section 32.

Chapter III, Article X Section 1.

The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, Americanization and Education, Battle Flag Preservation, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, ~~Legislation,~~ Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials & Monuments, Military Affairs, Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, EBay Surveillance and Scholarships, Promotions and Marketing, Vision and Planning.

~~Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Legislation to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States of America, proposed~~

~~either in the Congress of the United States or elsewhere; to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commander-in-Chief at the session following its appointment.~~

Renumber Sections 6-24 of Article X

PROPOSAL #10

(This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee)
Chapter III, Article VII Section 16, (See C&R page 79)

Note: This proposal adds two new paragraphs to this section which requires the Executive Director to maintain a record of Dishonorable Discharges and to provide reports to the Departments regarding Dishonorable Discharges.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

(b) The Executive Director shall reject the applications of individuals who have received a Dishonorable Discharge. He shall maintain a record of Dishonorable Discharges and provide a report of Dishonorable Discharges, once a year, on or about August 1st, to the secretary of each department, who in turn shall share it with all camps within his department for use when reviewing new membership applications.

(c) Upon notice of a new Dishonorable Discharge at National Headquarters, the Executive Director shall report such information to all departments within 30 days of notification at national headquarters.

PROPOSAL # 11

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee at the request of the CofA)
Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 2(b) (See C&R page 85)

Note: This proposal adjust the Regulations to conform to the procedure that has been in use for several years relating to the adoption of the annual budget.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 2(b) Present to each annual Encampment of the National Organization a budget of the estimated receipts of the amounts necessary to conduct the affairs of the National Organization for the ensuing year, and shall recommend the amount to be appropriated for each of the activities of the National Organization and the amount necessary to be raised by per capita dues to meet the same. **Following review of the budget by the encampment it becomes the responsibility of the Council of Administration to approve the annual budget;** and no officer or Committee, **except the National Treasurer as specified in Article IX, Section 2(b) of this Chapter**, shall spend any amount or incur any indebtedness beyond the sums so appropriated, except by a vote of nine (9) members of the Council of Administration.

PROPOSAL #12

(This is a proposal from Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin)

Chapter III, Article X Section 1 and Section 21 (See C&R pages 90 and 101)

Note: This proposal eliminates the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund Committee and the description of the committee's duties.

The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposed amendment since there has been little activity by the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund Committee since it was created in 2001.

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, Americanization and Education, Battle Flag Preservation, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, Legislation, Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials & Monuments, Military Affairs, ~~Civil War Heritage Defense Fund~~, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, EBay Surveillance and Scholarships, Promotions and Marketing, Vision and Planning.

~~Section 21. The purpose of the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund is to raise and recommend distributing money to help with litigation relating to the stopping the sale of Civil War Memorial items or legal action for the return of such items that were already sold or stolen, when found. Financial contributions by the SUVCW membership has been the major source of funds, however other types of fund raisers are permitted. Case information is to be directed to the Chairman of the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund. The committee will review the merits of the case and will forward their recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief for his approval. If additional action is required, the committee is responsible for action.~~

Renumber remaining sections of this Article.

PROPOSAL #13

(This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee)

Chapter III, Article X Section 1 and Section 13 (See C&R pages 95)

Note: This proposal eliminates the Americanization and Education Committee and the description of the committee's duties.

The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposed amendment since there has been little activity by the Americanization and Education Committee.

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, ~~Americanization and Education~~, Battle Flag Preservation, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, Legislation, Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials & Monuments, Military Affairs, Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, EBay Surveillance and Scholarships, Promotions and Marketing, Vision and Planning.

~~Section 13: The purpose of the National Committee on Americanization and Education is to develop and implement programs that will encourage a greater awareness of citizenship, patriotism and American traditions with the goal of increasing participation in civic and patriotic activities among the Order and general population. This includes:~~

~~1. Develop flag etiquette, patriotism, citizenship, Civil War, Memorial Day, American history, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) history, and SUVCW history programs which may be provided to Departments and Camps for presentation to schools, patriotic and civic organizations and other such public gatherings.~~

~~2. Prepare and submit articles to the Editor of the Banner on programs developed by the Committee and solicit ideas and suggestions from Departments and Camps regarding changes which can be made to improve the existing programs and on new programs.~~

~~3. With the National Patriotic Instructor as chairman of the committee, work with the National Committee on Fraternal Relations and the other Allied Orders of the G.A.R. to develop and implement joint and/or concurrent patriotic programs.~~

Renumber remaining sections of this Article.

PROPOSAL #14

(This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee)

Chapter III, Article VII Section 8 (See C&R pages 75)

Note: This proposal eliminates from the National Patriotic Instructor's job description his duty to service as chairman of the Americanization and Education Committee.

The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposed amendment if proposal #13 is approved by the encampment.

Section 8. The National Patriotic Instructor shall ~~serve as Chairman of the National standing committee on Americanization and Education and~~ serve as the Director of the Son's Memorial University.

PROPOSAL #15

(This proposal was submitted by the National Encampment Site Committee)
Chapter III, Article X Section 6(b), (See C&R page 92)

*Note: This proposal is a revision of the job description for the national site committee.
The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

~~1. Compile and periodically update a list of physical and equipment requirements needed by a hotel to host a National Encampment.~~

1. Compile and periodically update a list of hotel facilities and equipment required to host a National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

~~2. Compile and periodically update a list of normal customs observed and amenities provided pursuant to past practices of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).~~

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~~3. Compile and periodically update a list of material, supplies and equipment (such as badges, Encampment Programs, Camp Fire Program, music, pianos, flowers, etc.) which are normally expected to be present or required at National Encampments.~~

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~~4. Prepare and periodically update diagrams of Opening Ceremony, Meeting, Banquet, Courtesy Night, Campfire and Memorial Program room setups pursuant to the requirements of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the G.A.R.~~

4. Prepare and periodically update diagrams of Council of Administration Meeting, Memorial Program, Opening Ceremony, Business Meeting, Campfire and Banquet room setups, pursuant to the requirements of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

5. Prepare and periodically update a list of responsibilities normally expected to be fulfilled by the Local Host Committee.

~~6. Solicit Departments 3 years or more in advance to consider hosting a National Encampment and provide a list of responsibilities normally accepted by a Host Committee.~~

6. Solicit Department proposals for hosting National Encampment 3 years or more in advance, and provide Departments a list of responsibilities normally expected of a Host Committee.

~~7. Evaluate, in concert with representatives from the other Allied Orders, all official invitations issued by Departments as to the feasibility of that Department to host a National Encampment.~~

7. Review, evaluate and compare all official Encampment hosting proposals submitted by Departments. Asses each proposal, for facilities, prices, location and experience/ability, and of the Host Committee members. Based on these assessments, select the proposal, 3 years in advance, which is most advantageous to the Order and its Members.

~~8. Locate and evaluate alternate host cities and facilities in the event that no Department offers to host or a selected Department cannot hold the National Encampment.~~

8. In the event that no feasible proposal to host the National Encampment is submitted, or if a selected Department is unable to hold the National Encampment, the committee will locate and evaluate alternate host cities and facilities, and select the host city which is most advantageous to the Order and its Members.

9. Negotiate with the selected Encampment hotel such complimentary meeting rooms, suites for National officers and other concessions normally provided pursuant to past practices of the Order and the other Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

10. Sign all contracts, on behalf of the Order, with the Encampment hotel and other businesses necessary to fix the Encampment site and provide copies of all contracts to the National Secretary.

11. Provide regular status reports to the Commander-in-Chief and National Council of Administration.

12. Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commandeer-in-Chief and National Encampment.

PROPOSAL #16

(This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee)
Chapter V, Article IV Section 3 (R) (See C&R page 117)

Note: This proposal adds a new paragraph to this section and provides for the issuance of a citation noting the accomplishments of the individual awarded a Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 (R).

(a) A citation will accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star. The citation signed by the Commander-in-Chief will contain the dates and a summary of the recipient's meritorious service beyond the efficient and loyal performance of his duties. The citation should be read when the award is presented.

(b) Individuals or Departments submitting a Brother for the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, at the Commander-in-Chief's request, must submit a citation following the approved format located in the forms section of the SUVCW website.

(c) Each Meritorious Service Award citation will be published in a General Order.

(d) The National Secretary will keep an ongoing record of each Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star that is presented.

PROPOSAL #17

(This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee)

Chapter V, Article IV Section 3 (See C&R page 117)

Note: This proposal adds a new paragraph to this section establishing the Doctor Mary Edwards Walker award which was authorized by the National Encampment in 2011 but never added to the Regulations.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 (U). The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award

(a) The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW. At the National level she must be recommended by a Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief, or an elected National Officer. At the Department level she must be recommended by a Past Camp Commander, Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief or the Department Commander.

(b) The Commander-in-Chief may present up to five awards in any one year. A Department Commander may present up to three awards in any one year. It is not mandatory for either the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to present this award.

(c) The medal shall be gold in color. The obverse bears a portrait of Doctor Mary Edwards Walker wearing a Medal of Honor within a raised bordure bearing the inscription "Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Medal" above and SUVCW below, separated by stars. The reverse of the medal will be inscribed as follows: "Awarded in grateful appreciation for service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." (Note: the reverse also bears the copyright © 2011.)

(d) The medal shall be suspended from a neck ribbon, gold in color for national awards made by the Commander-in-Chief, and dark red for awards made by a Department Commander. The medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be presented with the medal. The medal may be presented in accordance with the ceremony in the "Ritual & Ceremonials."

PROPOSAL #18

(This proposal is from the Military Affairs Committee)

SVR Regulations Chapter V, Section 2 (See SVR Regulations page 8)

Note: Chapter II, Article XIII Section 3 of the SUVCW Regulations incorporates the SVR Regulations by reference into the SUVCW Regulations (See SUVCW Regulations page 65) This proposal allows an SVR unit (company) commander to appoint a company adjutant, chaplain and public relations person.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 2. Add the following sentence at the end of this section: **The unit commander may appoint from his unit the following staff members to assist him in the performance of his administrative duties: an adjutant; chaplain and public relations person.**

PROPOSAL #19

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee based on a request from James P. McGuire the National Signals Officer)

Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1(a) (See SVR Regulations page 70)

Note: This amendment adds the National Signals Officer as an official National Officer.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

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 Organization Expansion Officer, 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, **National Signals Officer** 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 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.

PROPOSAL #20

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee based on a request from James P. McGuire the National Signals Officer)

Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1 (See SVR Regulations page 85)

Note: This amendment adds the National Signals Officer and the Banner Editor as a non-voting member of the National Council of Administration, but excludes them from executive sessions of the Council of Administration.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and five (5) elected members of the Council of Administration and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. All Past Commanders-in-Chief, the National Counselor, **The Banner Editor, The National Signals Officer**, and the Washington, DC representative shall be non-voting members of the Council of Administration. Non-voting members of the Council of Administration have full rights to attend all meetings and internet discussions of the Council of Administration (including while in executive session **with the exception of the Banner Editor, and the National Signals Officer**) and be recognized and heard on all issues before the Council of Administration. They shall not be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum, nor shall they be able to make or second motions. The Commander-in-Chief may invite other non-voting Brothers from whom he or the voting members wish to receive advice and counsel or information. The Council of Administration shall have and shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, except in so far as such powers may be assigned to other persons in these Regulations.

PROPOSAL #21

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee based on a request from the Committee on National Legislation)

Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1(a) (See SVR Regulations page 70)

Note: This amendment adds the National Legislation Officer as an official National Officer.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

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 Organization Expansion Officer, 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 Legislation Officer** 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 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.

PROPOSAL #22

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)

Chapter V, Article IV, Section 3(G) (See SVR Regulations page 115)

Note: This proposal increases the type of documents that can be used to prove eligibility for the War Medal, and permits the use of the military lapel pin as a substitute for the bronze bar which can be attached to the War Medal ribbon in case the bronze bar is discontinued by the Council of Administration.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3(G) War Medal. Authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of war or military conflict as defined by the Council of Administration, and received one or more Campaign Ribbon/Medal as defined by the Council of Administration. A Form DD214 or a ~~Form DD4, or DD215~~ **official documentation from the Brother's uniformed service's personnel center/ bureau noting the award of the campaign or service Ribbon/Medal** must accompany any application for the War Medal. Entitlement is determined by the Brother's Camp at a regular meeting of that Camp. A bronze bar naming the war or conflict in which the Brother served may be attached to the ribbon of the medal. This bar may not be attached to any other Badge of the Order. **If the Council of Administration decides to stop issuing the bronze bar denoting a conflict/war Brothers may substitute up to three (3) military lapel pins denoting such service. Only the bar or the lapel pin may be used; not both.**

4.8 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon, PCC

No report received.

4.9 National Encampment Site Committee, James T. Crane, PCC

We would like to submit to you Brothers the following information where the National Encampments will be held the next three years. Also to thank the Department of Illinois for hosting the Encampment for 2016 in the "Land of Lincoln". We hope you have all enjoyed yourselves this week, and hope to see everyone in the future.

2017 Encampment – The Radisson Hotel Lansing, Michigan August 10-13, 2017

The National Encampment will return to Michigan after over 10 years to the State Capital in Lansing. The room rate will be 109.95 for single/double rooms, and a fee of \$10.00 for those wishing to park in their garage. The hotel is located Downtown, and is within walking distance around the corner from restaurants and pubs. The attractions include the State of Michigan Historical Center, the home to many Civil War artifacts; Mt Hope Cemetery, where Lansing's first Civil War monument is located, and additionally the chance to view over 165 of Michigan's Civil War Battle Flags.

2018 Encampment – The Sheraton Framingham Hotel Boston, Ma. August 9-14

This year's National Encampment will return to Boston and is about a 25 minute drive from the airport to the hotel. The room rate for the Allied Orders is \$109.00, while parking is free, except for the hotel's

covered parking. A trip to the Springfield Armory National Historic site which is known for its innovative engineering and firearms is in the works. Also, the Host Committee is working on a possible tour of Fort Warren on George's Island, where many soldiers mustered for Massachusetts during the Civil War, which includes a tour of the Boston harbor. Possible tours are being worked on in Lexington/ Concord, or Salem/ Marblehead areas, and more complete information will come forth at the next Encampment.

4.10 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Kevin Martin, PDC

Nothing to report.

4.11 National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

Progress Report and Accomplishments for the 2015-2016 Administrative Year

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

Five Year GAR Records Project Plan (2012-2017) -- Progress Report: A 5-year Project Plan for the GAR Records Committee was approved at the 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: Up to Date. The new website (www.GARrecords.org) marked its third anniversary on 18 July 2016. It has continued to function well over its first three years of operation. Updates to the online GAR Records Catalog and Post History pages occur quarterly.

2a. Expand the website content to include separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts.

Status: In Progress. Historical information is presented in a separate set of files (PDF format) on the GAR Records website for each state. Details include organization and dissolution dates for Departments and Posts, meeting places, Post namesakes, and other relevant information. This is a long-term project, and an important component to the program. As of 1 August 2016, we have identified 10,678 uniquely named and numbered GAR Posts. Post historical data is added as time permits, and as new information comes to light.

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: Complete to Date. 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. Eleven of twenty-nine Departments have a clearly defined and formalized GAR Records Program, namely: California & Pacific (new), the Columbia, Florida, Indiana (new), Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio. All the above now have a GAR Records Officer or an officer with an equivalent title (GAR Research Officer, GAR Research Coordinator, Archivist, etc.). Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1 (based in central Arizona) has been particularly active in GAR research in recent years, so it is expected that the newly created Department of the Southwest will quickly adopt a GAR Records Program.

The office of Department Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Officer, which was originally created by the SUVCW in 2004, but not fully codified in the C&R until November 2015, is now in place. Several Departments added the new officer in 2016. Because this is the first year that this required appointed office has been in effect, an article notifying the membership was placed in the Winter 2016 issue of The Banner. This article was prepared by the National GAR Records Officer. We expect that additional Departments will create the new office in 2017, as word gets out about the requirement. Some

Departments have appointed their Historian to double as the GAR Records Officer. This is perfectly acceptable, and should be encouraged. What is most important is to have a clearly-defined point of contact for the GAR Records Program in each Department.

Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Recommendation: Progress toward achieving our long-term committee goals was first reported to the 133rd National Encampment (2014) by the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning. One recommendation was included with the progress report: "Assist Departments in reporting locations of GAR records in their territories." We believe the best approach to accomplish this is to publish a handbook, similar to those now available to Patriotic Instructors and Graves Registration Officers. With the office of Department GAR Records Officer now fully codified in the C&R, and amendments made to the job description of the Historian, the framework is now in place to complete the development of the handbook. Work has begun on this document, with completion expected in 2017.

A status report of recent National Encampment actions pertaining to the GAR Records Program is tabulated below. There are no currently pending actions.

Status of Previous National Encampment Actions Relating to GAR Records:

Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
2012	Approve a GAR Records Project Plan.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. Approved by National Encampment, August 2012
2012	Amend the job description of the National GAR Records Officer.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. SUCVW Blue Book updated August 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUCVW website National Job Descriptions page.
2013, 2015	Amend job description of the National Standing Committee on GAR Records.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. SUCVW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUCVW website National Job Descriptions page.
2013, 2015	That a National Policy on GAR Records be approved.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. The new policy is posted to the SUCVW website National Policies page.
2014	Amend Chap. II, Art. IV, Sec. 1 of the C&R to include the office of Department G.A.R. Records Officer (the office was created at the Nat'l Encampment in 2004).	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. SUCVW Blue Book updated in August 2014. Job description needs to be posted to the SUCVW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap. II, Art. VIII, Sec. 4 of the C&R to revise the job description of the Department Historian.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. SUCVW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUCVW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap I, Art. VIII, Sec. 4 of the C&R to revise the job description of the Camp Historian.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. SUCVW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUCVW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap. III, Art. VII, Sec. 12 of the C&R to revise the job description of the National Historian.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUCVW website National Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap. III, Art. X, Sec. 17 of the C&R to revise the job description of the National Committee on History.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUCVW website National Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap. III, Art. X, Sec. 17 of the C&R to create a new Job Description for the Department GAR Records Officer.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUCVW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.

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.

No Recommendations.

4.12 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

Combined report. See paragraph 3.13.

4.13 National Committee on History, Robert J. Wolz, PDC

Combined report. See paragraph 3.16.

4.14 National Committee on Legislation, Daniel R Earl, PCC

The purpose of the National Committee on Legislation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to keep Brothers apprised of proposed federal and state legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. Legislation being tracked by the Committee includes the following:

Federal Legislation

- H.R. 87 – Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act. Among other things, this act would modify the boundaries of Shiloh National Military Park to include the Fallen Timbers Battlefield, the Russell House Battlefield, and the Davis Bridge Battlefield.

Status: Passed in the House of Representatives and is awaiting action in the Senate.

- H.R. 1670 – National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015. This legislation would direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

Status: Signed by the President on 29 April 2016 and became Public Law 114-147.

- H.R. 2610 – Harriet Tubman Tribute Act of 2015. This bill amends the Federal Reserve Act to require the Department of the Treasury to designate a denomination of Federal Reserve note and ensure that each such denomination printed after December 31, 2017, bears the likeness of Harriet Tubman.

Status: Awaiting action in House Committee on Financial Services.

- H.R. 4915 – Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park Act. This legislation would designate the Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park comprised of certain National Park System lands, and other historically significant resources, located in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland, that were part of the Civil War defenses of Washington and related to the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864, to study ways in which the Civil War history of both the North and South can be assembled, arrayed, and conveyed for the benefit of the public.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

- H.R. 4974: Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017. This bill makes appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies. One specific section of the bill, prohibits funds to implement VA National Cemetery Administration Directive 3220, which provides that “at VA national cemeteries where Confederate veterans are buried in mass graves, the Confederate flag may be displayed on a separate flagpole that is subordinate to the United States of America flag. . . .”

Status: Passed the House on 19 May 2016 and awaiting action in the Senate.

- S. 1508 – Harriet Tubman Tribute Act of 2015. This is a companion bill to H.R. 2610, which would redesign the \$20 Federal Reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman.

Status: Awaiting action in the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

- S. 1720 – Harriet Tubman Currency Tribute Act of 2015. This is a companion bill to H.R. 2610, which would require \$10 Federal Reserve notes to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman.

Status: Awaiting action in the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

- S. 1943 – Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act. This is a companion bill to HR. 87, modifying park boundaries.

Status: Reported out of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; awaiting action by the full Senate.

- S. 2943 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. This is an authorization bill, directing how federal funds should or should not be used. This bill provides that “the Secretary of a military department may not establish, maintain, or support a unit of the program at any educational institution, including any senior military college . . . that displays, in a location other than in a museum exhibit, the Confederate battle flag.”

Status: Passed the Senate on 14 June 2016; passed the House on 7 July 2016. Waiting to be sent to the President for signature.

- S. 3103 – Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park Act of 2016. This bill would establish Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in the State of South Carolina.

Status: It was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

State Legislation - California

- Senate Bill 1012 – Would require that and flag of the United States or State of California purchased by the state or any local government agency be made in the United States.

- Senate Bill 1080 – This bill would apply to the graves of veterans, peace officers, firefighters and first responders making it a crime as follows: (1) to receive a grave marker or other structure to commemorate their grave, knowing that it is stolen, (2) to damage, deface, destroy, mutilate, or remove, among other things, an American flag or veteran’s grave marker; and (3) to damage, deface, destroy, mutilate, or remove any object or structure set to memorialize the grave.

The Committee has no recommendations.

4.15 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

We have the required permit for The Lincoln Tomb program in 2017. The assistant site superintendent has put our program down as a permanent program in April. The headquarters hotel is The President Abraham Lincoln hotel at 701 E. Adams St, P# 217-544-8800. The room rate is \$98.00 single, double, triple or quad. We have 50 rooms blocked (25 Friday, 25 Saturday). The meeting space is complementary. The luncheon menu and price will be decided on at a later date. There are several nice restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

The SUVCW SVC in Chief will be the MC for the luncheon program. MOLLUS will pick their MC for the tomb program.

4.16 National Committee on Membership, Mark R. Day, PDC

Combined report. See paragraph 2.3.

4.17 National Military Affairs Committee, Henry E Shaw, PCC

This Report will cover the activities of the National Military Affairs Committee from the 2015 Remembrance Day Weekend (20 November 2015 - 22 November 2015) 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 16 March 2016.

The National Military Affairs Committee will hold its meeting in Springfield, Illinois on the evening of Thursday, August 11, 2016.

It should be noted that the National Military Affairs Committee has recommended/proposed to the National Constitution and Regulations Committee that Article V, Section 2 of the SVR Regulations be amended to add the following sentence to Section 2: The unit commander may appoint from his unit the following staff members to assist him in the performance of his administrative duties: an adjutant; a chaplain and a public relations person. This proposed amendment, of course, will have to be presented to the 2016 National Encampment.

Three SVR General Orders and one SVR Special Order have been issued since the date of this Committee’s Interim Report dated 16 March 2016, specifically, SVR General Order 2016-01, dated 30 June 2016, SVR General Order 2016-02 dated 30 June 2016, SVR General Order 2016-03 dated 04 July 2016 and SVR Special Order 2016-01 dated 01 May 2016, all of which are published on the Web Site.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND – 2015

In the course of proceedings at the SVR Breakfast held at the Wyndham Hotel on Saturday morning, 21 November 2015, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer of the SVR, presented the following awards: First Military District: Distinguished Service Medal: Private Stephen J. Twining, Company E, 15th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, SVR; SVR Unit Citation: Company E, 15th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, SVR; Commanding Officer, SVR – Letters of Appreciation and Letters of Commendation: Private George E. Maple, Jr., Company E, 15th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, SVR, Private Edward Norris, Company E, 15th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, SVR, Private Robert H. Knight, Company E, 15th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, SVR, Private Reynaldo Rodriguez, Company E, 15th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, SVR. Fourth Military District: Meritorious Service Medal: 1st Lt. Thomas G. Hauff, Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery, SVR. Seventh Military District: SVR Unit Citation: Amzi D. Harmon Company, SVR.

At the Woolson Ceremonies conducted on Saturday, 21 November 2015, 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 \$3,500.00 to Ed W. Clark, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, for monument preservation. That donation brings the total to date in the sum of \$80,500.00.

The Parade was well attended, both from the perspective of the participants and the spectators. In fact, once again, it was necessary to secure special permission from GNMP to secure the use of a portion of East Confederate Avenue to accommodate the overflow of parade participants.

The Ball was, as usual, quite a fine success with over 300 participants in attendance. It appears that a donation at least in the sum of \$3,000.00 will be presented to the Gettysburg National Military Park on 19 November 2016 in the course of the Woolson Ceremonies. As in numerous prior years, the efforts of Janice Corfman and SVR Deputy Provost, Captain David K. Hann who handled the tickets at the door and Anne and David Sosnowski who did the Ball decorations should be recognized.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND, 2016

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 2016 is the fourth and final year of the four year contract.

As previously reported, a 4 year contract for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 was entered into with the Philadelphia Brigade Band for purposes of providing period dance music at the Original Civil War Ball to be held in the Wyndham ballroom. The contract also includes period dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. In addition to playing for the Ball, the Band will also render The National Anthem and provide period selections at the Woolson Monument ceremonies and will participate in the Remembrance Day Parade.

- Arrangements have been made with the various CW publications to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball.
- Through the assistance of PCinC and SVR Web Master Leo Kennedy, Notice of the 2016 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2016 Original Civil War Ball are both posted on the SVR Web site.
- Captain David K. Hann, Deputy Provost, SVR, fashioned a Remembrance Day Facebook Page in 2014 and which said page has been updated to include the 2016 events.
- Renewed State Auto Insurance Company Bond for purposes of protecting the Original Civil War Ball funds at no cost to the SVR. Funds for policy premium came from an anonymous donor.
- Original Civil War Ball tickets (350) were ordered on 02 February 2016 and were received on 10 February 2016. Total cost, including shipping, was \$115.00.
- On 11 February 2016, arrangements were made, electronically, with PCinC James B. Pahl, the new Editor of The Banner, to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball.
- On 11 February 2016, arrangements were made, electronically, with All Sound Pro in Chambersburg, PA (Robert Ranalli) to provide Public Address system for Woolson Monument Ceremonies on 19 November 2016.

- On 12 February 2016, a formal personalized letter of invitation was mailed to Robert F. Costello, requesting him to deliver The Gettysburg Address in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument on 19 November 2016, and said invitation was accepted.
- On 12 February 2016, a formal personalized letter of invitation was mailed to Ivan E. Frantz, Musician Sgt. Major, SVR, requesting him to render TAPS at the conclusion of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument and said invitation was accepted.
- On 12 February 2016, a formal personalized letter was sent to Mr. Charles Hulse requesting him to have Boy Scout Troop No. 88 place refuse containers (as required by the Borough of Gettysburg) along the parade route, prior to the 2016 Remembrance Day Parade and then remove the same following the completion of the Parade. Mr. Hulse acknowledged the request and Troop 88 will place and remove the refuse containers.

Schedule of Events for Saturday, 19 November 2016:

- SVR Breakfast at Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 A.M.
- Parade Briefing at Wyndham Hotel at 9:30 A.M.
- Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove at 11:00 A.M.
- Parade Form-Up at Gettysburg Middle School at Noon.
- Parade Commences at 1:00 P.M.
- Original Civil War Ball at Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 P.M.

Remembrance Day 2016 Permits:

Gettysburg Area School District – Application for Facilities Lease Agreement for purposes of use of Middle School area for form up of parade was sent electronically on 05 February 2016. The Facilities Lease Agreement was approved by the School District, received back on 29 February 2016, and the original Agreement was signed and returned to Wayne Crosby, the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the School District on 29 February 2016.

Borough of Gettysburg – Application for Parade Permit together with \$30.00 document processing fee (anonymous donor) was mailed to Borough of Gettysburg Police Department on 04 February 2016. Thereafter, and on 22 February 2016, a detailed summary of costs associated with the Parade, in the sum of \$1,580.00, was received from Joseph F. Dougherty, Chief of Police, Gettysburg Police Department. On 14 March 2016, a check for \$1,000.00 was received from Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield, Inc. (formerly the Steinwehr Avenue Business Improvement District) for part of the Remembrance Day Parade Fee and on same date the required acceptance of the terms of the Parade Permit, the BID Check for \$1,000.00 and an SVR Check in the sum of \$580.00 were mailed to the Gettysburg Police Department. Upon receipt thereof, the Gettysburg Police Department issued a Provisional Approval which enabled the completion of the required Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The Final Approval was issued on 18 July 2016.

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 04 February 2016. The Application was approved and the Permit was received by the Chairman of NMAC on 18 March 2016.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – this Application was forwarded to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on 09 June 2016 and the Application approval was received by the Chairman of NMAC on 15 June 2016.

Certificates of Liability Insurance from the SVR's insurance carrier accompanied the Gettysburg Area School District Facilities Lease Agreement Application, the Parade Permit Application to the Borough of Gettysburg and the Penn DOT application.

Further Tasks Accomplished, since the date of this Committee's Interim Report dated 16 March 2016 and the date of this Final Report and in anticipation of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2016:

- Ordered Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
- Made arrangements with Associated Products Services, Mechanicsburg, PA, for purposes of providing 3 portable sanitary facilities at the parade staging area and secured authorizations from Gettysburg Police

Chief and the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Gettysburg Area School District to place the sanitary facilities in the proximity of the staging area along Lefever Street.

- Ordered 13 wreaths from The Floral Boutique in Gettysburg and arrange for the wreaths to be delivered to the Woolson Monument on Saturday, 19 November 2016 at 10:00 A.M.
- Made arrangements with Jeffrey C. Young, owner of Gettysburg Carriage Company, to have a carriage at the parade staging area to convey President Lincoln and John Hart (Gen. Scott) and two others in the Remembrance Day Parade.
- Secured Dance List from Larry Keener-Farley, the Victorian Ensemble Dance Master so that Dance Cards for the Original Civil War Ball can be prepared.

Of Necessity, Further Tasks in anticipation of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2015, will be addressed subsequent to the 135th National Encampment, specifically:

- 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 19 November 2016.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Pick up Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from the R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
- Arrange to have Dance Cards for the original Civil War Ball to be printed, boxed.
- Arrange to have the various Certificates of Appreciation/Thanks prepared.
- Arrange ceremony for Friday afternoon, 18 November 2016, with Gettysburg business leaders, for presentation of Certificates in recognition of their \$1,000.00 parade permit donation.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKENDS – 2017 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 2021:

During the 2014 Remembrance Day Weekend, information was received from the Wyndham Hotel management that the Ball Room at the Hotel had been reserved for the Lincoln Forum and, thus, would not be available for the Original Civil War Ball in 2017. Insofar as the net proceeds of the Ball are donated to GNMP each year, it then became clear that in order to continue with the Ball and thus continue to donate the net proceeds of the Ball to GNMP, it would be necessary to secure another forum, both as a Headquarters Hotel and a site for the SVR Original Civil War Ball.

SVR Chief of Staff, Colonel Robert M. Petrovic, worked on this matter and negotiated five (5) proposed contracts with the Eisenhower Complex (formerly the Eisenhower Hotel) for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. It should be noted that the Eisenhower Complex has a substantially sized Ball Room.

The NMAC Committee considered the matter and came to the conclusion that it would be proper for MG Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer, SVR, to sign each of the five (5) contracts on behalf of the SVR. As of the date of this Report, all five (5) of the subject contracts have been signed by MG Grim and mailed back to the Eisenhower Complex, specifically, for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex, among other things, provide for the identical group rate per night for each of the five (5) years, that is, the sum of \$129.00 plus tax per night. Insofar as the

nightly group rate at the Wyndham for 2016 is the sum of \$116.00 plus tax per night, the fixed five (5) year rate of \$129.00 plus tax per night at the Eisenhower Complex thus represents an 11.2% increase over the 2016 rate at the Wyndham.

It should also be noted that the nightly group rate of \$116.00 plus tax at the Wyndham will expire following Remembrance Day Weekend in 2016. It should also be noted that there is no reason to believe that the group rate at the Wyndham will remain at \$116.00 for the years subsequent to 2016 and most likely will increase to at least the sum as contained in the Eisenhower contracts.

The contracts with the Eisenhower Complex also provides for rooms, built into the contracts and at no additional expense, for the use of the Allied Orders to display and sell their various items, the same also holding true for the National Quartermaster. Additionally, a large room will be available for the SVR Breakfast, a room will be available for the Council of Administration Meeting and for the Church Service on the Sunday morning of each weekend. And, of course, the use of the Ball Room is built into the terms of each of the five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex.

The Eisenhower Complex is presently undergoing substantial upgrades and should be a first class facility by November of 2017.

REMEMBRANCE DAY DATES – 2016 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 2021:

The following future dates have been established for Remembrance Day:

- Saturday, 19 November 2016
- Saturday, 18 November 2017
- Saturday, 17 November 2018
- Saturday, 16 November 2019
- Saturday, 21 November 2020
- Saturday, 20 November 2021

4.18 National Committee on Program and Policy, Donald L. Martin, PDC

Combined report. See paragraph 2.2.

4.19 National Committee on Scholarships, John R. Ertell, PCC

No report received.

4.20 National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Mark R. Day, PDC

It is expected, that PCinC Donald Palmer will be taking over the chairmanship of the Promotions and Marketing Committee following this year's National Encampment.

It has been my pleasure to serve as this committee's chairman since being appointed by PCinC Mellor and I want to thank the Brothers who have served on the committee over those years for their faithful service and dedication to getting the word out about our organization.

Our Magazine Advertising contract expired in May and we are looking at placing our advertising in magazines other than America's Civil War, and Civil War Times. We have obtained quotes from the Sons of the American Revolution Magazine, The VFW Magazine, and The American Legion Magazine. These quotes and a few other possible opportunities will be given to the new chairman and his committee for their discussion and action.

4.21 National Committee on Vision and Strategic Planning, Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Overall, there appears to have been uneven progress in a number of areas since the 2014 National Encampment. Of note, a number of initiatives are being hindered by the slow progress to 501(c)3 status. This report groups action items into three categories: growth and leadership; information technology and engagement. These categories cross-cut all focus areas and initiatives.

Growth & Leadership: Of particular concern is membership growth and retention. Overall, the Order's membership growth efforts to date have not borne fruit. But there are some mixed signals. On one hand, we are recruiting new members, but we appear to not be doing well at retention. And, we continue to

charter new Camps, especially in the South and Southwest. We need to investigate this and develop a new recruiting and retention strategy.

Membership is trending downward. The total net change was a loss of 169 from 2014 National Encampment. JVCinC reported 251 new memberships in his annual report. This indicates a real loss of 420 members due to deaths and drops. The breakout of deaths vs drops was not reported. Nothing has been reported in efforts to reduce drops.

The Youth Program has remained dormant following the resignation of the Chair of the Juniors Committee resigned from the Order at the end of 2013.

Recommendations:

- CinC direct Depts to report membership gains broken out by new members and transfers, and membership losses by drops and deaths to provide sufficient data for analysis.
- JVC and Executive Director conduct a detailed analysis on membership gains and losses by Dept and by category.
- National Membership Committee revamp recruiting and retention program. We appear to be recruiting, but not retaining members.
- Develop a plan to reduce drops.
- Promotions & Marketing Committee, Dept of the Pacific, Dept of the Southwest, coordinate to develop a focused, unified campaign.
- Appoint new chairman and re-energize the Youth program and report to National Encampment.

Information Technology: Our adoption of information technology has been uneven. We do not have a national-level IT strategy. A number of areas could be greatly improved with a commitment to improving our IT structure. On a positive note, the national Signals Officer / Webmaster is making steady progress towards achieving our goals.

Recommendations:

- National Signals Officer and Comm & Technology Committee continue to develop a plan of action for social media, mobile devices & You Tube.
- Develop a coordinated strategy for adoption of QR codes SUVCW-wide.
- Develop a plan of action for mobile/handheld apps.
- Extend our advertising campaign to social media.
- Continue to update the web site as follows (many of these are already in progress):
- Build a site index, and/or make highly used pages and those which enhance our mission or public face, easily accessible.
- Refine and strengthen the Patriotic Instructor web page, perhaps a "Patriotism Page" with essays and resources.
- Develop a Chaplain web page.
- Establish a GAR Highway page with links to Dept GAR Highway websites (all Depts in whose territory the GAR Highway passes should establish a GAR Highway FB page or web page.)
- Make a more accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page.
- Overhaul the Quartermaster web page and online ordering process.
- CinC direct Depts to report Dept and Camp Facebook and social media statistics in their annual reports in order to ensure 100% of Depts and 75% of Camps have Facebook or web pages.
- Get the new Memorial University up and running and advertised.
- Overhaul Canadian Union Veterans web page. Engage Marketing Cmte to publicize this effort.

Engagement: Many of our activities are outwardly focused, including education, preservation, patriotism & good citizenship, etc. Our progress has been very uneven. We have made great strides in some areas, such as Graves Registration, GAR Records, and Monuments databases. However, in other areas,

progress has been limited or not even reported. In those areas where we have made progress, we need to take the next to publicize them and make them easily accessible (cross-cutting with IT) so we can meet the objective of being recognized as a credible source for heritage, patriotism & good citizenship, and preservation.

Recommendations:

- National Graves Registration Officer explore and report on collaboration with National Park Service.
- Assign the initiative of “Promoting greater awareness of CW history in secondary schools” to Committee on Americanism & Education (if it is retained and reconstructed) or Patriotic Instructor (If A&E Committee is disestablished) for a plan of action, with a report back to the CoA by the National Encampment. Plan of action should include a strategy, initiatives, and resources to engage schools.
- Investigate possibility of Dept level activities for national-level implementation, such as a “history bee” program, perhaps in cooperation with the National History Bee.
- Vision & Strat Planning Committee advise as required P&P Committee’s work on refocusing role Committee on Americanism & Education to be in line with this initiative.
- Bring disparate programs (ROTC medal program; Eagle Scout patch; Flag Certificate) under one umbrella, perhaps National PI.
- Revamp annual PI reporting.
- CinC direct Depts and Camps to consistently report PI activities.
- Establish a national Battlefield Preservation Program by 2016 or assign it to an existing committee.
- Battle Flag Preservation program develop a vision, strategy, goals and objectives.
- Establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign to an existing committee. (There is a link to the Civil War Trust on the Education page of the National Website.)
- Marketing & Promotion Committee report the effectiveness of the strategy.
- M&P Committee continue to publicize the branding strategy to all National Officers, Committees and Departments to ensure the entire Order is in synch.

Initiatives Impacted by 501(c)3 Determination: When we achieve 501(c)3 status, we should engage on the following initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan as soon as practical.

- Pursue federal/state grants to balance out revenue portfolio – reduce per capita to less than 50% by 2020.
- GAR Highway State/Federal Grant pursuit.
- Battle Flag Preservation State/Federal Grant Pursuit 2015.
- Canadian Union Veterans Monument

Conclusion: This next business year, the Committee will review all metrics, goals and initiatives and make updates and administrative changes to as required. For example, an initiative is making good progress, but due to extenuating factors, its completion needs to be slipped due to the IRS 501(c)3 issue. The Committee looks forward to engaging points of contact on recommendations and metrics. An analysis of annual reports to the 2016 National Encampment will be presented in November at Gettysburg.

5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Civil War Sesquicentennial Special Committee, D. Michael Beard, PDC

The Special Committee for the Sesquicentennial respectfully submits this report for the 2016 National Encampment. This is the Committee’s final report.

The 2015 National Encampment continued the Sesquicentennial Committee into 2016 citing President’s Johnson declaring the war over on August 20, 1866. The Department of Tennessee submitted the lone application for a 2016 Sesquicentennial event, which the Council of Administration rejected. The Special Committee for the Sesquicentennial has operated since 2009 accomplishing the following:

- Created a Sesquicentennial Medal.
- Created and maintained a Sesquicentennial page on the National SUVCW website.
- Created and maintained a Facebook page.
- Obtained permission from James McPherson to use and reprint his essays in This Mighty Scourge in any format the Sons desired.
- Received acknowledgement from the History Channel they were disparaging to Gen. Sherman referring to his March to the Sea as "infamous".
- Created and maintained an online Signature Event application form.
- Promoted Sons of Union Veterans Sesquicentennial Signature Events that: Had a direct connection with the Civil War; were of national significance; presented the United States and its military in a positive manner; did not have any sponsors or cosponsors that could prove embarrassing to the SUVCW; and not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk.
- Created a Sesquicentennial Passport for Signature Events.

Sesquicentennial Signature Events: The committee processed 93 applications for Signature Events. The committee approved applications considering whether or not they met the criteria set forth in the application. The committee consisted of seven to eight brothers, including two PCINCs, and several PDCs. Once approved, a subcommittee of the Council of Administration headed by the SVCINC reviewed the application. If the COA subcommittee approved, the entire COA would vote on the application. The Sesquicentennial Committee rejected 3 applications. The COA rejected a further 24 applications. Thus, the Sons of Union Veterans sponsored 66 Signature Events during the Sesquicentennial. The Sons held 30 events in 2011, 22 in 2012, 10 in 2013, 4 in 2014 and none in 2015 and 2016.

The Department of Missouri led the way with 14 applications (4 rejected). California & Pacific submitted 10, as did Chesapeake (3 rejected). Ohio submitted 7; Michigan 6 (3 rejected); Massachusetts 5 (2 rejected); Florida 4 (1 rejected) and Kentucky 4 (2 rejected). Iowa, Georgia & South Carolina, and Rhode Island applied for 3 each (1 RI rejected). Submitting 2 events were the At Large Camps (1 rejected), Illinois (2 rejected), Indiana (1 rejected), New Hampshire (1 rejected), New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas (1 rejected). Asking for one event were Connecticut, Kansas, the National Organization (rejected), Nebraska (rejected), New Jersey, North Carolina, National Women's Relief Corps (rejected), Tennessee (rejected), SVR 6th District, and MOLLUS.

These are the events put on during the Sesquicentennial:

1. 150th Anniversary of Twiggs Surrender in San Antonio, Texas, Alamo Plaza, San Antonio Texas. Department of Texas, February 2011.
2. Charlestown Civil War Remembrance Program and Sesquicentennial Commemoration, Navy Yard, Charlestown, Massachusetts. Department of Massachusetts, April 2011.
3. In Remembrance, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, State Capital, Des Moines, Iowa. Department of Iowa, April 2011.
4. Fort Sumter Bombardment and Evacuation Commemoration, Ft. Sumter National Monument, South Carolina. Department of Georgia & South Carolina, April 2011.
5. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois. MOLLUS and National Organization, April 2011.
6. Sesquicentennial of the Union Defense of Washington via the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad, Annapolis, Maryland. General George G. Meade Camp #5, April 2011.
7. 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Camp Jackson, St. Louis, Missouri. US Grant Camp #68 and 2nd Missouri SVR, May 2011.
8. Colonel Elmer Ellsworth Sesquicentennial Observance, Hudson View Cemetery, Mechanicville, New York. Department of New York, May 2011.
9. Gibson Ranch Civil War Reenactment, Elverta, California. Gen. George Wright Camp #22, May 2011.
10. Historic Sign Dedication for Cantonment Anderson, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Gen. John A. Logan Camp #1, June 2011.
11. Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Lt. Col, J. Felix St. James Camp #326, July 2011.

12. Remembering Private John Auten, 9th Indiana, South Bend, Indiana. David D. Porter Camp#115, July 2011.
13. The Battle of Wentzville Sesquicentennial, Wentzville, Missouri. Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp #5 and Co. C. 5th Missouri Cavalry SVR, July 2011.
14. 150th Anniversary of U.S. Grant's General's Commission, Ste. Marie du Lac Church, Ironton Missouri. U.S. Grant Camp #68, July 2011.
15. Colonel Crowther Day Weekend, Reservoir Park, Tyrone, Pennsylvania. Col. James Crowther Camp #89, August 2011.
16. Fort D Days, Fort D Historic Site, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Gen. James R. McCormick Camp #215, August 2011.
17. Battle of Wilson's Creek, Wilson's Creek Battlefield, Missouri. SVR 6th District, August 2011.
18. "On to Richmond" Battle Reenactment, Three Rivers Park, Woodbury, Connecticut. Department of Connecticut, August 2011.
19. Sprague Mansion Civil War Living History, Sprague Mansion, Cranston, Rhode Island. Elisha Dyer Camp #7, September 2011.
20. Camp Thompson Historic Marker Dedication, Aventine Cemetery Flint, Michigan. Gov. Crapo Camp #145, September 2011.
21. Lawnfield Sesquicentennial Civil War Encampment, Lawnfield Presidential Home, Mentor, Ohio. J.A. Garfield Camp #142, Ohio Naval Brigade, and National Park Service, September 2011.
22. The Civil War on the Home Front, September 1861, Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, Wilmington, California. Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp #2, September 2011.
23. Commemoration of the 151st anniversary of the 3rd U.S. Artillery at Alcatraz Island, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, California. Wright Camp #22 and Co. B, 8th California SVR, October 2011.
24. Battle of Santa Rosa Island, Attack on Fort Pickens, Santa Rosa Island, Pensacola Harbor, Florida. Department of Florida and National Park Service, October 2011.
25. Oregonians & Virginians! Balls Bluff Battlefield, Leesburg, Virginia. Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp #6 (At Large Camp), October 2011.
26. Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Port Royal, Hilton Head, South Carolina. Charles Devens Camp #10, November 2011
27. James B. Eads Ironclad Memorial Dedication, St. Louis, Missouri. William T. Sherman Billy Yank Camp #65, October 2011.
28. Hear the Silent Speak – an Ohio Civil War 150 Learning Experience, Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Maj. Gen. W.T. Sherman Camp #93, October 2011
29. 6th Annual Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment, Monterey. Lincoln Camp #10, October 2011.
30. Civil War Trail Marker Dedication, Lynchburg, Virginia. Taylor-Wilson Camp #10, December 2011
31. 150th Anniversary of the Launching of the USS Monitor, Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York. Oliver Tilden Camp #26, John Ericsson Society, and Greenpoint Monitor Museum, January 2012.
32. Fort Point Civil War Sesquicentennial, Fort Point National Historic Site, San Francisco, California. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 and Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 Auxiliary, National Park Service, Co. G, 20th Maine (recreated), Friends of Civil War Alcatraz, and National Civil War Association, January 2012
33. Gun Boat Action at New Smyrna, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. New Smyrna Museum of History, Volusia Historical Society, and Department of Florida, March 2012.
34. First Battle of Kernstown Commemoration, Kernstown, Virginia. Irish Brigade Camp #4, March 2012.
35. Battle of Montevallo Monument Dedication, Nevada, Missouri. Westport Camp #24, April 2012.
36. Andrews Railroad Raid and Medal of Honor Commemoration, Marietta, Georgia; Kennesaw, Georgia; and Chattanooga, Tennessee. Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 (Dept. of Georgia & South Carolina) and Missionary Ridge Camp #63 (Dept. of Tennessee), April 2012.
37. Arlington Cemetery Founding, Arlington Cemetery, Virginia. Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2, May 2012.

38. Lambertville Civil War Living History Weekend, Lambertville, New Jersey. Hiram W. Pursell Camp #104 and Lambertville History Association, June 2012.
39. Derry Civil War Days, Derry, New Hampshire. Gilmer E. Sleeper Camp #60, Friends of Forest Hill Cemetery, and Derry Heritage Commission, June 2012.
40. 37th Annual Newburg Days, City Park, Newburg, Missouri. Siegel Camp #614, June 2012.
41. Lawnfield Sesquicentennial Civil War Encampment, Lawnfield Presidential Home, Mentor, Ohio. J.A. Garfield Camp #142, Ohio Naval Brigade, and National Park Service, September 2011.
42. Clara Barton Military Nurse Memorial, Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Bay State Camp #61, September 2012
43. Battle of Middle Creek Reenactment, Middle Creek National Battlefield, Prestonburg, Kentucky. Maj. James H. Bridgewater Camp #7, September 2012.
44. 150th Anniversary of the Allegheny Arsenal Explosion, Arsenal Park, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Davis Camp #8, Lawrenceville Historical Society, and Greater Pittsburg Civil War Roundtable, September 2012.
45. Alcatraz Fortress Living History Day, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, California. Gen. George Wright Camp #22 and Co. B, 8th California SVR, September 2012.
46. Formation of the 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia Regiment, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Lt. Col. J Felix St. James Camp #326, September 2012.
47. Belle Isle Remembrance, Belle Isle, Richmond, Virginia. Col. James D. Brady Camp #63 and Irish Brigade Camp #4, October 2012.
48. Hear the Silent Speak II – an Ohio Civil War 150 Learning Experience, Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Maj. Gen. W.T. Sherman Camp #93, Abraham Lincoln Society of Dayton, and Historic Woodland Cemetery, October 2012.
49. Ambrose E. Burnside Commemoration 1862/2012, Providence, Rhode Island. Elisha Dyer Camp #7, October 2012.
50. 6th Annual Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment, Monterey, California. Camp Lincoln #10, October 2012.
51. 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Perryville, Perryville, Kentucky. Department of Kentucky, Bridgewater Scouts SVR, and Co. A, 1st Regiment Capital Guards SVR, October 2012.
52. Fire on the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Irish Brigade Camp #4, Fredericksburg Commemoration Committee, National Park Service, 28th Massachusetts (recreated), 47th Virginia (recreated), George Washington Foundation, and the Arts and Cultural Council of the Rappahannock, December 2012.
53. Fort Point Civil War Sesquicentennial, Fort Point National Historic Site, San Francisco, California. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 and Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 Auxiliary, National Park Service, Co. G, 20th Maine (recreated), Friends of Civil War Alcatraz, and National Civil War Association, January 2013.
54. Bentonville Battlefield Union Monument Dedication, Bentonville Battlefield, Bentonville, North Carolina. Department of North Carolina, March 2013.
55. Stafford County Civil War Park Grand Opening, Stafford County, Virginia. Irish Brigade Camp #4, Friends of Stafford County Civil War Sites, and Stafford County, April 2013.
56. Rededication of Colonel William H. Kinsman Monument, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Kirkwood Camp #4, Kinsman Camp #23, and City of Council Bluffs, May 2013.
57. 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the 1st Nevada Cavalry, Virginia City, Nevada. Gen William Passmore Carlin Camp #25, May 2013.
58. Camp Reynolds 150th Anniversary, Angel Island, San Francisco Bay, California. Camp Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 and Co. B, 8th California SVR, June 2013.
59. Lawnfield Sesquicentennial Civil War Encampment, Lawnfield Presidential Home, Mentor, Ohio. J.A. Garfield Camp #142, Ohio Naval Brigade, and Nation Park Service, July 2013.
60. General Thomas Ewing's General Order No. 11, Kansas City, Missouri. Westport Camp #24, August 2013.

61. History Hill and Dearborn Homecoming, Ford Field, Dearborn, Michigan. Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp #427, August 2013.
62. General William H. Lytle Monument Restoration and Dedication, National Chickamauga Military Park, Georgia. General William H. Lytle Camp #10 (Dept. of Ohio), October 2013.
63. Battle of Olustee, Olustee, Florida. Department of Florida and Florida State Park, May 2014.
64. Lynn's 150th "The Common Soldier", Lynn, Massachusetts. General Lander Camp #5, May 2014.
65. Davis County Guerilla Raid, Bloomfield, Iowa. Co. A, 49th Iowa SVR, October 2014.
66. Battle of Mine Creek 150th Anniversary Commemoration, Mine Creek State Historic Site, Kansas. Department of Kansas and Kansas Historical Society, October 2014.

Rejected Signature Events. Applications failed for three reasons: the event was not specifically related to a civil war event; it was not insured in a manner to satisfy COA members; or it was not submitted in a timely manner. However, these problems were not the fault of the applicants, rather a disagreement amongst those processing the applications. Significantly, the COA modified the signature event application in 2013 changing the lead-time from 90 days to 6 months. The COA also replaced the application insurance language from: "The event will not expose the SUCVW to any insurance risk" to: "The National Organization of the SUCVW must be held harmless either by being named as an insured party on any insurance policy covering the event or a legally binding document in which the SUCVW is held to have no legal liability for any part of the event or any unforeseen occurrence during the event. If the organizer is a government entity and assumes all liability or is exempt from suit and that exemption extend to those who partner with the government entity a letter expressing this is acceptable." Following that change, not many applications were received. The following events were not approved:

Not related to the Civil War:

Doctor Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Service, Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois, Department of Illinois for April 2011. The COA disapproved saying the event was a GAR event and not related to the Civil War.

Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius History Seminar, Sunfield, Michigan, Curtenius Guard Camp #17 for April 2011. The COA disapproved saying the event was not directly related to the Civil War.

Dual Grave Dedication of Native American Soldiers J. Jacko and Wm. Isaacs, Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City, Michigan, Robert Finch Camp #14 for May 2011. The COA disapproved saying the event was not directly linked to a specific Civil War event.

Corporal Lilliard Memorial, Mexico, Missouri, Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp #5 for June 2011. The COA disapproved saying it was not linked to a specific Civil War event.

Dedication of the Orlandao LaValley Memorial, Brookside Cemetery, Fairgrove, Michigan, LaValley – Heusted Camp #255 for July 2011. The COA disapproved saying it was a GAR memorial event.

National Encampment of the Allied Orders, Manassas, Virginia, Department of the Chesapeake for August 2011. The COA disapproved saying encampments were not related to the Civil War.

Rededication of Civil War Monument, Laurel Grove Cemetery, Eugene, Oregon, Louis Renniger Camp #1 for August 2011. The Subcommittee disapproved saying rededications were not directly related to the Civil War.

Lynn Civil War 150th Anniversary Commemoration, Lynn, Massachusetts, Gen. Frederick W. Lander Camp #5 for February 2012. The COA disapproved saying the event's primary purpose was abolition and not related to a specific civil war event.

Lynn Civil War 150th Anniversary Commemoration, Lynn, Massachusetts, Frederick W. Lander Camp #5 for February 2012. The COA disapproved a refocused application saying the event's primary purpose was abolition and not related to a specific civil war event.

Civil War Encampment and Living History Day at Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, Illinois, Colonel Hecker Camp #443 for April 2012. The Sesquicentennial Committee disapproved saying the event was not related to a specific civil war event.

Civil War Comes to Ste. Genevieve County, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 for September 2012. The COA disapproved saying the event was not related to a specific civil war event.

Grand Army of the Republic Sundial Rededication, Concord, New Hampshire, Department of New Hampshire for September 2012. The COA disapproved saying the event was not related to a specific civil war event.

Last Soldier Plaque Dedication and Headstone Dedication Ceremony, Frankfort, Indiana, Orlando Somers Camp #1 and Ben Harrison Camp #356 for October 20, 2012. The COA disapproved the event stating it belonged in the Last Soldiers Project.

Funeral of Commander Jonathan Wainwright, Jr., USN and Lt. Commander Edward Lea, USN, Trinity Episcopal Cemetery, Galveston, Texas, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN Camp #2 for January 12, 2013. The COA disapproved the event stating it was a memorial service.

Rededication of Civil War Veterans Graves, John Lewis McClellan and Georgia Wade McClellan, Oakland Cemetery, Denison, Iowa, National Women's Relief Corps, for June 2013. The Sesquicentennial Subcommittee rejected saying it was not related to a specific civil war event. Resubmitted as "Remembering Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the first Story County Soldier killed in the War of the Rebellion."

Captain Blandowski Memorial Ceremony, St. Stanislaus Church, St. Louis, Missouri, William T. Sherman Camp #65 for September 12, 2013. The COA asked the sponsors for an insurance certificate, which the sponsors obtained. The COA then disapproved the event because it was a memorial event.

Issue involving insurance:

150th Anniversary Battle of Gettysburg, Gettysburg National Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, National Organization for June 2013. The COA rejected over insurance concern.

Remembering Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the first Story County Soldier killed in the War of the Rebellion, Story County Administration Building, Nevada, Iowa. National Women's Relief Corps, Story County Board of Supervisors, Story County Genealogical Society, Iowa Genealogical Society, Story County Veterans Affairs, Story County American Legion, Story County Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cambridge Historical Association, Slater Area Historical Association, Huxley Historical Society, Nevada Community Historical Society, Maxwell Community Historical Society, and Ames Historical Society, for June 14, 2013. The application included a written statement from The Story County Attorney saying the event was insured and on county property, but the county was not responsible for any accidents/damages that would be incurred by SUVCW. The COA disapproved the event stating the County needed to name the SUVCW as an insured party.

150th Commemoration of the Battle of Corydon, Corydon, Indiana, Kentucky. Ft. Duffield Camp #1 (Kentucky) for July 14, 2013. The COA disapproved the event over insurance concerns. The application stated the Harrison County Convention Bureau and the Battle of Corydon Park Board would not hold the SUVCW liable in any action in regard to the event. The COA had asked the sponsors for written clarification and none was received.

The Rhode Island Gettysburg Gun Commemoration, Rhode Island State House Grounds, Providence, Rhode Island, Elisha Dyer Camp #7 for July 2013. The COA disapproved the event over insurance concerns. The application noted the Rhode Island National Guard would fire the artillery.

General Corcoran Takes Command, Gunnel House, Fairfax, Virginia, Lincoln-Cushing Camp #1 and Historic Fairfax Inc., for October 2013. The COA disapproved the event because of insurance concerns.

Hillsborough River Raid, Hillsborough County Veterans Park, Florida, Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp #1 for October 2013. The COA disapproved the event over insurance concerns.

Not submitted in time:

Civil War Days Herman, Missouri, Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp #5 for September 2011. The COA rejected for timeliness (27 days v 30 days).

Battle of New Market Heights 150th Commemoration, Henrico, Virginia, Irish Brigade Camp #4 for September 2014. The CINC rejected for timeliness (63 days v 180 days).

Abraham Lincoln Second Inaugural Observance, Richmond, Kentucky, Department of Kentucky for March 2015. The Sesquicentennial Committee rejected for timeliness (48 days v 180 days).

Prospect House Civil War Museum, Blake Lake, Minnesota, Department of Nebraska for July 2015. The CINC rejected for timeliness (166 days v 180 days). The event was initially rejected over insurance

concerns and the sponsor purchased a \$700 insurance policy specifically for the event. Then it failed on timeliness.

The Maj. William A. McTeer Camp #23 (Department of Tennessee) submitted the only application in 2016. The event was to commemorate Tennessee's readmission to the Union with an event in Knoxville on July 24, 2016. The application was late (165 days v 180 required); however the Department asked for consideration as they had approached the national treasurer about the event months earlier in 2015. The Department wanted to add the event to National's insurance policy and they needed the appropriate form. They never got the form. The COA declined to consider the application citing tardiness and saying the event was not related to the Civil War. Additionally the COA said only events planned for specifically to occur on August 20, 2016 were eligible.

5.2 National Encampment Credentials Special Committee, Joseph S. Hall, Jr., PDC

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PRE-REGISTRATION: As of July 24, 2016, we have 188 brothers pre-registered for the upcoming National Encampment to be held in Springfield, IL. I am expecting two stragglers that had pre-registration issues to bring the total to 190. I had to return two due to no payment enclosed. I had to return one due to the check being made out to me personally versus the National Order.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT: The Committee will consist of the following:

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Chairman
Thomas J. Brown, Committee Member
Walter E. Busch, Committee Member

Brother Bruce Laine has resigned from the committee but is still listed on the National Web Site. There are a couple of brothers who have expressed interest in joining the committee and I look forward to meeting them at the upcoming National encampment in Springfield, IL.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED: This is my second year as Chairman of the Credentials Committee. The only issue that arose early on was the lack of information being communicated to the Credentials Committee by the Host Committee, the confusion of the form to be used, and the problems with the Banner. So through a few emails and phone calls, it was strongly recommended that the Credentials Committee receive the pre-registration forms and checks as usual. I would like to thank the Host Committee for what they tried to do in making less work for everyone, however, the Host Committee has a tremendous amount of work to deal with without the added burden of other things. Their intentions could not have been more Loyal or Fraternal, but in hindsight, Charity begins at home. I knew credentials portion could be a bit of a bite when they first suggested it, however, I'll try anything at least once. I also knew I had plenty of time before the end of February to monitor the situation and correct it if need be. Trying something new, with a buffer zone, should not be discouraged. Perhaps, in the future, with the right parameters and a payment option like PayPal, members could be able to do this online, making the process more streamlined.

Host Committees also need to understand that I cannot give them a report until after the deadline closes. I then need to verify numbers by Department and by name of Brother, to ensure an accurate report. Offering to send the Chairman of the Credentials Committee the name tags so he can fill them out is not the best tactic to use and is, quite frankly, frowned upon.

The McAfee Antivirus Program is long out of date and I have been using my own computer for most correspondence and reports so as to limit any access to the internet. This program needs to be updated. I do not have access to a credit card from the order to do this and I do not want to use my own accounts to get this done. They have a tendency to put you on an automatic update and I do not want that to happen. So this needs to be done.

The second issue with the computer is that it is operating on Windows 7 which, I believe, is no longer supported by Microsoft. I can upgrade it to Windows 10, but I am not sure if this will have an impact, if any, on the Access Program.

In closing, I would like to thank Commander-In-Chief Gene Mortorff for his continued faith in me to do the job, Brothers Walt Busch and Brother Tom Brown, both of whom make this committee run smoothly and make it enjoyable to be part of.

5.3 National Fund Raising Special Committee, Glenn B. Knight, PDC

For the fourth consecutive year this committee was reappointed despite my continuing strong recommendations against doing so. The chairman has been unable to do anything since the two assigned committee members appear to have no interest in the committee and refuse to communicate with the chairman.

Since this committee was first considered the environment has changed and it has become apparent that unless the IRS status of the Order can be changed to a 501C(3) the entire purpose of this committee is moot.

The Order should establish administrative options for members to include the organization within the administration of their personal estate upon their demise and should set up a fund that can be used for the management of special gifts that members might use to shelter income for the benefit of the Order should that become possible. It should not require a committee to make these changes to current operations as they all fall within the fiduciary responsibility of the Commander in Chief and the Council of Administration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The chairman recommends any one of the following actions:
 - a. Appoint new committee members who are capable of functioning.
 - b. Appoint a revised committee with a revised charge.
 - c. Drop the committee.
2. Direct the incoming Commander in Chief to instruct the Executive Director, National Treasurer and National Counselor to develop a response packet to advise members how to include the Sons of Union Veterans in their last will and testament to include appropriate captioning, legal text, registration requirements and notice of intent.
3. Direct the incoming Commander in Chief to instruct the Executive Director, National Treasurer and National Counselor to look into the creation of special funds and accounts that can be used for the management of special gifts if and when necessary. Such a review may result in the creation of an Assistant Treasurer for Major Gifts or a Development Officer under the National Treasurer.

5.4 Natl Government Headstone Applications Special Comm., Bruce D. Frail, PDC

Combined report. See paragraph 3.13.

5.5 Memorial University Redesign Special Committee, Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

The committee has been charged with developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations.

To date, the committee has completed the first four Power points, covering an organizational overview, History of our Order, Customs & Courtesies, and Badge Wear. The first two have been reviewed and accepted by the committee and the Council of Administration.

Each presentation is readied for CofA review on "Blendspace," courtesy of Br. Mark Day. The presentations were based upon those successfully used at the 2015 Wisconsin Dept. Member Orientation.

All presentations have a script and include a review quiz. They can be used as either part of an online learning management program or downloaded for use in a classroom setting.

Should the committee be reappointed, it will continue to complete presentations on mission accomplishment, core values and organizational structure. The committee members anticipate a 2017 completion date.

5.6 Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, James Ward, PDC

No report received.

5.7 Special Committee for Dual Membership, Brad Schall, PCinC

The 134th National Encampment of the SUVCW at Richmond, VA directed the Commander in Chief to establish a Special Committee to review the regulations on dual membership and dues, specifically with respect to National per capita dues. The committee was directed to make recommendations on establishing a process by which dual members would be assessed only a single National per capita assessment, rather than one for each camp and department to which they belong.

On 6 January 2016 the Commander-in-Chief issued his General Order #11, which established the special committee and tasked it to examine the issue and submit their recommendations no later than the Springfield Council of Administration (CofA) meeting in April 2016.

Status: The Committee filed two reports with the Chief of Staff for review by the CofA at Springfield.

1. The Committee was split in its conclusions and was unable to provide a feasible recommendation for the resolution of the dual member dues issue.

2. The committee was able to provide some useful data, viz., (1) how many individuals are impacted by the current policy, and (2) the impact on our current organizational structure.

Findings: An in-depth discussion amongst the CofA members resulted in the following findings:

1. The SUVCW's organizational structure is incompatible with the major changes in policy and procedures needed to implement a single National per capita dues policy for dual members for the following reasons.

a. The SUVCW's organizational structure is based on a bottom up philosophy of management in which the camps and departments have the primary responsibility to account for membership and assess dues. In order to implement a process wherein dual members are assessed only a single National per capita dues payment, the SUVCW would be required to change to a top-down organizational structure. The National Organization would be required to take over management of all membership and dues functions. This would eliminate the camps' ability to make decisions on membership.

b. The national organization would be compelled to assign membership numbers and issue membership certificates, which are essential for tracking individual members and their dues payments.

c. Camps would no longer be able to bring a member in the SUVCW locally. All applications would have to be forwarded to the National Headquarters for processing and approval.

2. The national organization would have to increase its paid Headquarters staffing to successfully administer the increased workload and properly manage membership processing and dues collection.

a. The National Organization's current headquarters would be inadequate for the increased workload, which would bring increased work space and storage space requirements.

b. The National organization would have to increase the national assessment for dues to cover the costs for personnel and infrastructure. It is estimated the cost of additional staffing and office space, would at a minimum, require an increase in National per capita dues of \$16 per year.

3. Only approximately 150 individuals currently hold dual memberships

Conclusion and Recommendation: The overhaul of the SUVCW's bottom up organizational structure and the cost for expanding our administrative infrastructure must be weighed against the benefits gained from any change. It is the view of the CofA that, in this case the costs outweigh any benefits that might occur for the approximately 150 individuals who hold dual memberships.

Therefore, **it is recommended that the National Encampment maintain the current policy on dual members and dues.**

5.8 Real Sons and Daughters Special Committee, Jerome L. Orton, PDC

Real Sons

Harold Becker, 833 Atlanta Dr., Rockford, MI 49349 (Note: Passed away on 7 August, 2016)
Father, Conrad Becker, Co. H, 128th IN Vols.

Ernst J. Pool, %William Pool, 1030 Highway UU, Bolivar, MO 65613
Father, Charles P. Pool, Co. D, 6th WV Vols.

William Pool, 1030 Highway UU, Bolivar, MO 65613
Father, Charles P. Pool, Co. D, 6th WV Vols.

Garland Pool, 1001 Highway T., Bolivar, MO 65613-8122
Father, Charles P. Pool, Co. D., 6th WV Vols.

Fred Upham, 5404 Fossil Ct., N., Ft. Collins, CO 80525
Father, William Upham, Sr., Co. F, 2nd WI Vols. USMA Class of 1866, Former Governor of WS

Real Daughters

Patricia Albertson, 1320 Banbury Rd. #B, Kalamazoo, MI 49001
Father, John Webster Hadlock, 10th VT. Inf.

Emogene C. Horton, 140 Jelly Lane, Marshall, AR 72650
Father, Jackson Cassell, Co. M, 2nd AR Cav.-Union

Rachel Perine, 1416 Andrew St., Parkersburg, WV 26101
Father, Harvery Smith, Col. C., 142nd Ohio Vols. She is a PDP Ladies of the GAR

Irene Triplett, % Avante, 1000 College St., Wilkesbor, NC 28697
Father, Moses Triplett, Col. K 53rd Vols. and Co. K, 53rd NC. and Co.B. 3rd NC Mounted Inf.-Union. He attended the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Irene is the last person receiving compensation from the Federal government due to their father's Civil War service and their own disability.

Florence Wilson, 920 Highway UU, Aldrich, MO 65601
Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D., 6th WV Inf.

Edna Marriott and Mary Ella Reed Lewis address unknown but members of the DUVCW.

Recommendation: Real daughters may become honorary members of the SUVCW in the department they reside in or in the department where their father's enlisted.

5.9 Special Committee for Stephenson Bench Inscription, Edward J. Norris, PDC

The work of this committee is complete. The Council of Administration unanimously approved Motion 20 which stated the bench inscription with SUVCW logo will be: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War // 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the // Grand Army of the Republic 1866-2016 // Honoring the Boys in Blue. We hope everyone gets a chance to see the bench while in Springfield.

6.0 DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6.1 Department of California and Pacific, Thomas T. Graham, DC

Since the April 2016 report to the Council of Administration, camps in the Department have been engaged in many activities. The major events were Memorial Day and the 4th of July celebrations. Other events include information booths at Civil War reenactments, presentations to schools, presentations of Eagle Scout Certificates and JROTC awards.

Highlight events included the Rededication Ceremony at the 100th Anniversary of the San Bernardino Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument, and the Trooper Statue Dedication at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Camps also engaged in various recruiting events throughout the Department.

Recommendation: The Department of California and Pacific recommends that the Commander-in-Chief create a special committee at the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois, to review the year 2000 resolution supporting any display of Battle Flags of the Confederacy, and that the committee shall report its findings at the 2017 National Encampment.

6.2 Department of the Chesapeake, Charles Benjamin Hawley, DC

It is my pleasure to serve as the 114th Commander of our Department and to report that the Department is in good order and financially sound, and our membership numbers remain robust and strong. I was installed as the Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake (including Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia) at the 129th Annual Department Encampment on April 23, 2016, in Frederick, Maryland. It was an especially rewarding day for me since the Department Commander Kevin Martin performed the installation of Officers including myself, and my wife, Audrey Randall-Hawley had the honor of pinning me.

The Department of the Chesapeake also continues our active involvement in promoting patriotism outside the order, presenting certificates of commendation to young men who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout or received ROTC awards. Also, a huge thank you to the Lincoln-Cushing Camp for organizing and executing the Traditional Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. At the Department Encampment I shared with the Department my vision to “Market Our Camps” and it was well received. I firmly believe that we need to get more publicity for activities that we create. This will have a real impact on our recruiting new members. We will be joining the United Parks Service at their annual birthday celebration in Fort Washington, Maryland with a recruitment table.

As Department Commander, I spoke of the role of Black Soldiers in the Civil War as Guest speaker at Hampton Historical Site, Towson, Maryland, on April 26, 2016.

I visited the James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 at their July 2016 monthly meeting held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

6.3 Department of Colorado and Wyoming, William J. Salmon, DC

No report received.

6.4 Department of Columbia, William “Rod” Fleck, DC

Sir, in the past year, since the last National Encampment the following has taken place in the Department:

Our second Department Encampment was held in April 2016 in Vancouver, Washington and the officers of the Department were installed by PCIC Tad D. Campbell. Brother Campbell was hosted by Brother Loran Bures, Sister Tricia Bures, and Brother Joseph Stevens. It will be noted that Brother Campbell was taken to the most dangerous place a Brother can be taken to in Portland, Oregon – Powells’ Books – and both he and his wallet survived the encounter. Our Department meeting was well attended and the Order was well served.

The Department owes a significant debt of gratitude to Brother Loran Bures known to all of the Order, but in our case he established the Gen. George Wright Camp that serves as our Department’s at-large-camp and aided in the structuring of both Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3 and Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6. He and Sister Bures have travelled hundreds of miles on behalf of the Department in these efforts.

All of this has increased the work load of Brother Joseph Steven, who serves as the Department’s Secretary and Treasurer, as well as my chief of staff. Brother Steven and I are still learning all of the various roles and responsibilities associated with our Department and we are extremely grateful for the assistance, and patience, of Brother David Demmy, the National Executive Director.

One of the most exciting opportunities for the Department and its members has been the creation of the Northwest’s first and only Civil War Research Library at Historic Fort Steilacoom. Again, this is mainly the tireless results of Brother and Sister Bures, but many of the members of the Order have assisted where they could.

As we now move into our second year of operations, it is my hope that we can also use social media to help grow our presence in the many states that our Department serves. This will then have the added benefit of providing us with a “public face”.

I invite all members of the Order to our next Department Encampment on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Historic Fort Steilacoom in Lakewood, Washington.

6.5 Department of Connecticut, Stephen J. Twining, DC

In the past year we have added 1 new Camp and a second is in process.

The “New England Civil War Museum” owned and operated by Alden Skinner Camp #45 has had a great year with an increased number of visitors, programs, acquisitions and donations.

The Department of Connecticut is doing well.

6.6 Department of Florida, Charles Reeves, DC

During the past year all Florida Camps have been very active in various Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War activities. Camps participated in Memorial Day celebrations, Living History events and various re-enactments around the State.

Grave registrations have increased including a rededication of a new Grave Marker for Sgt. Isaac Backman in an old almost abandoned cemetery in Inverness Florida.

Florida Camps presented sixty five ROTC awards and sixty Eagle Scout awards this past year.

Lastly, the Department represented our Order at the 2016 National Genealogical Society Conference at Fort Lauderdale in May. All of our East Coast Camps participated in manning our booth and some brought Civil War military items including two Sharps rifles. All of these items attracted lots of interest.

The Conference had over 1600 registered attendees plus several hundred NGS volunteers. The traffic at the SUVCW booth was high as the attendees were aware of Civil War history and many had ancestors who served. The majority of the attendees were women and while over 100 applications were taken, I don't believe they will result in a significant number of new members.

The best part of our being there is that over 1600 people now know there is an organization named Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Most people at the Conference never heard of SUVCW.

This was the place to be, an audience of family history buffs who know and study the Civil War and have ancestors who were involved.

Brothers it is called “SHOWING THE FLAG”.

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

As Department Commander, I am again honored to submit my report on the activities and business of the Camps in Georgia and South Carolina.

Gen. James B. McPherson Camp #1 in Atlanta, GA is commanded by Brother Earl Zeckman. Primary focus this year is placing a marker commemorating the Battle of Utoy Creek and the restoration of the McPherson Monument.

Elias Moon Camp #2 in Snellville, GA is commanded by Brother Ray Wozniak. The camp has been working with the City of Ringgold, GA on the status of the New York Brigade Monument. Camp Brothers have held or participated in over 40 events from reenactments, recruiting, living histories and commemorations; and hosted a very successful Department Encampment this past April, which was attended by JVCinC Mark Day.

Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 in Marietta, GA is commanded by Brother David Beam. Camp activities have ranged from maintaining a small Cobb County cemetery with a Union soldier's grave, relocating a historical marker in Freedom Park in Atlanta commemorating Gen. Sherman's March to the Sea, serving as the lead camp in all ceremonies at the Marietta National Cemetery, to actively working to restore Memorial Day to May 30th. Camp #3 in conjunction with the Dept will hold an SUVCW ceremony at the

cemetery each year on May 30th. The Camp has awarded 40 Eagle Scout Awards and 5 JROTC Awards within the past year.

Charles Devens, Jr. Camp #10 in Columbia, SC is commanded by Brother Kenneth H. Robison II. The Camp has been diligently working on locating, identifying, documenting, marking, and uploading to the SUVCW National Graves Database the gravesites of Civil War Veterans throughout South Carolina, particularly at the Florence National Cemetery. Within the past year they have submitted 87 graves to the database. Brothers are also active in Reenactments and Living Histories in the state.

Edward Wallace Camp #21 in Beaufort, SC will be commanded by Rev Dr. Elijah Washington when chartered. This new camp has the distinct privilege of meeting in a G.A.R. hall in Beaufort.

Kenner Garrard Camp #4 in Roswell, GA will be commanded by Brother Bill Browning when it is chartered and will meet in Barrington Hall in Roswell.

Department Brothers of the SVR have made their presence known at every opportunity from posting Colors and firing squad on Memorial Day; posting Colors for the DUVCW Department in Georgia; posting Colors for the Annual Congress National Society of Daughters of the Union; for the upcoming formation of the James Tharp Circle of the LGAR in Marietta, GA; to the Isaac Rucker Grave dedication to be held in September in Dahlonga, GA. Cpl Rucker was a former slave who joined the Union Army and retired in Dahlonga. This ceremony will be held jointly with the SCV whose member had discovered Cpl Rucker's grave.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina continues to grow in membership and visibility in preserving the memory of the Men in Blue in what was and in some areas still is the heartland of the Confederacy.

6.8 Department of Illinois, Paul T. Zeien Jr., DC

It is my pleasure to provide for you this State of the Department of Illinois report for August 2016. If there are any items that I have missed or you have additional questions on please reach out to me and I will get an answer back to you right away.

The main department activity at this time is the planning and preparation for the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois. The hosting committee is meeting on a regular basis for final plans entering into August. Registration items continue to come in via mail and email. We expect a good turnout at the event. The only obstacle that we are hearing about is the hotel room accommodations. Br. Crane and Br. Bill Johnson are keeping close tabs on room availability and adjusting accordingly.

The next largest project is the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Plaza in Petersburg, IL. Construction has begun on Phase 1 with plans of completion of most of this phase for the August encampment. A local contractor with significant experience is performing the work. Additional funds are always needed to complete this project please let us know if there is an avenue to obtain additional funds for the project.

Headstone replacement and gravesite dedications continue to increase within the department. Our Chicago based camps have done significant work on these two initiatives. I am proud of the work that they have accomplished and I am sure it will continue.

The department continues to assist the ladies to increase membership within their tents. Our goal is to help them establish enough tents and such to be able to have a department with Illinois. This will be ongoing but the results have been positive. Total active members for the department 217.

6.9 Department of Indiana, Dennis H. Rigsby, DC

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

April 16, 2016 – The Department was well represented at the Lincoln Tomb ceremony held at Springfield, IL. A wreath was presented by the Department and the Department also marched in the parade.

May 30, 2016 - All camps in the Department participated in local Memorial Day ceremonies.

June 4, 2016 - The Department held its summer encampment at Kokomo, IN. All camps were

represented. The Department heard reports about the ongoing efforts to restore the Indiana 26th monument back to the park property in Vicksburg, MS. The election of officers was held and Brother Dennis H. Rigsby was elected Department Commander and all the officers elected and appointed were duly installed my Commander in Chief Gene Mortorff.

July 16 & 17 - Several officers of the Department travelled to Newburg, IN to attend a civil war re-enactment and distributed SUVCW brochures in a recruiting effort for the Department.

6.10 Department of Iowa, Danny E. Krock, DC

No report received.

6.11 Department of Kansas, Mark Britton, DC

The Department of Kansas is continuing to well represent the Soldier State with the honoring of the boys in blue. This year has seen an addition of a new camp that has become very active. Most recently they were involved in the dedication of a headstone for Andrew Deal who died in action in Missouri and whose body has never been recovered from a mass grave, along with 14 other members of Company E, 9th Kansas, near the battle of Westport.

Work continues on additions to the Kansas SUVCW web site of memorials raised to the men who fought so gallantly and are remembered by the citizen of Kansas. Along with cataloging the memorials several of the camps are very active in the preservation of the headstones of the soldiers buried in Wichita and Topeka.

Preparations are underway for our 21st State Encampment, January 14, 2017 in Emporia, Kansas.

6.12 Department of Kentucky, Bruce E. Fortin, DC

No report received.

6.13 Department of Maine, David Sosnowski, DC

Commander-in-Chief Mortorff and Brothers. It's been an honor and a pleasure to represent Maine starting on April 30 2016. During that time I have installed the Officers of the Department of Vermont on May 21 2016 at Rutland, VT. Since I already had unbreakable reservations for Memorial Day, I took part in many ceremonies in Gettysburg, PA on April 29- 30 2016. On June 24-25 I was both a member and guest at the Department of Pennsylvania Encampment in State College, PA. The Maine Department is trying to finalize the plans to erect a monument in Aldie, VA to the 1st Maine Cavalry. While at the Pa Encampment it was proposed that the Departments of Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire may want to combine. I have not been able to go any further on this proposal as I had to relocate my mother from Pennsylvania to my home, since she can no longer live on her own. I have passed it on to the New England Regional Association.

6.14 Department of Massachusetts, Dexter A. Bishop, DC

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

Following our Department Encampment we organized as many known Department sponsored/participation events. Those events include our participation in the Memorial Day ceremony at Bourne National Cemetery and in Camps 5, 22, 25 special events. Our JROTC Officer and Eagle Scout Officer provided a number of Awards. The Department Commander, Signals Officer, and Chaplain presented a number of them directly to the recipient.

Due to a failure of Camp 61 to meet reporting requirements the camp was suspended and a plan was developed to have the Camp organizer step in and determine the best way to solve the problem with the camp. The Junior Vice Commander has been working to form a camp in the Framingham area of the state. We hope to request permission to form a new camp soon.

Our camps have all been busy with a number of projects.

- Camp 5: Teacher training, its 150 living history program and presentations in the Lynn Schools, Memorial Day events and ceremonies, monthly camp meetings

- Camp22: Monthly program at the Chelsea Soldiers Home and monthly camp meeting, organizing and conducting the 134 Birthday celebration of the Chelsea Soldiers Home
- Camp 15: Assisted in Eagle Scout awards in the Springfield area of the state, Memorial Day observances, placing flags in the area and holding scheduled meetings
- Camp 25: Rededication of the restored City of Worcester Civil War Monument, Memorial Day events Monthly Camp meetings, cemetery flag placement, participating with other camps.

The above are just an example of the activities of the camps in the Department of Massachusetts.

In closing I should mention we are planning a dinner in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the GAR. We plan to honor the Veterans of Massachusetts and in particular the proceeds will go to Project New Hope, October 9, 2016. As plans develop we will keep you informed and look forward to your support.

6.15 Department of Michigan, L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., DC

On behalf of the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, let me thank you on their behalf for attending our Encampment in April. It was a pleasure to have you and National Chief of Staff Paquette attend. I would like that the Department of Michigan is running smoothly and with no issues but we are currently operating without a Department Secretary and it has my Chief of Staff, Counselor and myself busy trying to keep the paperwork flowing and filed as required.

We are currently reviewing the forms filed by the past Department Secretary and find that some items are not as timely or complete as previously thought. This is being corrected and updated form 30's and form 22's will be submitted to the appropriate National Officers as soon as they are available. We are wrapping up our proceedings from the April Encampment, which you attended; an initial draft has been through transcription and has been sent out for review.

Regarding the IRS Group Exception Letter requested by National Treasurer Orr they have been sent for all of the Camps within the Department and the Department of Michigan. We have written an instructional Department Order to guide the camps on the updates to the 990N filing as noted in your order and Brother Orr, PCinC's letter. We have a couple of camps that still need to complete the additional filing, but most are reporting that the 990N has been submitted.

6.16 Department of Missouri, Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC

The Department of Missouri currently has (per the Department Secretary's report to our 2016 annual encampment):

220 paying members
13 camps (w/ 1 under suspension)

The many activities of our department can be found in the quarterly issues of the Missouri Unionist, archived and accessible on our website at <http://www.suvcwmo.org/the-unionist.html>.

Recognition

Brother Larry Dietzel of Tiger Camp #432 received the Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award for being the most Outstanding Brother of the Department of Missouri for the 2015-2016 administrative year. Brother Dietzel was instrumental in the efforts of the Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee, which helped make possible the restoration of said monument and a rededication planned for this coming Spring.

Brother Mark Coplin of Grant Camp #68 received the department's Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his outstanding commitment to the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War over the years. A past recipient of the Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award, Brother Coplin was also instrumental in the efforts of the Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee, which helped make possible the restoration of said monument and a rededication planned for this coming Spring.

Brothers Walter Busch (Grant Camp #68) and Dale Crandell (Westport Camp #64) each received a Commander's Award from 2015-2016 Department Commander Martin Aubuchon for their meritorious service as officers of the Department of Missouri for the 2015-2016 administrative year. In addition to holding the office of Junior Vice Commander, Brother Crandell also has worked hard on building the Department's ROTC/JROTC award programs as the ROTC/JROTC Coordinator. Brother Busch can

always be counted upon to faithfully execute the duties of whatever offices he holds, which currently include Department Secretary, Editor of the Missouri Unionist, Historical Records Coordinator, and more.

U.S. Grant Camp #68 and Westport Camp #64 both received the James B. Eads Award for Outstanding Camp in the Department of Missouri during the 2015-2016 administrative year. The James B. Eads Award is presented to those camps who, by meeting the objective criteria itemized on the nomination form, distinguish themselves by both their camp's participation at the department level and their level of activity in carrying out the aims of the order within their camp.

Highlights

The Missouri Monument at Vicksburg is being restored and should be ready for the rededication ceremony planned for Memorial Day Weekend, 2017. Our Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee—PCinC Donald Palmer, Chair—worked hard to lobby lawmakers and raise awareness of the disrepair of this monument, which undoubtedly influenced the acquisition of funds by the National Park Service to accomplish the restoration.

The Department selected Cadet First Sergeant Anthony Krantz of Van Horn High School in Independence, Missouri, as its first JROTC Outstanding Cadet during its 2016 Encampment. Lt. Colonel Michael Byrd's nomination letter describes Cadet Krantz' "excellent balance in his personal life and school life; he is a scholar, athlete, leader." Cadet Krantz was presented the SUVCW's ROTC medal with bronze leaf and a \$200 prize.

The 2016 Encampment of the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, passed a resolution declaring August 2016 a jubilee month and tasking the Department with commemorating the centennial of the Grand Army of the Republic's National Encampment in Missouri, held in Kansas City, Missouri, from August 28 through September 2, 1916.

Final Muster

The Department of Missouri bid farewell to the following brothers in Department Orders since the 2015 National Encampment:

Billy Robert Brant (Westport Camp #64), PCC Lonnie Dover (McNeil Camp #62), PCC Wayne Milton Sampson (Tiger Camp #432), John C. Soucy, Jr., M.D. (Grant Camp #68), William J. Tunks II (Westport Camp #64)

Recommendations:

1. That the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be directed to expand approved preservation efforts concerning Civil War battlefields and historic sites and establish a formal historic preservation program, including its own fund, with the purpose of providing annual contributions to national, state, and local governments to (1) support battlefields and Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic historic sites; (2) increase the percentage of financial resources considered charitable by the IRS; and, (3) address a key initiative under the Vision 2020 plan.
2. That the National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War restore Brother Emmett Taylor's Past Department Commander status in the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
3. That the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War review the Department of Missouri's study and implement four supplemental membership process improvements:
 - 1) Update the SUVCW Form 3 Membership Application to add "Supplemental (14 Yrs & Older, Has Membership, Complete Pages 1 & 2)" as an additional membership type.
 - 2) Request the SUVCW National Quartermaster to create and sell an "Ancestor Certificate" modeled with similar graphics to the standard membership certificate.
 - 3) Increase the minimum application fee to \$15, with \$5 national fee, \$5 department fee, and minimum \$5 camp fee. This fee being applicable to both membership and supplemental applications.
 - 4) Establish a special committee or task force to explore a fee based member-to-ancestor database to assist prospective members and genealogy researchers.

6.17 Department of Nebraska, William H. Dean, DC

May started out with Civil War Poker Run which included 7 Civil War monuments in a 115 mile loop. The monuments were in Table Rock, Pawnee City, Blue Springs, Beatrice, and Tecumseh, NE. We didn't have a big very big turnout for the poker run, but those who attend said they had a lot of fun. After the poker run was over, we did a headstone dedication in the evening at the Table Rock, NE. cemetery. There were about 75 to 100 people attending. The local American Legion joined us for the firing squad.

Memorial Day started at 7:30am in Lincoln, NE. at Wyuka Cemetery. Then we went to Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, the Calvary Cemetery, then to Brentwood Estates for memorial services. At Pilger and Stanton, NE. memorial services were conducted by Harrison Camp of Wisner, NE.

In Omaha, NE. Victor Viquain Camp participated in 4 different ceremonies.

On May 21st, Steve Baurmeister held a Boy Scout event at Little Sioux, IA.

On June 25, Civil War Days was held at Nebraska City, NE. at the Civil War Veterans Museum.

On June 26, Bill Dean participated in a living history event at Arbor Lodge in Nebraska City, NE.

On July 4th 6 members of Shiloh Camp of Lincoln, NE. attended a Veterans event in Pioneer Park in Lincoln, NE.

July 8 thru July 10th was Fremont Days in Fremont; NE. Wilstead Camp in Fremont participated in this event.

July 16th thru 17th, members attended an event at Camp Creek Threshing Bee just east of Waverly, NE.

6.18 Department of New Hampshire, David A. Nelson, DC

No report received.

6.19 Department of New Jersey, Frederick A. Mossbrucker, DC

No report received.

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

The headquarters of the NY Dept., SUVCW, is now located at 16 Vanderbilt Drive, Highland Mills, NY 10930.

The 133rd Department Encampment for the Dept. of NY was held in Suffern, NY at the Crown Plaza Hotel in May. The campfire program on Friday evening involved a wonderful talk on the Cold Spring Foundry and its role in producing weapons and machinery during the Civil War. The business meeting followed on Saturday with the election of new officers and that evening a delicious banquet was held, sponsored by the DUVCW. On Sunday morning, we gathered at the Colored Cemetery in Nyack, NY, and paid our respects to the African-American heroes buried there.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, many camps held individual ceremonies across the state in order to pay their respects to fallen veterans of the Civil War.

We have established two important dates for the upcoming year: October 15, 2016 for our mid-year meeting in Ithaca, NY, and May 5th and 6th, 2017 as the date of our Department Encampment which will be held at the Ramada Inn in Ithaca.

On the 152nd anniversary of the Shahola, PA railroad disaster, I was proud to participate in a program run jointly by Ellis Camp #124, my home camp, the Wayne County, PA and the Shahola, PA Historical Societies to commemorate the loss of life of both Union guards and Confederate prisoners of war when two trains collided in 1864 along the Erie Railroad. As of July 17th, a permanent memorial has been installed along the tracks where the accident occurred.

I laid out my major initiative for the year in my first general order by encouraging every camp and department member to enlist one new member into our organization. It would be great to see our numbers grow in order to insure the viability of the SUVCW for years to come.

6.21 Department of North Carolina, Gerard M. Devine, DC

The Department is pleased to report the following activities:

4/5/16: Department Commander Dennis St Andrew issued Dept. Order #7, addressing the observance of the Grand Army of the Republic Sesquicentennial on April 6, 2016.

5/7/16: The Dept. of North Carolina 9th Annual Encampment was held at Fort Fisher State Historic Site, Kure Beach NC. Commander in Chief Eugene Mortorff and Junior Vice Commander in Chief Marc Day attended the encampment. CinC Mortorff installed the new elected Officers of the Department. An "Above the Scenes Tour" of the fort was given by the Fort Fisher Staff. A luncheon was held off site, where a local historian, Professor Chris Fonieville, gave a presentation about Fort Fisher, and the importance the Fort gave the Confederate war effort. The GAR Sesquicentennial was observed and honored with a "Vacant Chair" display and a video of GAR veterans. A report on 'Real Daughter" Irene Triplett" of Wilkesboro, NC was presented. Nineteen Dept. Brothers attended the Encampment along with CinC Mortorff and JVCinC Day.

In 2016 the various camps reported the awarding of many JROTC certificates at High Schools throughout the State.

Memorial Day and further Activities:

MG Thomas Ruger Camp was represented by a delegation of brothers at the Memorial Day Service at the Wilmington National Cemetery, and a wreath was placed on the grounds. The Camp presented JROTC awards at fourteen area high schools.

MG John Logan camp manned a booth at Historic Bennett Place (where Gen Johnston surrendered to Gen Sherman) on May 28-29. The camp also has a presence in 9 area high schools and a yearly award connected with the Federation of NC Historical Societies.

Camp # 5 participated in the annual program at the New Bern National Cemetery sponsored by the Craven County Veterans Council. Commander Rolfe Maris recited the "Gettysburg Address" and a wreath was presented by the camp. Fourteen JROTC awards were presented by the members. On June 18th the members participated in a unique joint SCV and SUVCW memorial service for Sgt. William Ennever 158 NY Infantry who was fatally wounded in May 1864 outside New Bern. As part of the ceremony, which was organized by the SCV at the New Bern Cedar Grove Cemetery in New Bern, a missing GAR grave marker was "found" and returned to the family as part of the ceremony.

The Gibbon – Burke Camp held a ceremony on May 30 at the National cemetery in Salisbury (where some 3500 plus thousands of Union veterans are buried- the exact figure is unknown). Wreaths were laid at the trench graves while prayers, patriotic poems, and an abbreviated Roll of Honor were read.

Several Brothers, such as Ken Craib, reported individual attention to veteran's graves. "Dulce et decorum est, pro patria mori."

6.22 Department of Ohio, Peter J. Hritsko, DC

I became elected at the 134th Ohio Department Ohio Encampment Commander on June 11, 2016 at the GAR Hall located in Harding County Courthouse in Kenton, Ohio. I thanked all Brothers and to continue to bring unity and growth to the Good of the Order. I am looking forward to this great opportunity to serve and promote Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty as we remember our ancestors of t the Boys in Blue whom fought to preserve the Union.

On Saturday, July 16, 2016 I attended as Dept. of Ohio Commander Buffington Island Battle-field Memorial Park Ceremony in Portland, Ohio. This is a 4 acre site were a major battle occur in Ohio boring West Virginia. On July 19, 1863 Union Forces under the command of Major Gen. Ambrose Burnside chase Confederate cavalry commander Gen John Hunt Morgan as they were attempting to cross the Ohio River. Morgan and his forces know as Morgan Raiders surrendered on July 26, 1863.

On July 31,2016 will be attending the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Company with the State of Ohio located in Sheffield Lake, Ohio their dinner to celebrate their 150 years of reunions. It was established by the Civil War Veterans themselves which is still carried on by the direct descend-ants.

I will be attending the 2016 National SUVCW Encampment in Springfield Illinois and I am looking forward seeing you all there.

6.23 Department of Oklahoma, Rex Griffin, DC

The Department of Oklahoma is proud to report that, since the previous dispatch for the National Encampment:

Eight new brothers have joined the Department: four in Jeremiah Smith Camp #1, two in Indian Nations Camp #3 and two in Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4. One of the members in Camp #4 advanced from Junior Member to full Member.

Company B, Second Regiment, Indian Home Guards of the Sons of Veterans Reserve received its charter on September 24, 2015. Formed by twelve members of the Indian Nations and Overturf camps, the regiment's first official act was the solemn duty of flag retirement at the annual Coweta Mission Civil War Weekend in October. PDC Johnny Manley spearheaded the move to form the new SVR regiment and is its first commander.

The lettering of "Capt. David L. Payne Camp #2," a disbanded camp which lost its charter, were removed from its flag for reuse as the ceremonial standard of Company B, Second Regiment, Indian Home Guards, SVR.

In December, seven brothers representing all three camps in the Department dedicated a Grand Army of the Republic flag marker at the gravesite of Pvt. Thomas Jefferson Hutchins, Company H, First Arkansas Cavalry in the remote town of Carmen, Oklahoma.

Another GAR flag marker is to be dedicated to the ancestor of PDC Bernie Cooper in the community of Driftwood, Oklahoma, as soon as family arrangements can be made.

Vandalism of the GAR monument at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was rectified in April through the efforts of PDC's Gene Turner and Johnny Manley. Not only were replacement posts and chains installed, but a new telescoping flag pole was added to the monument. It was rededicated in a ceremony on Memorial Day.

Thanks to PCC Dennis Hoch, plans for a new ceremonial brick walkway at the GAR monument at Rose Hill are in process. The name, rank, regiment or ship, and appropriate dates of all the Union veterans buried in the cemetery are to be engraved on bricks used in the walkway. Brothers will have an option to add bricks dedicated to their ancestors.

Cordial relations with Col. Daniel N. McIntosh, Camp #1378 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans have been established at the invitation of Indian Nations Camp #3. The camps, both representing the Tulsa, Oklahoma area, have exchanged visits by their respective commanders at recent meetings and Memorial Day ceremonies.

In the Oklahoma City area, Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 held commemorative events for Remembrance Day and Memorial Day at the GAR monument at Fair Lawn Cemetery. In addition, Camp #1 attended Septemberfest, an annual celebration at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

In the Tulsa area, Indian Nations Camp #3 and Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4 came together to hold Remembrance Day and Memorial Day ceremonies at the GAR monument in Rose Hill Cemetery. Too, PDC Mike Rusk helped organize a Wreaths Across America ceremony in which brothers from both Camp #3 and #4 participated at Perryman Cemetery in Tulsa. As previously mentioned, the new SVR unit held its inaugural function at Coweta Mission Civil War Weekend in Coweta, Oklahoma.

As has been our custom for fifteen years, all the camps came together for a Department meeting in February at the annual reenactment of the Battle of Round Mountain in Yale, Oklahoma. This time, aside from yearly reports, brainstorming solutions and crafting plans, we welcomed several new brothers with Membership Medals including Coby Sarnowski of Camp #4, who advanced from Junior member to full brotherhood.

The Yale meeting was also the first opportunity for many in the Department to meet Brother Brian Pierson, a national officer who recently transferred from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Brother Pierson of the Council of Administration kindly represented the Commander-in-Chief at the subsequent Department of Oklahoma Spring Encampment held in Del City in April, where his expertise was instrumental in a flawless process and smooth transition.

Unfortunately, not all was good news in the Department of Oklahoma. One of the most dedicated brothers in the SUVCW, two-time PDC John Williams, was laid to rest in Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, in October. A former Army medic, Brother Williams worked tirelessly for the SUVCW and was in the process of organizing yet another camp, Robert M. Blair Camp #5 of Enid, when he passed. Camp #5 has yet to receive its charter and is not, at present, a viable camp.

6.24 Department of Pennsylvania, Doug McMillin, PDC

It is with great relief and no small amount of pride that I report the successful and proper change of Command for the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW. As of the date of this Report the Pennsylvania Annual Encampment has met. As anticipated Brother John Frantz has succeeded me in the role of Department Commander. As many of you will recognize the name, you must know the Department is in good hands.

Our Encampment at the Toftrees Resort in State College, PA occurred on Saturday, Jun 25th as scheduled. The meetings were harmonious and exemplified Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Fourteen of Twenty Four Department camps were represented. The business meeting proceeded following a successful audit of the Treasurer's books at the Officers meeting and Council Audit the night before.

A great deal of business was debated and put to order during the meeting including resolutions of support for National Treasurer Richard Orr, PCinC, as well as JVCinC Mark Day in their upcoming election bids.

Pennsylvania supports Brother Orr not only for his membership in the Department but most importantly, because he is the man who best understands our ongoing battles with the IRS. His departure from the office of National Treasurer may sooth some bruised egos here and there in the short term, but it would be catastrophic for the organization as a whole in the long term. Brother Orr has demonstrated the strength required doing a very difficult job and he has seen us skillfully through our darkest hours in this battle with the IRS. This is not the time for change in this office. He has the entire Department's fullest support and our strongest endorsement.

As for the activities of the PA Department this past year, they have been many. Camps across the state have continued to honor the G.A.R. and the boys in blue doing the work that fewer and fewer seem willing or interested in doing. We continue to seek new ways to bring our work to the public eye and struggle to find willing hearts and honorable souls to join us in our work.

Mortality has been our greatest enemy the past few years. Our losses in senior membership have been keenly felt. As the Department reshapes itself into the face it will ultimately adopt for the next generation the few remaining stalwarts are working hard to pass on the lessons of the Grand Army in order to see that in the push to change we do not fall away from our mission and its meaning.

Before I close I wish to recognize the following Brothers for outstanding service during my term:

Richard Orr, PCinC For outstanding commitment to our Order in dealing with the IRS.

John McNulty, PDC For outstanding service to the Allied Orders in keeping fraternal relations at the forefront of the Department despite many challenges.

Richard Essenwien, PDC For outstanding service in stepping up to fill in for our JVDC when he was unable to fulfill his duties.

Anthony Kline for restoring the Eagle Scout Program to many parts of the State that had not participated for many years.

Col Albert El For awarding 46 Eagle Scout award in Philadelphia alone in one year.

Charlie Kuhn, PCinC for remaining involved and committed to the work of the Order in the while fighting for his life. His commitment is an inspiration.

Barry Decker For his work on the Joint Veterans Committee keeping the Gettysburg Memorial Day exercises and parade alive against heavy odds.

Robert Dorsey, PCC for likewise committing to the work of the Joint Veterans Committee for many, many years.

Greg Kline, SVDC For his work with the members of Coopers Battery for the working with the NPS to set up standards for monument repair and replacement that could not have been allowed before.

Rob Koenigsburg, CC For a sterling job keeping the Department on time in filing all reports and an outstanding job overall as Department Secretary Treasurer.

Lowell Alcorn for stepping into the highly turbulent position of Sites Committee Chair. In spite of the most difficult encampment planning in memory, Brother Lowell held steadfast and pulled a very disunited group through the process of encampment planning including a fire at the site of the encampment only a week before encampment that caused room availability problems of an extreme nature. Solutions may not have all been ideal, but they were found and the magnitude of the task deserves praise.

Anna M Ross Camp #1 For the constant work to maintain the Memorial Day observance at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA for 128 years uninterrupted. It was an honor to be allowed to participate and I look forward to seeing the tradition continue in future years.

I am sure there are many others that should also be listed here. Pennsylvania is a great Department with many committed and loyal members who work tirelessly in the side lines making things happen at the camp and Department levels. It has been a great honor to have the privilege of Commanding this Department and I am proud to hand it over in good order to the capable hands of Brother John Frantz, our new Commander.

6.25 Department of Rhode Island, Jamie McGuire, DC

I am very happy to report a very successful and meaningful year for the Rhode Island Department. Our Department continues to pursue the charge that was presented to us by the RIGAR at the RI Department's establishment in 1888.

This is not some idealistic statement that we take for granted. This effort can be illustrated by the great work of our four Camps, beginning with the day after the 2015 National Encampment in Richmond, VA, when several brothers of Elisha Dyer Camp no. 7 travelled from the Encampment to the final resting place of Henry Head, 104th NY Inf, who is buried at Antioch Methodist Church in Cumberland, VA, to hold a meaningful graveside memorial service that was coincidentally held on the same day as the local parish "homecoming." Henry Head's descendant; Camp 7 Chaplain Alan Head was able to tell the descendants of Mr. Head's co-parishioners what we, the SUVCW, were all about in a touching way.

Moving into the fall, the various Camps in RI were present in Veterans Day activities and held their annual Camp elections, installing their leadership for the coming year. Christmas parties and gatherings in the spirit of Fraternity kept our hearts warm through the... not-so-cold... winter.

We held our annual Lincoln's Birthday pot-luck dinner at Department Patriotic Instructor Br. Doug Dwyer's home and it was enjoyed by many. When winter finally arrived... in April... Rhode Island held its annual Awards Dinner and Appomattox Day Encampment. We were delighted to receive the Commander-in-Chief as well as the CinC's Chief of Staff (who is a Rhode Island native, but has moved on to different pastures, much to his regret... ..) Of particular note is that the RI Department's eldest member, Br. Robert Renehan, PCC, Camp 7, passed away in late January 2016 at the age of 97. We were all honored that the CinC wished to visit Br. Renehan's grave, and we made that possible despite his tight travel schedule. At our Annual Awards Dinner, we presented our Stephen Kettle Award to Ballou Camp 3's nominee, Mrs. Maureen Buffi, a local citizen whose tireless work in local cemeteries exemplifies the good work of the citizenry to help the mission of the SUVCW. We installed new officers for the coming year with great anticipation of long speeches... and were not disappointed.

Focusing on Memorial Day activities, the Department is happy to report that each Camp of RI was involved in various activities, and each Camp was supported by at least one other Camp in its activities. Answering the newly elected Department Commander's request for full Department support of Camp activities, the Department of RI's various Camps were present at several ceremonies across the state, ranging from graveside services at the final resting places of our honor dead (Governors Elisha Dyer Camp 7, Pocassett Cemetery, Cranston, with the support of Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp 11 and the 3rd RIHA, SVR); to dedications of federal headstones in cemeteries long forgotten by modern society (Col.

Zenas Bliss Camp 12, Smithfield Historical Cemetery 61, Greenville, RI – dedication of headstone for 2nd Lt. Simeon Brown, 1st RI Cavalry). At this date, one Camp is still awaiting delivery of a headstone for a Union soldier, Augustus Safford Browning, ancestor of RISUVCW member Chester Browning, and the Department plans to fully support Maj. Sullivan Ballou Camp no. 3's efforts to honor this soldier.

The RI Department is refocusing its efforts towards growth and recruitment. The Department will be making itself seen at public events that celebrate both our nations' veterans and our nations' history, and to raise the Order's public profile. As we move away from the hype of the sesquicentennial and even further away from the now, seemingly ancient, heyday of the Ken Burns phenomenon, Rhode Island feels that it is imperative to the survival of our Order that we make ourselves more visible in public ceremonies and events that truly represent what our Order is all about. In fact, at the very time of the writing of this report, we are happy to report that a new soldiers' memorial to the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars is being erected in Narragansett, RI, and the RI Department has been asked to attend, as the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, in jacket, tie and medal. We were delighted to accept the invitation and to stand beside the fine men of the VFW and the American Legion, among others, in order to have the Union soldiers of the war of 1861-1865 represented alongside the other veterans. We will also take part in a very special event at the end of August, as the cremated remains of a Union soldier from Maine will be transported through our State by the Patriot Guard, and the Rhode Island Department will oversee the ceremonial handoff from CT to RI and from RI to MA. It is one of the most honest and genuine acts we will have performed as Sons for the Boys in Blue in our modern history.

Finally, we are happy to report that although our annual report shows that we have basically remained consistent in membership, we are very close to having a commitment to establish a new Camp here in little Rhody. We are excited that as we have made efforts to raise our public profile, we are looking at a chance to grow the Order, and will continue to make it a priority of the Department. We remain... Ever small; never weak...

6.26 Department of the Southwest, John R. Conrad, DC

The Department of the Southwest having been chartered on December 3, 2015, the first half of 2016 has been focused upon organizational activities.

We have obtained our Federal Tax ID and provided it to national officers, as required. We have opened a checking account for the Department. We have obtained our gavel, Department Commander badge, and Departmental and US Flags. Additionally, the Department has initiated steps to create an internet presence for the Department.

The first Department Encampment was held on March 26, 2016, in Scottsdale, AZ. Commander in Chief Eugene Mortorff presided and served as installing officer. We elected our officers for 2016, adopted the Department Bylaws, and selected our delegates to the National Encampment. We have also updated Camp Bylaws to conform to the new Departmental organization.

Each of the three Camps in the Department has conducted quarterly meetings, which have been well attended. In addition, each Camp participated in Memorial Day activities in their geographic areas.

We have consolidated the activities of the Camp Graves Registration Officer, the Eagle Scout Coordinator, the ROTC Coordinator, and the Newsletter Editor to the Department level.

The Department has continued to pursue a memorial to the California Column, which helped drive back the Confederate advance into present-day Arizona in 1862, which memorial will be located on the State Capitol grounds. Legislation introduced in January, 2016 to permit the erection of a monument did not pass, and so we will try again in 2017.

Because of the action taken at the 2015 National Encampment regarding ROTC recognition, we have named a ROTC Coordinator, who ordered 18 medals and certificates and presented the recognition at high schools and colleges in April.

The Department of the Southwest currently stands at 83 members, including 4 Life Members, 2 Associates, and 1 Junior Member. We are attempting to reach out to Brothers and potential members who may reside in the State of New Mexico to get them attached to and involved in the Department.

Promotion of the purposes and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the active recruitment of new Brothers are our fundamental priorities.

6.27 Department of Tennessee, Michael Downs, DC

Since my last report I have been involved in numerous activities which include the following:

March 5 and 6, 2016 – presented an exhibit of philatelic covers, featuring the Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic and the 1876 Presidential election of Ulysses Grant and Schuyler Colfax, at the Knoxville Philatelic Society's annual show. (This activity was not included in an earlier quarterly report)

March 26, 2016 - helped in the cleaning of the Sultana Survivors Monument at the Mount Olive Baptist Cemetery, Knoxville, TN, 3 hours.

April 16, 2016 – assisted in manning a recruitment table during the Thompson-Brown House "Living History Days" in Maryville, TN.

April 23, 2016 - took part in the Sultana Descendant's Association Reunion Program, with the Wm. McTeer Camp #39, at the Mount Olive Baptist Cemetery, 3 hours

April 26, 2016 - presented the JROTC - SUVCW Award at Heritage High School, Maryville, TN to Cadet Sydney Webb.

May 3, 2016 – attended the East Tennessee Historical Society annual dinner and meeting where I accepted the "Award of Distinction" given to the McTeer Camp #39 for the efforts in honoring the Sultana survivors which was part of the "Blue & Gray Reunion & Freedom Jubilee" that was held from the 30th of April through May 3rd, 2015 in Knoxville, TN.

May 14, 2016 – attended the Lucinda Heatherly Tent #3, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting held at the East Tennessee Historical Society Building, Knoxville, TN. Heard the Director of the E.T.H.S. give a talk and met with the National President of the Daughters, Sally Redinger.

May 21, 2016 – took part in the headstone dedication for Pvt. James Cupp, Co. H, 2nd Tennessee Cavalry, U. S., at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church Cemetery, Maryville, TN (served as part of the Honor Guard)

May 30, 2016 – Memorial Day – took part in a program at the Knoxville National Cemetery along with the Lucinda Heatherly Tent #3, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I read a part for the program, 2 hours.

July 4, 2016 – represented the Department of Tennessee at an Independence Day Program led by the Sons of the American Revolution at the James White Historical Fort in Knoxville.

July 15, 2016 – wrote a column that appeared in the August edition of the CIVIL WAR NEWS about philatelic material related to the Civil War. As part of that article I discussed postal covers relating to the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On July 24th - I took part in the "Readmission Day 2016" program. Organized by the William A. McTeer Camp #39, SUVCW and Camp Commander David McReynolds, it honored the life of Unionist Governor William "Parson" Brownlow who, through his leadership, Tennessee became the first southern state to be readmitted to the Union. Also as part of the day's ceremonies was a recognition of the sesquicentennial year of the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic during which I presented a brief educational talk that reviewed the history of the GAR. The program took place at the Old Gray Cemetery located in Knoxville. Also leading up to the program Camp Commander McReynolds, myself and several other McTeer Camp members were interviewed for a Saturday morning news show. WBIR TV spent 2 hours, from 6 AM through 8 AM, during a live broadcast talking to us about the Brownlow Program, the Grand Army of the Republic and the activities of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Ongoing: I write a monthly column called "From The Book Rack" for the McTeer Camp #39 and Sultana Camp #1 newsletters. This column also appears in the Indiana Legion on an aperiodic basis.

Continued working on the Central Regions Association Annual Meeting that will be held in the Franklin – Nashville area on September 30th and October 1, 2016.

Attended all the William McTeer Camp #39 "Camp Mess" and Quarterly meetings held in Maryville and Knoxville, TN.

Also initiated a project to get a United States Flag placed at the Abel Streight surrender site near Gadsden, Alabama.

Future Planned Events: On August 6th I will be making a presentation to the Lucinda Heatherly Tent #3, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the East Tennessee History Center located in Knoxville.

6.28 Department of Texas, Charles W. Sprague, DC

I am pleased to present this summary report of the actions and activities of the Department of Texas since the 135th National Encampment. The past Fiscal Year has been an extremely active and productive one for the Department of Texas as the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War ended. Our Camps are stable both financially and in membership, although with the loss of New Mexico from our Department did cost some of our Camps some members.

Upon assuming command of the Department, the current Department Commander made appointments to every Department office and began to look into the addition of a Camp to the Department of Texas with the help of a Department staff member. Looking to the future, the Department is examining options for the addition of a fourth Camp to the Department. Emphasis is being placed upon locating groups of brothers who are proximal to each other and who, while members of a given Camp, are not routinely attending Camp meetings due to the distance they would need to travel. It is the Department's fervent hope to submit a request for a new Camp charter either later this fiscal year, or early into my successor's term as Department Commander.

One issue the Department Commander will emphasize during the upcoming year is maintaining and expanding membership in light of the end of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. While this anniversary of the critical era of the country surely encouraged new members to join our Brotherhood, we must work to maintain that level of interest and then work to enjoin new members. The Department and camps will be encouraged to look for new opportunities to publicize our order and keep it in the view of the public by attending historical events and providing both color and substance to them.

The past Fiscal Year saw an addition of 16 members to our Brotherhood, however, we experienced a net decrease of 15 members, or a loss of 8.9% from the previous year.

Some of the highlights of Camp activities for the past Fiscal Year are as follows:

General J. J. Byrne Camp # 1—Fort Worth Area

Participation in Memorial Day Ceremonies in Fort Worth, Texas

Held an annual commemoration at GEN Byrne's grave in Pioneer's Rest, Fort Worth, Texas

Participated in a Veterans Day parade with members of the SCV in Parker County, Texas

Participated in a Veterans Day massing of the colors with color guards from active and reserve military units, ROTC and JROTC units, veteran's groups, and other civic, patriotic and lineage groups, in Fort Worth, Texas

LCDR Edward Lea, USN, Camp # 2—Houston Area

- Participation in Memorial Day Ceremonies in Houston, Texas

- Participation in Veterans Day activities in Houston, Texas

- Participated in the Liendo Plantation Civil War Days

- Participated in the Wreaths Across America in NOV 2016 at the Houston National Cemetery

- Participated in the Annual Hot Chocolate Brunch hosted by the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary at the DeBakey VA Hospital, Houston, Texas

- Participated in the Annual Battle of Galveston with a grave side ceremony to honor LCDR Lea

- Participated in the Jesse Jones Park Heritage Day

- Participated in the Annual President's Tea hosted by the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary

- Bestowed 79 ROTC/JROTC Awards

E. E. Ellsworth Camp # 18—Dallas Area

- Participation in the 16th Annual Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas

- Participation in Memorial Day Ceremonies in McKinney, Texas, attended by US Congressman Sam Johnson and other local dignitaries
- Cleaning of 86 Union Veteran grave markers in Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, Texas
- Bestowed JROTC Awards
- Camp members logged several hours of volunteer service at the Heritage Farmstead in Plano, Texas
- Began a monthly newsletter for the Camp
- Cleaned the headstone of Union veteran Jehu E. Webb in Long Creek Cemetery, Sunnyvale, Texas, in preparation of dedication planned for later this year.

6.29 Department of Vermont

No report received.

6.30 Department of Wisconsin, Alan Orville Petit, DC

Dept. Commander Activities:

I don't have much history as a DC as I was just elected 11 June of this year. I have since attended the Old Abe Camp #8 meeting on 18 July and this National Encampment will be my first official act. In my previous position as Dept SVC, I attended about a half dozen events and dedications in the past year.

I reappointed all of the appointed staff but for two who resigned due to length of service and poor health. Camp 137 is still in the process of formation. Tom Mueller, Dept GRO, has reached a new height. About six weeks ago, he registered Civil War veteran's grave #30,000 for Wisconsin. Thank you Tom. Tom and I expect that before he retires from this job, he will hit 100,000. Wisconsin sent 97,000 men to the union. At this time, there are no other grand projects in the works.

Camp #1, 46 brothers; Camp #2, 27 brothers; Camp #4, 26 brothers; Camp #5, 12 brothers; Camp #8 , 41 brothers; Camp #15, 24 brothers; Camp #49, 27 brothers; Camp #56, 34 brothers; total about 237. We are not the biggest, but we are the best. I'll fight you. Colt Navys preferred.

Activities of the Camps:

- Camp #1: Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 hosted the annual Wisconsin Mid-winter encampment in Wauwatosa. They have been doing this since I joined, about 1998. It is an institution now. Thank you brothers and sisters. They also participated in Memorial Day and Independence Day activities.
- Camp #2: Camp #2 participated in the Wreaths Across America in December at Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison, Wisc. They also participated in a commemoration and memorial and rededication of a 30# Parrot Rifle at Evansville, Wisc.
- Camp #4: Camp #4 won the Marshall Hope Best Camp newsletter in the SUVCW from National. Congratulations Camp #4. They are also planning a Wreaths Across America event is planned for Wood National Cemetery, in Milwaukee this December.
- Camp #5: Camp #5 is doing well. No further details.
- Camp #8: We attended a number of ceremonies and dedications this year and are stable on membership. Several of us attended the Wreaths Across America at King National Cemetery, as presented by the Patriot Guard.
- Camp #15: Camp #15 sponsored the Wisconsin Department Encampment this year. It was slick. They provided town hall that was almost new, with air conditioning against a day with an outside temperature of 97. Lunch was catered. Best overall setup that I have seen in about six years.
- Camp #49: Camp #49 hosted Muskets and Memories, a Local Civil War event and skirmish. This is one of many. Camp #49 and the local WRC chapter have been raising funds to preserve the last dedicated GAR Hall, extant, in Wisconsin, since about 1925. The WRC has carried this project for about fifty years, unsupported. We send them what we can. Thank you.
- Camp #56: Camp #56 has expanded quite well recently. In the last three years they have almost doubled their size. Good going brothers. We need more of the same.

7.0 Addendums

SONS OF UNION VETERNS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
GENERAL FUND			
Income			
43400 - Donations			
43410 - NMAL Donation	500.00	500.00	500.00
43450 - Individ, Business Contributions	500.00	359.17	300.00
43460 - Fundraising Donations - Coins	1,250.00	87.50	100.00
43461 - Fundraising - T-Shirts	1,000.00	753.86	0.00
43400 - Donations - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 43400 - Donations	3,250.00	1,700.53	900.00
45000 - Investments			
45020 - Dvidend Income	10,000.00	15,957.37	12,000.00
45030 - Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	100.00	168.90	150.00
45040 - Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investm	0.00	(13,699.18)	0.00
Total 45000 - Investments	10,100.00	2,427.09	12,150.00
46400 - Sales			
45405 - QM Sales	40,000.00	43,244.16	35,000.00
46420 - QM Shipping & handling	7,500.00	4,176.20	5,000.00
46430 - Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	227.55	100.00
Total 46400 - Sales	47,600.00	47,647.91	40,100.00
47200 - Program Income			
47205 - Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	556.83	200.00
47210 - Banner Subscriptions	100.00	48.00	50.00
47220 - National Encampment Reg. Fees	2,000.00	2,460.00	2,000.00
47225 - New Camp & Dept Appl. Fees	250.00	200.00	200.00
47230 - Per Capita Dues	100,000.00	96,508.50	97,000.00
47231 - Reinstatement Fee	600.00	490.00	500.00
47240 - Life Membership Per Capita (195)	6,016.00	0.00	3,120.00
47250 - Web Site income	175.00	0.00	150.00
Total 47200 - Program Income	109,241.00	100,263.33	103,220.00
Total Income	170,191.00	152,038.86	156,370.00
Cost of Goods Sold			
50700 - Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales			
50701 - Cost Of Sales - QM sales	32,500.00	26,733.78	27,500.00
50702 - QM Shipping & Handling	6,000.00	3,048.29	3,250.00
50703 - Paypal Fees	900.00	743.27	800.00
50704 - Cash Shortage and Overage	(500.00)	(266.80)	(300.00)
Total 50700 - Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	38,900.00	30,258.54	31,250.00
Total COGS	38,900.00	30,258.54	31,250.00
Gross Income	131,291.00	121,780.32	125,120.00
Expense			
50700 - ROTC PROGRAM			
50752 - ROTC Medals	0.00	3,613.21	8,000.00
50763 - ROTC Shipping & handling	0.00	1,830.25	2,500.00
50754 - PayPal fees	0.00	30.98	0.00
50755 - ROTC Shipping supplies	0.00	785.45	1,000.00

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Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
Total 50750 Cost of ROTC Program	0.00	6,259.89	11,500.00
60900 - Business Expenses			
60910 - Bad Debts	100.00	20.00	100.00
Total 60900 - Business Expenses	100.00	20.00	100.00
62000 - Administrative Expenses			
62001 - CinC expenses	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
62002 - Nat. Sec. Expenses	3,000.00	2,752.34	3,000.00
62003 - Nat. Treasurer Exp.	3,000.00	3,000.92	3,000.00
62004 - Nat. QM Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
62005 - CinC Repre. Expenses	5,000.00	5,286.67	6,000.00
62009 - Jr. Vice Expenses	600.00	255.30	400.00
62010 - Banner Editor Expenses	1,750.00	2,319.88	5,000.00
62011 - Bank Charges	150.00	24.00	150.00
62011A - Credit Card Fees	100.00	15.00	50.00
62040 - Misc. Expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00
Total 62000 - Administrative Expenses	28,850.00	28,654.11	32,850.00
62100 - Contract Services			
62110 - Accounting Fees	5,000.00	6,023.79	7,000.00
62111 - Audit Fees	8,000.00	7,125.97	8,000.00
62115 - 501(c)3 Conversion	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
62115A - Bureau Charitable Organization	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
Total 62100 - Contract Services	25,500.00	13,149.76	27,500.00
62800 - Facilities and Equipment			
62810 - Depr and Amort - Allowable	2,200.00	2,143.21	2,200.00
Total 62800 - Facilities and Equipment	2,200.00	2,143.21	2,200.00
64000 - Insurance			
Officers Bonds for 3 years	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
64001 - Insurance - Liability	4,250.00	3,878.74	4,000.00
Total 64000 - Insurance	4,250.00	3,878.74	5,200.00
65000 - Operations			
65010 - Past CinC Jewel	800.00	0.00	100.00
65020 - Office Expenses	1,000.00	1,237.88	1,250.00
65024 - Proceedings Transcription	1,500.00	1,232.00	1,500.00
65024A - Proceedings Printing	300.00	245.00	300.00
65025 - Printing	500.00	198.89	500.00
65026 - Computer & Printers	250.00	0.00	250.00
65040 - Postage	800.00	31.97	750.00
65050 - Telecommunications	50.00	0.00	50.00
65060 - Web Hosting	500.00	344.73	500.00
Web Site	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
65061 - Miscellaenous Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00
65062 - Contingency	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Total 65000 - Operations	15,800.00	3,290.47	9,300.00
65100 - Program Expenses			
65101 - National Encamp. Host Comm.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
65102 - Awards	500.00	361.09	750.00
65104 - Natl. Encamp. Site Comm.	500.00	1,145.07	500.00

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	<u>Budget 15-16</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget 16-17</u>
65105 - Natl Photographer	600.00	1,520.00	1,500.00
65105A - Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	150.00	138.72	150.00
65105B - National Encamp. Printing	1,500.00	1,001.32	1,500.00
65105E - Past Proceedings - digitize	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
65106 - Sons Of Confederates Rep.	300.00	112.17	300.00
65107 - Misc. Committee Expenses	300.00	0.00	300.00
65108 - Miscellaneous Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00
65110 - Grave Registrations	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
65111 - Banner	40,000.00	32,190.05	40,000.00
65112 - Fundraising - Challenge Coins	800.00	278.77	0.00
65114 - Remembrance Day Expenses	0.00	26.00	0.00
65115 - Genealogical Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00
65160 - Special Projects	5,000.00	3,500.00	5,000.00
Total 65100 - Program Expenses	57,800.00	41,273.19	58,150.00
70000 - Interfund Transfers			
70001 - Transfer to GAR Fund	2,000.00	0.00	4,500.00
70003 - Reserve Funds	(63.00)	0.00	0.00
Total 70000 - Interfund Transfers	1,937.00	0.00	4,500.00
Total Expense	136,437.00	98,669.37	151,300.00
Net Income	(5,146.00)	23,110.95	(26,180.00)

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Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND			
Income			
43400 · Direct Public Support			
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
45000 · Investments			
45020 · Dividend Income	3,500.00	2,730.60	2,500.00
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	6.00	2.76	2.00
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest	0.00	(2,628.10)	0.00
Total 45000 · Investments	3,506.00	105.26	2,502.00
47200 · Program Income			
47230 · Per Capita Due	30,000.00	30,166.25	30,000.00
47240 · Life Membership Per Capita	1,880.00	0.00	975.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	31,880.00	30,166.25	30,975.00
Total Income	35,386.00	30,271.51	33,477.00
Expense			
62800 · Facilities and Equipment			
62805 · Rent	9,270.00	9,270.00	10,000.00
62810 · Depreciation	750.00	850.82	900.00
62840 · Furniture & Equip	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	10,520.00	10,120.82	11,400.00
65000 · Operations			
65001 · Executive Director	19,000.00	19,550.00	20,000.00
65002 · Executive Director Expenses	1,200.00	0.00	500.00
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	1,000.00	959.89	1,000.00
65040 · Supplies	400.00	450.71	500.00
65041 · Software	0.00	37.60	50.00
65042 · Bank Fees	20.00	42.94	35.00
65043 · Credit Card Fees	0.00	21.17	0.00
65050 · Telephone & Internet	2,000.00	2,332.32	2,500.00
Total 65000 · Operations	23,620.00	23,394.63	24,585.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses			
65160 · Other Costs	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Total Expense	35,140.00	33,515.45	36,485.00
Net Income	246.00	(3,243.94)	(3,008.00)

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Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
MONUMENT PRESERVATION FUND			
Income			
43400 · Direct Public Support			
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
47200 · Program Income			
47230 · Per Capita Dues	12,000.00	12,052.50	12,000.00
47240 · Life Membership	752.00	0.00	390.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	12,752.00	12,052.50	12,390.00
Total Income	12,752.00	12,052.50	12,390.00
Expense			
65000 · Operations			
65060 · Bank Fees	10.00	24.00	25.00
Total 65000 · Operations	10.00	24.00	25.00
65100 · Program Expenses			
65102 · Grants	15,000.00	5,323.00	15,000.00
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	15,000.00	5,323.00	15,000.00
Total Expense	15,010.00	5,347.00	15,025.00
Net Income	(2,258.00)	6,705.50	(2,635.00)

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Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
SR. VICE COMMANDER -IN-CHIEF FUND			
Income			
43400 · Direct Public Support			
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	0.00	0.00	0.00
45000 · Investments			
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 45000 · Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00
47200 · Program Income			
47225 · Registration Fee New Members	1,250.00	1,347.50	1,250.00
47250 · Fund Reserve	4,900.00	4,433.50	6,400.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	6,150.00	5,781.00	7,650.00
Total Income	6,150.00	5,781.00	7,650.00
Expense			
65000 · Operations			
65010 · Advertising	5,500.00	4,200.00	5,500.00
65030 · Printing and Copying	0.00	1,271.00	1,500.00
Total 65000 · Operations	5,500.00	5,471.00	7,000.00
65200 · Program Expenses			
65202 · Memorial University	150.00	0.00	150.00
National Genealogical Conference	500.00	310.00	500.00
Total 65200 · Program Expenses	650.00	310.00	650.00
Total Expense	6,150.00	5,781.00	7,650.00
Net Income	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
GAR FUND			
Income			
43400 · Direct Public Support			
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	100.00	0.00	0.00
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	100.00	0.00	0.00
45000 · Investments			
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	25.00	14.01	15.00
45040 · Dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest	2,500.00	2,308.27	2,250.00
Total 45000 · Investments	2,525.00	2,322.28	2,265.00
47200 · Program Income			
47201 · Natl. Patriotic Ins. Appeal	50.00	0.00	50.00
47203 · Challenge Coins	250.00	684.00	250.00
47230 · Registration Fees - New Members	1,250.00	1,347.50	1,250.00
47240 · Program Service Fees - Hyde Beq	2,500.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	4,050.00	2,031.50	6,550.00
47800 · Other Income & Transfers			
47805 · Transfer from General Fund	2,000.00	0.00	4,500.00
Total 47800 · Other Income & Transfers	2,000.00	0.00	4,500.00
Total Income	8,675.00	4,353.78	13,315.00
Expense			
62000 · Administrative Expenses			
62011 · Bank Charges	10.00	24.00	25.00
Total 62000 · Administrative Expenses	10.00	24.00	25.00
65100 · Program Expenses			
65101 · Lincoln Memorial	125.00	90.95	125.00
65102 · Lincoln Tomb	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
65103 · Scholarship	2,500.00	0.00	5,000.00
65103A · Schlarship - Hyde Bequest	2,500.00	0.00	5,000.00
65104 · Remembrance Day	2,750.00	1,975.53	2,500.00
65104A · Wreath Woolson Monument	0.00	0.00	0.00
65104B · Equipmental Rental	0.00	225.00	225.00
65104C · Printing	0.00	0.00	150.00
65105 · Cathedral of the Pines	100.00	100.00	100.00
65106 · Tomb of the Unknown	200.00	173.90	200.00
65108 · Grants Tomb	175.00	0.00	175.00
Andersonville Wreath	125.00	0.00	0.00
65110 · GAR Campfire	500.00	500.00	500.00
65111 · Challenge Coins	0.00	0.00	0.00
65113 · Memorial Day Arlington	200.00	0.00	200.00
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	10,675.00	3,065.38	15,675.00
Total Expense	10,685.00	3,089.38	15,700.00
Net Income	(2,010.00)	1,264.40	(2,385.00)

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Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
PERMANENT FUND			
Income			
43400 · Donations			
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	100.00	0.00	0.00
Total 43400 · Donations	100.00	0.00	0.00
45000 · Investments			
45020 · Dividends	4,000.00	831.72	750.00
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	200.00	180.96	175.00
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest.	0.00	1,819.91	0.00
Total 45000 · Investments	4,200.00	2,832.59	925.00
46400 · Other Types of Income			
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	10.00	0.00	0.00
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	10.00	0.00	0.00
47200 · Program Income			
47205 · Honor Roll	100.00	250.00	100.00
47225 · NMAL New Member Fees	10.00	0.00	10.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	110.00	250.00	110.00
Total Income	4,420.00	3,082.59	1,035.00
Expense			
65100 · Program Expenses			
65101 · Life Member Reimbursements	1,004.00	458.00	986.00
65101A · Life Member Reimburse. Prog 2	0.00	0.00	0.00
9065102 · Life Member Per Capita(193)	4,508.00	0.00	0.00
65120 · Miscellaneous	75.00	0.00	49.00
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	5,587.00	458.00	1,035.00
Total Expense	5,587.00	458.00	1,035.00
Net Income	(1,167.00)	2,624.59	0.00

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Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
LINCOLN TOMB OBSERVATION FUND			
Income			
43400 · Direct Public Support			
43420 · MOLLUS Contribution	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
43430 · SUVCW Cont. from GAR Fund	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
47200 · Program Income			
47212 · Luncheon	1,500.00	1,363.00	1,500.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	1,500.00	1,363.00	1,500.00
Total Income	4,100.00	1,363.00	4,100.00
Expense			
65000 · Operations			
65005 · Bank Fees	10.00	24.00	25.00
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	300.00	0.00	200.00
Total 65000 · Operations	310.00	24.00	225.00
65100 · Program Expenses			
65112 · Luncheon	1,500.00	1,332.16	1,500.00
65114 · Speaker/Entertainment - Luncheon	250.00	250.00	250.00
65115 · Equipment Rental	400.00	383.88	400.00
65117 · Printing	0.00		100.00
65118 · Misc. Expense	100.00	123.00	150.00
65119 · Wreath	0.00	170.75	175.00
65121 · Musicians/ Lincoln Tomb	750.00	700.00	750.00
65122 · Bus Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00
65123 · Programs	500.00	182.50	350.00
65124 · Photographs	125.00	0.00	350.00
65127 · Umbrella Tent	350.00	0.00	0.00
65128 · travel	0.00	37.14	75.00
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	3,975.00	3,179.43	4,100.00
Total Expense	4,285.00	3,203.43	4,325.00
Net Income	(185.00)	(1,840.43)	(225.00)

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Budget

Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
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CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND

Net Income 0

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Budget

	Budget 15-16	Actual	Budget 16-17
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND			
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
45000 · Investments			
45020 · Dividend Income	500.00	184.48	200.00
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	0.00	0.00	0.00
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest	0.00	(95.62)	0.00
Total 45000 · Investments	500.00	88.86	200.00
46400 · Other Types of Income			
46440 · Reserve Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
47200 · Program Income			
47230 · Membership Dues	0.00		
47240 · Life Member Fees	4,000.00	7,110.00	5,000.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	4,000.00	7,110.00	5,000.00
Total Income	4,500.00	7,198.86	5,200.00
Expense			
65100 · Program Expenses			
65101 · Life Member Per Capita (195)	4,140.00	0.00	4,485.00
65101A · Life member Reimbursement New	0.00	0.00	0.00
65103 · Life Member Cards	10.00	0.00	10.00
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	4,150.00	0.00	4,495.00
Total Expense	4,150.00	0.00	4,495.00
Net Income	350.00	7,198.86	705.00
Gross Income	246,174.00	216,142.10	233,537.00
Gross Expenses	217,444.00	150,063.63	236,015.00
Net Income	28,730.00	66,078.47	(2,478.00)

* There are no funds available in the Permanent Fund to transfer to the General Fund, Headquarters Fund or Preservation Fund to cover the per capita for life members with a Life Member number less than 500. All funds generated are required to cover the liability for reimbursement to the camps and other Permanent Fund expenses.

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	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Income										
Donations										
Individual, Business Contributions	359.17									359.17
MOLLUS										-
NMAL Donation	500.00									500.00
Fundraising - Challenge Coins	87.50						684.00			771.50
SUVCW cont. from GAR Fund										-
Fundraising - T-Shirts	753.86									753.86
Total Donations	1,700.53	-	-	-	-	-	684.00	-	-	2,384.53
Investments										
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	169.90			180.96	2.76		14.01			366.63
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	(13,699.16)			1,819.91	(2,628.10)		2,308.27		(95.62)	(12,294.72)
Dividend Income/Mutual Funds	15,957.97			831.72	2,790.80				184.48	19,704.17
Total Investments	2,427.09	-	-	2,832.59	105.28	-	2,322.28	-	88.86	7,776.08
Sales										
QM Sales	43,244.16									43,244.16
QM Shipping & handling	4,176.20									4,176.20
Miscellaneous Revenue	227.55									227.55
Total Quartermaster Sales	47,647.91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,647.91
ROTC Program Sales										
ROTC - Sales	836.00									836.00
ROTC - Shipping & Handling	1,643.00									1,643.00
Total ROTC Program Sales	2,479.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,479.00
Program Income										
Banner Subscriptions	48.00									48.00
National Encampment Reg. Fees	2,460.00									2,460.00
Per Capita Dues	96,508.50		12,052.50		30,166.25					138,727.25
Life Membership Fees									7,110.00	7,110.00
Life Member Cards										-
Honor Roll				250.00						250.00
New Member Fees		1,347.50					1,347.50			2,695.00
Charter Application Fees	200.00									200.00
Lincoln Tomb Luncheon						1,363.00				1,363.00
Miscellaneous	556.83									556.83
Reinstatement Fees	490.00									490.00
Web Site Income										-
Total Program Income	100,263.33	1,347.50	12,052.50	250.00	30,166.25	1,363.00	1,347.50	-	7,110.00	153,900.08
Total Income	154,517.86	1,347.50	12,052.50	3,082.59	30,271.51	1,363.00	4,353.78	-	7,198.86	214,187.60
Cost of Goods Sold										
Cost of Goods Sold										
Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales										
Cost Of Sales - QM sales	26,733.78									26,733.78
QM Shipping & Handling	3,048.29									3,048.29
Paypal Fees	743.27									743.27
Cash Shortage and Overage	(266.80)									(266.80)

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	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	30,258.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,258.54
Cost of Sales - ROTC Program										
ROTC Medals	3,613.21									3,613.21
Shipping & Handling	1,830.25									1,830.25
PayPal Fees	30.98									30.98
Shipping Supplies	785.45									785.45
Total Cost of ROTC Program	6,259.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,259.89
Total COGS	36,518.43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,518.43
Gross Profit	117,999.43	1,347.50	12,052.50	3,082.59	30,271.51	1,363.00	4,353.78	-	7,198.86	177,669.17
Expense										
Bad Debt Expense	20.00									20.00
Administrative Expenses										
CinC expenses	12,000.00									12,000.00
Nat. Sec. Expenses	2,752.34									2,752.34
Nat. Treasurer Exp.	3,000.92									3,000.92
Nat. QM Expenses	3,000.00									3,000.00
CinC Repre. Expenses	5,286.67									5,286.67
Executive Director					19,550.00					19,550.00
Jr. Vice Expenses	255.30									255.30
Banner Editor Expenses	2,319.88									2,319.88
Bank Charges	24.00	18.00	24.00		42.94	24.00	24.00			156.94
Credit Card Fees	15.00				21.17					36.17
Misc. Expenses										-
Total Administrative Expenses	28,654.11	18.00	24.00	-	19,614.11	24.00	24.00	-	-	48,358.22
Contract Services										
Accounting Fees	6,023.79									6,023.79
Audit Fees	7,125.97									7,125.97
Total Contract Services	13,149.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,149.76
Facilities and Equipment										
Rent					9,270.00					9,270.00
Depr and Amort - Allowable	2,143.21				850.82					2,994.03
Total Facilities and Equipment	2,143.21	-	-	-	10,120.82	-	-	-	-	12,264.03
Insurance										
Liability Insurance	3,878.74									3,878.74
Directors & Officers	-									-
Total Insurance	3,878.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,878.74
Operations										
Advertising										
Office Expenses	1,237.88	4,200.00								4,200.00
Software	35.30				37.90					73.20
Proceedings Transcription	1,232.00									1,232.00
Proceedings Printing	245.40									245.40
Computer & Printers										-
Dies										-
Miscellaneous										-

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	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Past CinC Jewel										-
Postage	31.97				959.89					991.86
Printing & Photocopying	198.89	1,271.00								1,469.89
Quartermaster Supplies	178.22									178.22
Supplies					450.71					450.71
Telephone/Internet Service					2,332.32					2,332.32
Web Hosting	344.73									344.73
Total Operations	3,504.39	5,471.00	-	-	3,780.82	-	-	-	-	12,756.21
Program Expenses										
National Encamp. Host Comm.	107.74									107.74
Awards	361.09									361.09
National Encamp. Site Committee	1,145.07									1,145.07
Scholarships										-
Grants			5,323.00							5,323.00
Life Member Reimbursements				458.00						458.00
Life Member Per Capita							225.00			225.00
Equipment Rental						37.14				37.14
Travel & Meetings							90.95			90.95
Lincoln Memorial						3,142.29				3,142.29
Lincoln Tomb							1,975.53			2,001.53
Remembrance Day	26.00						100.00			100.00
Cathedral of the Pines								173.90		173.90
Grants Tomb										-
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier										-
GAR Campfire										-
Lincoln Birthday Committee										-
Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins	278.77									278.77
Natl Encamp. Photographer	1,520.00									1,520.00
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	138.72									138.72
National Encamp. Printing	1,001.32									1,001.32
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	112.17									112.17
Special Projects	3,500.00									3,500.00
Genealogical Conference	310.00									310.00
Donation to GAR Fund										-
Banner	32,190.05									32,190.05
Total Program Expenses	40,690.93	0.00	5,323.00	458.00	0.00	3,179.43	2,565.38	0.00	0.00	52,216.74
Total Expense	92,041.14	5,489.00	5,347.00	458.00	33,515.75	3,203.43	2,589.38	0.00	0.00	142,643.70
Net Income	25,958.29	(4,141.50)	6,705.50	2,624.59	(3,244.24)	(1,840.43)	1,764.40	0.00	7,198.86	35,025.47

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	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
43400 · Donations				
43410 · NMAL Donation	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	359.17	500.00	-140.83	71.8%
43460 · Fundraising Donations - Coins	87.50	1,250.00	-1,162.50	7.0%
43461 · Fundraising - T-Shirts	753.86	1,000.00	-246.14	75.4%
Total 43400 · Donations	1,700.53	3,250.00	-1,549.47	52.3%
45000 · Investments				
45020 · Dividend Income	15,957.37	10,000.00	5,957.37	159.6%
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	168.90	100.00	68.90	168.9%
45040 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investm	-13,699.18	0.00	-13,699.18	100.0%
Total 45000 · Investments	2,427.09	10,100.00	-7,672.91	24.0%
46400 · Sales				
45405 · QM Sales	43,244.16	40,000.00	3,244.16	108.1%
46420 · QM Shipping & handling	4,176.20	7,500.00	-3,323.80	55.7%
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	227.55	100.00	127.55	227.6%
Total 46400 · Sales	47,647.91	47,600.00	47.91	100.1%
46500 · ROTC Program Sales				
46515 · ROTC - Sales	836.00	0.00	836.00	100.0%
46520 · Shipping & Handling	1,643.00	0.00	1,643.00	100.0%
Total 46500 · ROTC Program Sales	2,479.00	0.00	2,479.00	100.0%
47200 · Program Income				
47205 · Miscellaneous Revenue	556.83	100.00	456.83	556.8%
47210 · Banner Subscriptions	48.00	100.00	-52.00	48.0%
47220 · National Encampment Reg. Fees	2,460.00	2,000.00	460.00	123.0%
47225 · New Camp & Dept Appl. Fees	200.00	250.00	-50.00	80.0%
47230 · Per Capita Dues	96,508.50	100,000.00	-3,491.50	96.5%
47231 · Reinstatement Fee	490.00	600.00	-110.00	81.7%
47240 · Life Membership Per Capita	0.00	6,016.00	-6,016.00	0.0%
47250 · Web Site income	0.00	175.00	-175.00	0.0%
Total 47200 · Program Income	100,263.33	109,241.00	-8,977.67	91.8%
Total Income	154,517.86	170,191.00	-15,673.14	90.8%
Cost of Goods Sold				
50700 · Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales				
50701 · Cost Of Sales - QM sales	26,733.78	32,500.00	-5,766.22	82.3%
50702 · QM Shipping & Handling	3,048.29	6,000.00	-2,951.71	50.8%
50703 · Paypal Fees	743.27	900.00	-156.73	82.6%
50704 · Cash Shortage and Overage	-266.80	-500.00	233.20	53.4%
Total 50700 · Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	30,258.54	38,900.00	-8,641.46	77.8%
50750 · Cost of Sales - ROTC Program				
50752 · ROTC Medals	3,613.21	0.00	3,613.21	100.0%

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50753 · ROTC - Shipping & Handling	1,830.25	0.00	1,830.25	100.0%
50754 · ROTC - PayPal Fees	30.98	0.00	30.98	100.0%
50755 · ROTC - Shipping Supplies	785.45	0.00	785.45	100.0%
Total 50750 · Cost of Sales - ROTC Program	6,259.89	0.00	6,259.89	100.0%
Total COGS	36,518.43	38,900.00	-2,381.57	93.9%
Gross Profit	117,999.43	131,291.00	-13,291.57	89.9%
Expense				
60900 · Business Expenses	20.00	100.00	-80.00	20.0%
60910 · Bad Debts				
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	20.00	100.00	-80.00	20.0%
62000 · Administrative Expenses	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	100.0%
62001 · CinC expenses	2,752.34	3,000.00	-247.66	91.7%
62002 · Nat. Sec. Expenses	3,000.92	3,000.00	0.92	100.0%
62003 · Nat. Treasurer Exp.	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%
62004 · Nat. QM Expenses	5,286.67	5,000.00	286.67	105.7%
62005 · CinC Repre. Expenses	255.30	600.00	-344.70	42.6%
62009 · Jr. Vice Expenses	2,319.88	1,750.00	569.88	132.6%
62010 · Banner Editor Expenses	24.00	150.00	-126.00	16.0%
62011 · Bank Charges	15.00	100.00	-85.00	15.0%
62011A · Credit Card Fees	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
62040 · Misc. Expenses				
Total 62000 · Administrative Expenses	28,654.11	28,850.00	-195.89	99.3%
62100 · Contract Services	6,023.79	5,000.00	1,023.79	120.5%
62110 · Accounting Fees	7,125.97	8,000.00	-874.03	89.1%
62111 · Audit Fees	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
62115 · 501(c)3 Conversion	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.0%
62115A · Bureau Charitable Organization				
Total 62100 · Contract Services	13,149.76	25,500.00	-12,350.24	51.6%
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	2,143.21	2,200.00	-56.79	97.4%
62810 · Depr and Amort - Allowable				
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	2,143.21	2,200.00	-56.79	97.4%
64000 · Insurance	3,878.74	4,250.00	-371.26	91.3%
64001 · Insurance - Liability				
Total 64000 · Insurance	3,878.74	4,250.00	-371.26	91.3%
65000 · Operations	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0.0%
65010 · Past CinC Jewel	1,237.88	1,000.00	237.88	123.8%
65020 · Office Expenses	35.30	0.00	35.30	100.0%
65023 · Software	1,232.00	1,500.00	-268.00	82.1%
65024 · Proceedings Transcription	245.40	300.00	-54.60	81.8%
65024A · Proceedings Printing				

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	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
65025 · Printing	198.89	500.00	-301.11	39.8%
65026 · Computer & Printers	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
65035 · Quartermaster Supplies	178.22	0.00	178.22	100.0%
65040 · Postage	31.97	800.00	-768.03	4.0%
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
65060 · Web Hosting	344.73	500.00	-155.27	68.9%
65060A · Web Site	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
65061 · Miscellaenous Expense	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
65062 · Contingency	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
Total 65000 · Operations	3,504.39	15,800.00	-12,295.61	22.2%
65100 · Program Expenses				
65101 · National Encamp. Host Comm.	107.74	1,000.00	-892.26	10.8%
65102 · Awards	361.09	500.00	-138.91	72.2%
65104 · Natl. Encamp. Site Comm.	1,145.07	500.00	645.07	229.0%
65105 · Natl. Photographer	1,520.00	600.00	920.00	253.3%
65105A · Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	138.72	150.00	-11.28	92.5%
65105B · National Encamp. Printing	1,001.32	1,500.00	-498.68	66.8%
65105E · Past Proceedings - digitize	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
65106 · Sons Of Confederates Rep.	112.17	300.00	-187.83	37.4%
65107 · Misc. Committee Expenses	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
65108 · Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
65110 · Grave Registrations	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.0%
65111 · Banner	32,190.05	40,000.00	-7,809.95	80.5%
65112 · Fundraising - Challenge Coins	278.77	800.00	-521.23	34.8%
65114 · Remembrance Day Expenses	26.00	0.00	26.00	100.0%
65115 · Genealogical Conference	310.00	0.00	310.00	100.0%
65160 · Special Projects	3,500.00	5,000.00	-1,500.00	70.0%
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	40,690.93	57,800.00	-17,109.07	70.4%
70000 · Interfund Transfers				
70001 · Transfer From (to) GAR Fund	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
70003 · Reserve Funds	0.00	-63.00	63.00	0.0%
Total 70000 · Interfund Transfers	0.00	1,937.00	-1,937.00	0.0%
Total Expense	92,041.14	136,437.00	-44,395.86	67.5%
Net Income	25,958.29	-5,146.00	31,104.29	-504.4%

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund
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	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
47200 · Program Income				
47225 · Registration Fee New Members	1,347.50	1,250.00	97.50	107.8%
47250 · Fund Reserve	0.00	4,900.00	-4,900.00	0.0%
Total 47200 · Program Income	1,347.50	6,150.00	-4,802.50	21.9%
Total Income	1,347.50	6,150.00	-4,802.50	21.9%
Expense				
65000 · Operations				
65010 · Advertising	4,200.00	5,500.00	-1,300.00	76.4%
65030 · Printing and Copying	1,271.00			
65060 · Bank Fees	18.00	0.00	18.00	100.0%
Total 65000 · Operations	5,489.00	5,500.00	-11.00	99.8%
65200 · Program Expenses				
65202 · Memorial University	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
65204 · National Genealogical Conferenc	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total 65200 · Program Expenses	0.00	650.00	-650.00	0.0%
Total Expense	5,489.00	6,150.00	-661.00	89.3%
Net Income	-4,141.50	0.00	-4,141.50	100.0%

Preservation Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
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	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
47200 · Program Income	12,052.50	12,000.00	52.50	100.4%
47230 · Per Capita Dues	0.00	752.00	-752.00	0.0%
47240 · Life Membership				
Total 47200 · Program Income	12,052.50	12,752.00	-699.50	94.5%
Total Income	12,052.50	12,752.00	-699.50	94.5%
Expense				
65000 · Operations	24.00	10.00	14.00	240.0%
65060 · Bank Fees				
Total 65000 · Operations	24.00	10.00	14.00	240.0%
65100 · Program Expenses	5,323.00	15,000.00	-9,677.00	35.5%
65102 · Grants				
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	5,323.00	15,000.00	-9,677.00	35.5%
Total Expense	5,347.00	15,010.00	-9,663.00	35.6%
Net Income	6,705.50	-2,258.00	8,963.50	-297.0%

Permanent Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
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	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
43400 · Donations	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions				
Total 43400 · Donations	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
45000 · Investments				
45020 · Dividends	831.72	4,000.00	-3,168.28	20.8%
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	180.96	200.00	-19.04	90.5%
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest.	1,819.91	0.00	1,819.91	100.0%
Total 45000 · Investments	2,832.59	4,200.00	-1,367.41	67.4%
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
47200 · Program Income				
47205 · Honor Roll	250.00	100.00	150.00	250.0%
47225 · NMAL New Member Fees	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
Total 47200 · Program Income	250.00	110.00	140.00	227.3%
Total Income	3,082.59	4,420.00	-1,337.41	69.7%
Expense				
65100 · Program Expenses				
65101 · Life Member Reimbursements	458.00	1,004.00	-546.00	45.6%
65102 · Life Member Per Capita	0.00	4,508.00	-4,508.00	0.0%
65120 · Miscellaneous	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	458.00	5,587.00	-5,129.00	8.2%
Total Expense	458.00	5,587.00	-5,129.00	8.2%
Net Income	2,624.59	-1,167.00	3,791.59	-224.9%

National Headquarters Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
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	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
45000 · Investments				
45020 · Dividend Income	2,730.60	3,500.00	-769.40	78.0%
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2.76	6.00	-3.24	46.0%
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest	-2,628.10	0.00	-2,628.10	100.0%
Total 45000 · Investments	105.26	3,506.00	-3,400.74	3.0%
47200 · Program Income				
47230 · Per Capita Due	30,166.25	30,000.00	166.25	100.6%
47240 · Life Membership Per Capita	0.00	1,880.00	-1,880.00	0.0%
Total 47200 · Program Income	30,166.25	31,880.00	-1,713.75	94.6%
Total Income	30,271.51	35,386.00	-5,114.49	85.5%
Expense				
62800 · Facilities and Equipment				
62805 · Rent	9,270.00	9,270.00	0.00	100.0%
62810 · Depreciation	850.82	750.00	100.82	113.4%
62840 · Furniture & Equip	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	10,120.82	10,520.00	-399.18	96.2%
65000 · Operations				
65001 · Executive Director	19,550.00	19,000.00	550.00	102.9%
65002 · Executive Director Expenses	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	959.89	1,000.00	-40.11	96.0%
65040 · Supplies	450.71	400.00	50.71	112.7%
65041 · Software	37.90	0.00	37.90	100.0%
65042 · Bank Fees	42.94	20.00	22.94	214.7%
65043 · Credit Card Fees	21.17	0.00	21.17	100.0%
65050 · Telephone & Internet	2,332.32	2,000.00	332.32	116.6%
Total 65000 · Operations	23,394.93	23,620.00	-225.07	99.0%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses				
65160 · Other Costs	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	33,515.75	35,140.00	-1,624.25	95.4%
Net Income	-3,244.24	246.00	-3,490.24	-1,318.8%

Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun '16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
43400 · Direct Public Support	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00	0.0%
43420 · MOLLUS Contribution	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
43430 · SUV/CW Cont. from GAR Fund				
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	0.00	2,600.00	-2,600.00	0.0%
47200 · Program Income	1,363.00	1,500.00	-137.00	90.9%
47212 · Luncheon				
Total 47200 · Program Income	1,363.00	1,500.00	-137.00	90.9%
Total Income	1,363.00	4,100.00	-2,737.00	33.2%
Expense				
65000 · Operations	24.00	10.00	14.00	240.0%
65005 · Bank Fees	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service				
Total 65000 · Operations	24.00	310.00	-286.00	7.7%
65100 · Program Expenses				
65112 · Luncheon	1,332.16	1,500.00	-167.84	88.8%
65114 · Speaker/Entertainment - Luncheon	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.0%
65115 · Equipment Rental	383.88	400.00	-16.12	96.0%
65118 · Misc. Expense	123.00	100.00	23.00	123.0%
65119 · Wreath	170.75	0.00	170.75	100.0%
65121 · Musicians/ Lincoln Tomb	700.00	750.00	-50.00	93.3%
65123 · Programs	182.50	500.00	-317.50	36.5%
65124 · Photographs	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
65127 · Umbrella Tent	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
65128 · Travel	37.14	0.00	37.14	100.0%
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	3,179.43	3,975.00	-795.57	80.0%
Total Expense	3,203.43	4,285.00	-1,081.57	74.8%
Net Income	-1,840.43	-185.00	-1,655.43	994.8%

G.A. R. Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
43400 · Direct Public Support	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
45000 · Investments				
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	14.01	25.00	-10.99	56.0%
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest	2,308.27	2,500.00	-191.73	92.3%
Total 45000 · Investments	2,322.28	2,525.00	-202.72	92.0%
47200 · Program Income				
47201 · Natl. Patriotic Ins. Appeal	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
47203 · Challenge Coins	684.00	250.00	434.00	273.6%
47230 · Registration Fees - New Members	1,347.50	1,250.00	97.50	107.8%
47240 · Program Service Fees - Hyde Beq	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
Total 47200 · Program Income	2,031.50	4,050.00	-2,018.50	50.2%
47800 · Other Income & Transfers				
47805 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total 47800 · Other Income & Transfers	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	4,353.78	8,675.00	-4,321.22	50.2%
Expense				
62000 · Administrative Expenses	24.00	10.00	14.00	240.0%
62011 · Bank Charges	24.00	10.00	14.00	240.0%
Total 62000 · Administrative Expenses	24.00	10.00	14.00	240.0%
65100 · Program Expenses				
65101 · Lincoln Memorial	90.95	125.00	-34.05	72.8%
65102 · Lincoln Tomb	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
65103 · Scholarship	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
65103A · Scholarship - Hyde Bequest	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
65104 · Remembrance Day	1,975.53	2,750.00	-774.47	71.8%
65104A · Wreath Woolson's Monument	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
65104B · Equipment Rental	225.00	0.00	225.00	100.0%
65104C · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
65105 · Cathedral of the Pines	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
65106 · Tomb of the Unknown	173.90	200.00	-26.10	87.0%
65108 · Grants Tomb	0.00	175.00	-175.00	0.0%
65110 · GAR Campfire	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
65113 · Memorial Day Arlington	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
65114 · Andersonville Wreath	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.0%
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	2,565.38	10,675.00	-8,109.62	24.0%
Total Expense	2,589.38	10,685.00	-8,095.62	24.2%

G.A. R. Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Net Income	1,764.40	-2,010.00	3,774.40	-87.8%

Civil War Heritage Defense Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2015 through June 2016

	<u>Jul '15 - Jun 16</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Net Income	0.00			

Life Membership Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
45000 · Investments	184.48	500.00	-315.52	36.9%
45020 · Dividend Income	-95.62	0.00	-95.62	100.0%
45050 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Invest				
Total 45000 · Investments	88.86	500.00	-411.14	17.8%
47200 · Program Income				
47240 · Life Member Fees	7,110.00	4,000.00	3,110.00	177.8%
Total 47200 · Program Income	7,110.00	4,000.00	3,110.00	177.8%
Total Income	7,198.86	4,500.00	2,698.86	160.0%
Expense				
65100 · Program Expenses				
65101 · Life Member Per Capita	0.00	4,140.00	-4,140.00	0.0%
65103 · Life Member Cards	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
Total 65100 · Program Expenses	0.00	4,150.00	-4,150.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	4,150.00	-4,150.00	0.0%
Net Ordinary Income	7,198.86	350.00	6,848.86	2,056.8%
Net Income	7,198.86	350.00	6,848.86	2,056.8%

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT JUNE 30, 2016

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS										
Current Assets										
Checking/Savings										
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 340,807.02	\$ 19,732.00	\$ 24,663.33	\$ 27,094.22	\$ 8,384.65	\$ 7,534.98	\$ 8,001.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 436,217.43
Accounts Receivable	\$ 11.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.75
Other Current Assets										
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 8,076.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,030.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,106.66
Inventory	\$ 29,406.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,406.09
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 37,482.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,030.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,512.75
Total Current Assets	\$ 378,301.52	\$ 19,732.00	\$ 24,663.33	\$ 27,094.22	\$ 22,414.65	\$ 7,534.98	\$ 8,001.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 487,741.93
Fixed Assets										
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 23,053.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,097.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,150.78
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (19,079.97)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (12,085.29)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (31,165.26)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 3,973.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,011.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,985.52
Other Assets										
Other Assets										
Marketable Securities	\$ 200,496.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,851.97	\$ 32,113.31	\$ -	\$ 131,072.47	\$ -	\$ 4,620.65	\$ 517,155.25
Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,040.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,040.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.51	\$ 13,789.81	\$ -	\$ 144,140.32
Total Other Assets	\$ 307,996.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 201,891.97	\$ 32,113.31	\$ -	\$ 135,922.98	\$ 13,789.81	\$ 4,620.65	\$ 695,335.57
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 690,271.96	\$ 19,732.00	\$ 24,663.33	\$ 228,986.19	\$ 56,539.89	\$ 7,534.98	\$ 143,974.21	\$ 13,789.81	\$ 4,620.65	\$ 1,190,063.02
LIABILITIES & EQUITY										
Liabilities										
Current Liabilities										
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,665.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,677.99
Other Current Liabilities	\$ 7,144.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,144.70
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Funds	\$ 42,204.11	\$ 12,087.70	\$ (16,049.00)	\$ (26.00)	\$ (27,652.91)	\$ 3,070.41	\$ (2,452.30)	\$ 746.75	\$ (11,928.76)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 81,379.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 10,008.00	\$ -	\$ 25,020.00	\$ -	\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117,067.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 130,727.81	\$ 12,417.70	\$ (6,041.00)	\$ (26.00)	\$ (2,632.91)	\$ 3,070.41	\$ (2,122.30)	\$ 746.75	\$ (11,928.76)	\$ 124,211.70
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 133,393.59	\$ 12,417.70	\$ (6,041.00)	\$ (26.00)	\$ (2,620.70)	\$ 3,070.41	\$ (2,122.30)	\$ 746.75	\$ (11,928.76)	\$ 126,889.69
Total Liabilities	\$ 133,393.59	\$ 12,417.70	\$ (6,041.00)	\$ (26.00)	\$ (2,620.70)	\$ 3,070.41	\$ (2,122.30)	\$ 746.75	\$ (11,928.76)	\$ 126,889.69
Equity										
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 530,920.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530,920.08

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT JUNE 30, 2016

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Membership Designated	\$ -	\$ 11,455.80	\$ 23,998.83	\$ -	\$ 9,771.00	\$ 6,305.00	\$ 8,217.00	\$ 13,043.06	\$ 4,225.00	\$ 285,578.09
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,753.60	\$ 52,633.83	\$ -	\$ 136,065.11	\$ -	\$ 5,125.55	\$ -
Permanently Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,634.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Income	\$ 25,958.29	\$ (4,141.50)	\$ 6,705.50	\$ 2,624.59	\$ (3,244.24)	\$ (1,840.43)	\$ 1,764.40	\$ -	\$ 7,198.86	\$ 35,025.47
Total Equity	\$ 556,878.37	\$ 7,314.30	\$ 30,704.33	\$ 229,012.19	\$ 59,160.59	\$ 4,464.57	\$ 146,046.51	\$ 13,043.06	\$ 16,549.41	\$ 1,063,173.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 690,271.96	\$ 19,732.00	\$ 24,663.33	\$ 228,986.19	\$ 56,539.89	\$ 7,534.98	\$ 143,974.21	\$ 13,789.81	\$ 4,620.65	\$ 1,190,063.02

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2016

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Accrual Basis

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	
1001 · Checking - Citizens - PA 4478	331,944.40
1001A · Checking CFCU - Paypal	3,259.57
1002A · Savings - CFCU - Paypal 2581	5.00
1003A · MM -First Merit 7286	5,593.93
1004 · PayPal	4.12
Total 1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>340,807.02</u>
Total Checking/Savings	340,807.02
Accounts Receivable	
2000 · Accounts Receivable	
2004 · Shipping	11.75
Total 2000 · Accounts Receivable	<u>11.75</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	11.75
Other Current Assets	
3500 · Prepaid Expenses	
3501 · Domain Names & Web Hosting	324.24
3503 · Quartermaster Postage	1,214.92
3504 · Fidelity Bond	710.00
3505 · National Encampment Expenses	1,500.00
3506 · Property & Liability Insurance	677.00
3512 · Past Commander-in-Chief Medals	2,665.00
3514 · ROTC Medals Postage	394.97
3515 · Prepaid Supplies - ROTC Program	590.53
Total 3500 · Prepaid Expenses	<u>8,076.66</u>
3600 · Inventory	25,045.81
3610 · Inventory - ROTC Medals	4,360.28
Total Other Current Assets	<u>37,482.75</u>
Total Current Assets	378,301.52
Fixed Assets	
15000 · Furniture and Equipment	23,053.56
15001 · Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	-19,079.97
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,973.59</u>
Other Assets	
18000 · Marketable Securities	
18001 · Lord Abbett Mutual Funds	200,496.85
Total 18000 · Marketable Securities	<u>200,496.85</u>
18600 · Other Assets	
18603 · Cd - First Merit 3475	42,500.00
18608 · CD 1000093786	65,000.00
Total 18600 · Other Assets	<u>107,500.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>307,996.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>690,271.96</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
25000 · Accounts Payable	2,665.78
Total Accounts Payable	<u>2,665.78</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
25100 · Accrued Expenses	
25010 · Sales Tax Payable	88.70

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Accrual Basis

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
25020 · Audit Fees	7,056.00
Total 25100 · Accrued Expenses	7,144.70
26000 · Due To Other Funds	
26001 · Due to (from) GAR Fund	2,452.30
26002 · Due To/From Natl Headquarters F	27,667.41
26003 · Due To/From Sr. Vice Fund	-12,087.70
26004 · Due to/From Civil War Heritage	-746.75
26005 · Due To/From Permanent Fund	26.00
26007 · Due to/From Preservation Fund	16,049.00
26008 · Due To/From Lincoln Tomb Observ	-3,070.41
26010 · Due to/From Life Membership Fun	11,914.26
Total 26000 · Due To Other Funds	42,204.11
26500 · Deferred Revenue	
26501 · Natl. Encampment Prereg.	1,060.00
26503 · Per Capita Tax	80,064.00
26504 · Banner Subscriptions	75.00
26505 · Reinstatement Fee	180.00
Total 26500 · Deferred Revenue	81,379.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	130,727.81
Total Current Liabilities	133,393.59
Total Liabilities	133,393.59
Equity	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	530,920.08
Net Income	25,958.29
Total Equity	556,878.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>690,271.96</u>

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1004 · First Commonwealth Cking 8787	19,732.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>19,732.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>19,732.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>19,732.00</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
26000 · Interfund & Other Transfers	
26002 · Due To/From General Fund	12,087.70
Total 26000 · Interfund & Other Transfers	<u>12,087.70</u>
26500 · Deferred Revenue	
26501 · New Member Fees	330.00
Total 26500 · Deferred Revenue	<u>330.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>12,417.70</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>12,417.70</u>
Total Liabilities	12,417.70
Equity	
31200 · Member Designated	11,455.80
Net Income	-4,141.50
Total Equity	<u>7,314.30</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>19,732.00</u>

Preservation Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	
1001 · Checking - Citizens PA 4664	24,663.33
Total 1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>24,663.33</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>24,663.33</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>24,663.33</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>24,663.33</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
26000 · Due To/From Other Funds	
26002 · Due To/From General Fund	-16,049.00
Total 26000 · Due To/From Other Funds	-16,049.00
26500 · Deferred Revenue	
26501 · Per Capita Tax	10,008.00
Total 26500 · Deferred Revenue	<u>10,008.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-6,041.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-6,041.00</u>
Total Liabilities	-6,041.00
Equity	
31200 · Member Designated	23,998.83
Net Income	6,705.50
Total Equity	<u>30,704.33</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>24,663.33</u>

Permanent Fund
Balance Sheet
 As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash and cash equivalents	
1001 · Checking - WESBANCO- 4604	27,094.22
Total 1000 · Cash and cash equivalents	<u>27,094.22</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>27,094.22</u>
Total Current Assets	27,094.22
Other Assets	
18000 · Marketable Securities	
18001 · Lord Abbett Mutual Fund	45,576.83
18002 · Pershing, LLC Brokerage Account	103,275.14
Total 18000 · Marketable Securities	<u>148,851.97</u>
18600 · Other Assets	
18601 · U. S. Savings Bonds	35,040.00
18643 · CD - ESB Bank 1600042539	18,000.00
Total 18600 · Other Assets	<u>53,040.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>201,891.97</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>228,986.19</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
26000 · Due To/From Other Funds	
26002 · Due To/From General Fund	-26.00
Total 26000 · Due To/From Other Funds	<u>-26.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-26.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-26.00</u>
Total Liabilities	-26.00
Equity	
31300 · Perm. Restricted Net Assets	134,634.00
31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	91,753.60
Net Income	2,624.59
Total Equity	<u>229,012.19</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>228,986.19</u>

National Headquarters Fund
Balance Sheet
 As of June 30, 2016

	Jun 30, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	
1001 · Allegheny Valley chk 11525	8,384.65
Total 1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	8,384.65
Total Checking/Savings	8,384.65
Other Current Assets	
3500 · Prepaid Expenses	
3501 · Rent	9,270.00
3502 · Prepaid Director Fees	4,760.00
Total 3500 · Prepaid Expenses	14,030.00
Total Other Current Assets	14,030.00
Total Current Assets	22,414.65
Fixed Assets	
15000 · Furniture and Equipment	14,097.22
15001 · Acc. Depr - Furniture & Equip.	-12,085.29
Total Fixed Assets	2,011.93
Other Assets	
18000 · Marketable Securities	
18003 · Lord Abbett	32,113.31
Total 18000 · Marketable Securities	32,113.31
Total Other Assets	32,113.31
TOTAL ASSETS	56,539.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
25200 · Line of Credit - Mastercard	12.21
26000 · Due To Other Funds	
26002 · Due To/From General Fund	-27,667.41
26004 · Due To/From Life Membership	14.50
Total 26000 · Due To Other Funds	-27,652.91
26500 · Deferred Revenue	
26501 · Per Capita Tax	25,020.00
Total 26500 · Deferred Revenue	25,020.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-2,620.70
Total Current Liabilities	-2,620.70
Total Liabilities	-2,620.70
Equity	
31200 · Membership Designated	9,771.00
31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	52,633.83
Net Income	-3,244.24
Total Equity	59,160.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	56,539.89

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Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1001 · Checking - Citizens - PA 4680	7,534.98
Total Checking/Savings	<u>7,534.98</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>7,534.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>7,534.98</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
26000 · Due To/From Other Funds	
26001 · Due To/From General Fund	3,070.41
Total 26000 · Due To/From Other Funds	<u>3,070.41</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>3,070.41</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,070.41</u>
Total Liabilities	3,070.41
Equity	
31200 · Membership Designated	6,305.00
Net Income	-1,840.43
Total Equity	<u>4,464.57</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>7,534.98</u>

G.A. R. Fund
Balance Sheet
 As of June 30, 2016

	Jun 30, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	
1001 · Citizens - PA 4648	8,001.23
Total 1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	8,001.23
Total Checking/Savings	8,001.23
Total Current Assets	8,001.23
Other Assets	
18000 · Marketable Securities	
18001 · Lord Abbett Mutual Fund	131,072.47
Total 18000 · Marketable Securities	131,072.47
18600 · Other Assets	
18604 · CD - ESB 7210	4,850.51
Total 18600 · Other Assets	4,850.51
Total Other Assets	135,922.98
TOTAL ASSETS	143,924.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
26000 · Due To Other Funds	
26001 · Due From (to) General Fund	-2,452.30
Total 26000 · Due To Other Funds	-2,452.30
26501 · Deferred Revenue - New Members	330.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-2,122.30
Total Current Liabilities	-2,122.30
Total Liabilities	-2,122.30
Equity	
31200 · Membership Designated	8,217.00
31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	136,065.11
Net Income	1,764.40
Total Equity	146,046.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	143,924.21

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Civil War Heritage Defense Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Other Assets	
18600 · Other Assets	
18601 · CD - ESB BANK 1600042526	13,789.81
Total 18600 · Other Assets	<u>13,789.81</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>13,789.81</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>13,789.81</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
26000 · Interfund and Other Transfers	
26002 · Due To/From General Fund	746.75
Total 26000 · Interfund and Other Transfers	<u>746.75</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>746.75</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>746.75</u>
Total Liabilities	746.75
Equity	
31200 · Membership Designated	13,043.06
Total Equity	<u>13,043.06</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>13,789.81</u></u>

Life Membership Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Other Assets	
18000 · Marketable Securities	
18001 · Lord Abbett Mutual Fund	4,620.65
Total 18000 · Marketable Securities	<u>4,620.65</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>4,620.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,620.65</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
26000 · Due To Other Funds	
26002 · Due To/From National Headquarte	-14.50
26010 · Due To From General Fund	-11,914.26
Total 26000 · Due To Other Funds	<u>-11,928.76</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-11,928.76</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-11,928.76</u>
Total Liabilities	-11,928.76
Equity	
31200 · Membership Designated	4,225.00
31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	5,125.55
Net Income	7,198.86
Total Equity	<u>16,549.41</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>4,620.65</u>

INTERCOMPANY RECONCILIATION
JUNE 30, 2016

Account	General	Sr. Vice	National Headquarters	GAR	Life Membership	Civil War Heritage	Lincoln Tomb	Permanent Preservation	Total
Due to/from General Fund		12,087.70	(27,667.41)	(2,452.30)	(11,914.26)	746.75	3,070.41	(16,049.00)	(42,204.11)
Due to/from Gar Fund	2,452.30								2,452.30
Due to/from National Headquarters Fund	27,667.41				(14.50)				27,652.91
Due to/from Sr. Vice Fund	(12,087.70)								(12,087.70)
Due to/from Civil War Heritage Fund	(746.75)								(746.75)
Due to/from Permanent Fund	26.00								26.00
Due to/from Preservation Fund	16,049.00								16,049.00
Due to/from Lincoln Tomb	(3,070.41)								(3,070.41)
Due to/From Life Membership Fund	11,914.26		14.50						11,928.76
Total	42,204.11	12,087.70	(27,652.91)	(2,452.30)	(11,928.76)	746.75	3,070.41	(16,049.00)	-

Appendix 2

General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of the Commander-in-Chief
70 Curtis Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316
August 22, 2015
GENERAL ORDER 01 (SERIES 2015-2016)**

Change of Command

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. At Richmond, Virginia, on August 22, 2015, the Delegates to the 134th Annual National Encampment elected me to the highest post in the SUVCW. I will do everything my knowledge and skills will allow to meet your expectations. I wish to thank the Department of the Chesapeake's Host Encampment Committee for planning and executing an excellent Encampment. The National Encampment Site Committee, under the direction of Brother Jim Crane also deserves kudos for a job well done.
2. Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby transferred to 70 Curtis Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316. All correspondence for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to that address. Email can be sent to mortorff@comcast.net . Mail and Email is my preferred communications method. Please refrain from telephone communications except in the case of urgent matters and then please use 717-619-7053.
3. The National Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's schedule. Requests for the Commander-in-Chief's attendance at Department Encampments and other events should be coordinated directly with National Chief of Staff Michael Paquette, PDC, 11901, Branchwater Street, redericksburg, Virginia 22407. Phone: 540-850-8090. paquettemichaela@aol.com.
4. Correspondence concerning membership, membership reporting, annual reports, or finances should be directed to Executive Director David W. Demmy, Sr. at SUVCW National Headquarters, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (National Civil War Museum), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411. Phone: 717-232-7000. execdir@suvcg.org.
5. Correspondence regarding the finances of the Order should be directed to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251. Phone: 412-931-1173.
6. All other correspondence to the Order should be directed to National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, PO Box 673, St. Francis, KS 67756-0673. Phone: 785-332-2118. secretary@suvchw.org

Ordered this 22nd day of August, 2015, in the City of Richmond, State of Virginia.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC /s/
National Secretary

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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August 30, 2015
GENERAL ORDER 02 - Allied Orders Leadership

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the duly elected National Presidents of the Allied Orders:

Cindy Zerkowski of the Woman's Relief Corps;
Carolyn Agosto of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic;
Sally Redinger of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
Linda Kronberg of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. I am looking forward to working closely with each of these competent leaders throughout the coming year.

3. Many hands make light work. A famous saying that sometimes is forgotten. We, as the Allied Orders, are many. Our sisters are ready, and eager, to help us in our work. We must be equally eager to help them in theirs. I charge every Camp and Department (where possible) to make positive contact with our Sisters to plan some joint event(s) that will further our shared missions. Once done, please publicize the results in the media and especially sending articles to "The Banner."

Ordered this 30th day of August, 2015, at the town of East Berlin, in Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC /s/
National Secretary

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER 03 - Last Real Sons

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. The Annual Report of the Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters to the 2015 National Encampment [Part 5.9, pp 53-54] noted that there are only six known living Real Sons and eight living Real Daughters. It is recognized that, given their advanced ages, the sad day is approaching when there will no longer be any Real Sons and Daughters with us. Therefore, it is essential that the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War, in cooperation with the other Allied Orders, plan to properly honor these Brothers and Sisters in their remaining time with us, and to honor them at their passing.

2. To meet this objective, and fulfill our obligation to honor these last remaining Real Sons and Daughters, each department in whose territory a Real Son or Daughter resides, will ensure the following actions are taken as soon as possible:

a. Engage with the local Camp to make and maintain positive and productive contact with each Real Son or Daughter and their families and to ensure the families are aware of our desire to honor their Real Son or Daughter as a living link to the Civil War.

b. Prepare a biographical sketch of each Real Son and Daughter, including a recent photo. The biographical sketch should also include details of their father's service and a photo, if possible, of him. Provide these to the National Webmaster for posting on the National Website. This should be complete no later than Remembrance Day.

c. Offer each Real Son and Daughter and their respective families, Allied Order representation at funeral services if they so desire. If so, then prepare a plan to provide a visible, dignified, and prominent ceremony in accord with their wishes. It is recommended to coordinate with the local SVR for assistance and participation, as well as local, county and state governments, Veterans' organizations, and re-enactor groups. Be prepared to execute the plan.

d. Upon a Real Son or Daughter's passing away, immediately notify the National Organization.

3. Our National Webmaster will create a web page dedicated to the Real Sons and Daughters and post biographical sketches received from Departments.

4. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters will, in coordination with the local Camps and Departments, draft a Press Release for each Real Son and Daughter to be issued at their passing. Each Press Release will include contact information for national and local media outlets. These Press Releases will be provided to the National Chief of Staff by Remembrance Day, November 2015.

5. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters will prepare a plan to honor the last surviving Real Son and Real Daughter. This plan will be briefed at the Springfield Council of Administration meeting in April 2016.

6. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, in coordination with the local Departments and Camps, will prepare a plan for the Order to render highly visible, dignified, and prominent honors at the passing of the last Real Son. The Committee will also prepare Press Releases as per Section 4. The Committee will brief this plan at the Springfield Council of Administration meeting in April 2016.

7. Proper prior planning is the key to success. Departments and Camps, which have the honor to have a living Real Son or Daughter, should take on this opportunity with enthusiasm and vigor.

Ordered this 14th day of September, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC /s/
National Secretary

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER 04 - Reinstatement of Department of Connecticut

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. General Order 24 (Series 2014-15) suspended the Department of Connecticut in accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 10, of our National Regulations. Having successfully met all requirements of that General Order, I hereby reinstate the Department of Connecticut effective August 23, 2015. All rights, privileges and responsibilities as members of the Sons of Union Veterans are restored.

Ordered this 16th day of September, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC /s/
National Secretary

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 05 Passing of James A. Getty

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. It is with great sadness that I am reporting the passing of James A. Getty, 80, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on September 26th in Gettysburg. Many of you knew Jim and witnessed his contributions to our organization, and many, many others over a long time.

2. Brother Getty was a long-time member of Gettysburg Camp 112 in the Department of Pennsylvania and Life Member 419. He received his Bachelors of Education Degree and Master of Music Degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. Jim's early career was in vocal performance and opera. From 1952 to 1956, he was in the United States Navy and served in the Korean War on the minesweeper USS SWIFT 122.

3. Jim's lengthy (40 years) career as an Abraham Lincoln portrayer was astonishing. We enjoyed his services at many of our events, including the Annual Remembrance Days event in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

4. A comprehensive obituary can be found on the Gettysburg Times online. We will miss him greatly.

Ordered this 29th day of September, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC /s/
National Secretary

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 06 Resignation of CofA Member and New Appointment

On November 3, 2015 I accepted the resignation of Brother Council of Administration member John McNulty of Pennsylvania. He resigned for personal reasons and we will miss his experience in our organization and his wisdom.

In accordance with our Constitution and Regulations, the Council of Administration has unanimously appointed Brother Jonathan Davis, of Ohio, to serve in that seat, with full authority and power, until the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois. I welcome Brother Davis to the Council and look forward to working with him in the future.

Ordered this ninth day of November, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC /s/
National Secretary

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 07 Establishment of the Department of the Southwest

On November 17, 2015, I received a request from the following Camps to form a Department.

- Picacho Peake Camp No. 1 of Phoenix, Arizona
- General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 of Tucson, Arizona
- General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 of Flagstaff, Arizona

In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 7, the petition of said Camps is approved and the Department of the Southwest is hereby established and shall be composed of the states of New Mexico and Arizona.

The Department of Texas is commended for its past stewardship of the state of New Mexico. The Date of Rank for the Department of the Southwest is: December 3, 2015.

The Department of the Southwest is hereby authorized to hold a Special Department Encampment to complete the organization of the Department, including the election of Officers, Delegates to the National Encampment, and the adoption of Department By-Laws.

Ordered this 3rd day of December, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC /s/
National Secretary

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 08 Passing of Real Son Charlie Brock

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Real Son Brother Charlie Brock of London, Kentucky. He passed on July 9, 2014 at age 100. He was a member of Fort Duffield Camp 1, of the Department of Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy (Gilbert) Brock. Burial was performed at Hale Cemetery, London, Kentucky.

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 17th day of December, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC /s/
National Secretary

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 09 Dual Membership Rulings

National Secretary Alan Russ, PDC, requested the Commander-in-Chief rule on several issues that may arise by members holding dual camp memberships in our Order. In the process of my evaluation of these issues (1a through 3b) other concerns arose and are addressed in ruling (4):

1a: Can a Brother be elected as a delegate to a Department Encampment from other than his primary Camp?

RULING: Yes. National Regulations do not limit the rights of a Brother in any Camp he may be a member.

1b: Can a Brother be elected as a delegate to a Department Encampment from a dual Camp in a different Department than his primary Camp?

RULING: Yes. National Regulations do not limit the rights of a Brother, in good standing, and with dual memberships from being elected as a delegate by any Camp they belong, even if these Camps may be in different Departments.

1c: Can a Brother be elected as a delegate from his primary Camp in one Department, and as a delegate from his dual Camp, in another Department?

RULING: Yes, for the same reasons as in Rulings 1a and 1b above.

2a: Does a Brother who is a dual member of a Camp, and has served as the Camp Commander of his dual Camp, hold the honor of Past Camp Commander, with voting rights at a Department Encampment from the dual Camp?

RULING: Yes.

2b: Can a Brother who held the honor of Past Camp Commander, and subsequently transferred his primary Camp to another Department while obtaining “dual” status in his original Camp, request reinstatement of his Past Camp Commander status in the original (now dual) camp for the purpose of voting at the Department Encampment of the dual Camp?

RULING: No. If a Brother changes his primary Camp from Camp 01 – Department XX to Camp 02 – Department YY, but maintains dual membership in Camp 01 – Department XX, he is still a PCC in Department XX.

3a: Can a Brother who is a dual member of a Camp be elected to, and hold, a Camp office in the Camp with which he is a dual member?

RULING: Yes. It is up to the Brothers of the respective Camp to determine if the Brother involved can ably do both.

3b: Can a Brother who is a dual Member in a Camp that is not within the same Department as his primary Camp be elected to, and hold, a Department Office in a Department other than the Department in which his primary Camp is located.

RULING: Yes. There is nothing in the Regulations to limit a Brother’s rights in the Primary or Dual Camp. A member could, in theory and practice, be a Department Commander of two different Departments simultaneously.

4: Encampment Credentials.

RULING: Our Regulations outline the responsibility of the Camps, and Departments, to vote on delegates to Department and National Encampments. It is their duty then to provide the delegates with credentials. Based on the foregoing rulings, individuals may find themselves in possession of multiple credentials for Department and/or the National Encampments. However, these Encampments, also by our Regulations, may only accept ONE credential card from any Brother thereby limiting any member, under any circumstances, from voting more than once on any action brought before an Encampment.

Ordered this 28th day of December, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 10 Charter Revocation Ellsworth Camp 32 (New Jersey)

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1: Commander Jeff Heagy of the Department of New Jersey has requested the revocation of the following Charter:

Ellsworth Camp No. 32

SECTION 2: The camp has failed to comply with reporting requirements for camp monies and is delinquent in filing mandatory annual reports. The camp is non-responsive to correspondence, telephone and email.

SECTION 3: In accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, Commander Heagy's request is therefore approved and the Charter of Ellsworth Camp No. 32, Department of New Jersey, is hereby revoked.

SECTION 4: a. Camp physical property, including Camp records, correspondence, archives, etc. should be collected and delivered to the Department Commander. Camp funds shall be inventoried and delivered to the Department Commander and financial accounts shall be closed.

b. Any members in good standing, not just life members, will become members-at-large in the Department of New Jersey, regardless of their state of domicile. The Department Commander may issue a transfer card, if requested, to another Camp or Department.

C, The Camp Charter is to be delivered, via an accountable method, to the Department Commander.

Ordered this 30th day of December, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 11 Dual Membership Review Special Committee

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Currently, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War allows members to join more than one camp. There has been confusion about how our dues structure should be applied to dual members. I am also concerned that dual memberships, as we now account for them, do not accurately reflect our true membership.

The 2015 National Encampment directed me to appoint a committee to resolve these concerns. I am establishing a Dual Membership Review Special Committee to examine our current dual membership procedures. The Committee members are:

PCinC Brad Schall (Chairman)
PCinC Richard Orr (National Treasurer)
David Demmy (National Executive Director)
PCinC Ed Krieser
PCinC Perley Mellor

The special committee tasking is not limited to just the impact of dual memberships on finances or membership strength, but to any other unclear situations, including:

- What are the effects on Encampment voting strength and dual department memberships?
- Can dual memberships alter past camp, or department, commander honors?
- Can dual members count in the establishment of new camps?
- Should dual members pay National per-capita for each camp they are a member?

The special committee will provide their comprehensive findings, and policy recommendations, by the 2016 Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, IL. The Council of Administration may then recommend policy changes to the Programs and Policies Committee, or the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

Ordered this 6th day of January, 2016, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff

National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 12 Charter Revocation Siegel Camp 624 (Missouri)

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1: Commander Martin R. Aubuchon of the Department of Missouri has requested the revocation of the following Charter:

Siegel Camp No. 624

SECTION 2: The camp has failed to comply with reporting requirements for camp monies and is delinquent in filing mandatory annual reports. The Camp has already surrendered the Charter to the Department Quartermaster.

SECTION 3: In accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, Commander Aubuchon's request is therefore approved and the Charter of Siegel Camp No. 624, Department of Missouri is hereby revoked.

SECTION 4:

a. Camp physical property, including Camp records, correspondence, archives, etc. should be collected and delivered to the Department Commander. Camp funds shall be inventoried and delivered to the Department Commander and financial accounts shall be closed.

b. Any members in good standing, not just life members, will become members-at-large in the Department of Missouri, regardless of their state of domicile. The Department Commander may issue a transfer card, if requested, to another Camp or Department.

c. The Camp Charter has already been delivered to the Department Commander.

Ordered this 3rd day of February, 2016, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 13 Banner Editor

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Due to many reasons, it is unfortunate that members of our Order have not enjoyed an issue of the Banner for an unacceptable length of time. The National Council of Administration, after due consideration, voted to offer the position of Banner Editor to Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl. Brother Pahl has accepted the position and at this time working closely with the outgoing Banner Editor to get the next issue in your mailboxes. Contact information for future editions of the Banner is below:

Address: 445 W. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854

Telephone: 517-676-1471

Email: jbpahl0824@yahoo.com (There will be a different email in the near future.)

Ordered this 3rd day of February, 2016, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 14 ROTC Program

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

I am pleased to report that the ROTC program has become one of our most popular programs, and many young people are being exposed to our organization's purposes and ideals. Our organization like-wise benefits through our basic tenants of education, loyalty and patriotism.

Because of the continual increase in participation, it is necessary to institute a dedicated system just for this program. I am appointing Brother George Shademan as Assistant Quartermaster, under the supervision of the National Quartermaster, for the ROTC program. He will use the email address rotc@suvcw.org and will manage all matters concerning the ROTC program, including distribution medals and certificates. There will be a separate website dedicated to the ROTC program with a separate "link" button to from the Quartermaster Store. On that link will be a PDF form than can be completed. When the "submit" button is clicked, the information on the form will be automatically sent to the ROTC Asst. Quartermaster who will complete the process.

This change will streamline the process and get the certificates and medals to the ROTC participants faster. It will also improve our ability to produce, distribute and restock ROTC items.

Ordered this 5th day of April, 2016, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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70 Curtis Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316
April 4, 2016**

GENERAL ORDER – 15 – Resignation of National Secretary

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

It is with great regret that I have accepted the resignation of our National Secretary, Brother Alan Russ effective April 16th, 2016. This resignation is for his own personal and private reasons. I wish to thank Brother Russ for his dedicated service to our Order at the Camp, Department and National levels. To ensure a smooth transition for our next National Secretary, Brother Russ has agreed to help with the transition for our next National Secretary.

In accordance with our National Constitution and Regulations, the National Council of Administration selected Brother Council of Administration member Jonathan C. Davis to complete Brother Russ' term as National Secretary effective April 16, 2016. The Office of National Secretary will be filled for a regular term by election at the 2016 National Encampment.

The National Council of Administration also selected Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby to complete the vacant Council of Administration seat, also effective April 16, 2016. This seat will also be filled by election at the upcoming National Encampment.

Ordered this 4th day of April, 2016, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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June 6, 2016**

GENERAL ORDER – 16

RETRACTED

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June 15, 2016**

GENERAL ORDER – 17 Suspension of Departments for Annual Report Non-Compliance

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

A report recently released by our National Executive Director reflects the below listed Departments have not yet filed their required annual reports. Chapter II, Article V, Section 3(a) of our Regulations requires that Departments must file a Form 35, along with the current department roster and per capita dues to the Executive Director no later than May 31st each year.

I am placing these delinquent Departments under suspension:

1. Department of Columbia
2. Department of Iowa
3. Department of Kentucky
4. Department of Vermont

These Departments will be brought back in good standing at such time the delinquent reports are received by the Executive Director. However, while under suspension, Departments may not meet or conduct business except for that activity to bring the Department back in good standing. In addition, their delegates to the National Encampment will not be seated. With the National Encampment nearing, the affected Departments are strongly encouraged to submit the delinquent reports as soon as possible so that their standing with the National organization may be restored.

Ordered this 15th Day of June 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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June 20, 2016

GENERAL ORDER – 18 Reinstatement of Department of Kentucky

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Having filed outstanding National Annual Reports, the Department of Kentucky is hereby reinstated. Ordered this 20th Day of June 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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June 27, 2016

GENERAL ORDER – 19 Reinstatement of Department of Columbia

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Having filed outstanding National Annual Reports, the Department of Columbia is hereby reinstated. Ordered this 27th Day of June 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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July 5, 2016

GENERAL ORDER – 20

RETRACTED

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July 6, 2016**

GENERAL ORDER – 21 SUVCW Scholarships

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

This year's Scholarship Committee (Brother's John Ertell, Douglas Fidler, Gene Turner and Theodore Zemen), have met and based on their excellent academic records, endorsements and other criteria, selected two of our Brothers to receive scholarships this year:

Brother Ian M. Cuevas, Shiloh Camp No. 2, Department of Nebraska,
Brother Michael Sweet, Gillman E. Sleeper Camp No. 60, Department of New Hampshire

Letters of notification and congratulations, containing further instructions, have been mailed to the recipients. I congratulate both recipients and wish them great success in their chosen fields of study.

I also wish to thank the members of the Scholarship Selection Committee for their time and consideration in this very important task.

Ordered this 6th Day of July 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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July 15, 2016**

GENERAL ORDER – 22 New IRS Requirements

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Any organization which did not file a form 990, 990EZ or 990N before July 8, 2016 must now file a form 8976 with the IRS and pay a \$50 fee. This particularly applies to new camps. This form is in addition to requesting to be included in our group ruling and in addition to filing the 990N as required. If the new form is not filed by Sept 8, 2016 or within 60 days of the formation after July 6 2016, there is a penalty of \$20 per day for late filing.

The entire ruling is available on the IRS website. Any questions or concerns about these new requirements should be directed to the National Treasurer.
Ordered this 15th Day of July 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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July 20, 2016

GENERAL ORDER – 23 New International Camp and Acting CinC

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

On July 21, 2016, I will depart on a visit to London, England for the purpose of delivering and resenting a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charter to the new Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 of London, England. I congratulate the first Camp Commander, Brother Peter John Collins of Henley-on-Thames, Oxforshire, United Kingdom and the fifteen members of this new Camp.

I also wish to recognize the long-term efforts of Brother Douglas Fidler and Brother Loran Bures who worked to establish this camp and continue the general expansion of our Organization. I'm sure our Banner Editor is planning a spread about the international Davis Camp in the Fall edition that will have more detailed information.

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For the duration of absence from the United States (July 21-25), I authorize Senior Vice Commander-in- Chief Donald Martin to perform the duties of Acting Commander-in- Chief.
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Ordered this 20 th day of July 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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July 25, 2016**

GENERAL ORDER – 24 Return of CinC

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

As laid out in General Order 24, I have returned from London, England, and am reassuming the duties and responsibilities of Commander-in- Chief. I wish to thank Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Martin for standing-in for me during my absence.

I am pleased to report the Chartering Ceremony, and first official meeting of the Ensign Davis Camp 10 of London England was very successful. More information our International Camp will be published in the future.

Ordered this 25th day of July 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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July 26, 2016

GENERAL ORDER – 25 Reinstatement of Department of Iowa

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Having filed outstanding National Annual Reports, the Department of Iowa is hereby reinstated.

Ordered this 26th Day of July 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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August 2, 2016

GENERAL ORDER – 26

Replacement Charter for General Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75, Department of Iowa

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

The General Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75, Department of Iowa is celebrating their 100th anniversary as a camp. The Camp has therefore formally requested a replacement Charter to recognize this achievement, retaining the original charter.

In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 2, and Footnote 14, 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 original Charter are known, they may be listed on the replacement Charter. Furthermore, in accordance with National Regulations, Chapter II, Article XI, Section 2, a replacement fee of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for a new Camp Charter shall accompany the application.

The request of the General Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75, Department of Iowa for a replacement charter is hereby approved, with the original date of rank of M a y 4, 1916 . The Camp has already provided the National Secretary with the names of the Charter Members and the required fee.

Ordered this 2nd Day of August 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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August 4, 2016

GENERAL ORDER – 27 Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

As the days of my administration of the Sons of Union Veterans are winding down, I took time recently to reflect over the year, and the events, ceremonies, meetings and travels I have attended or participated in. It did not take long to reveal a pleasant pattern. The times that I found most enjoyable and rewarding were those where I found myself working, side by side, with Auxiliary President Linda Kronberg. I wish to thank Linda for the support and advice the Auxiliary has given me since I was elected to the high office of Commander-in- Chief. She eagerly shared her knowledge of the Auxiliary and insight concerning issues affecting both of our Organizations, at times when they were most helpful. Linda truly understands that when we work together, we can accomplish more. I thank the members of the Auxiliary for what they do and believe. It is a great organization doing great things.

Ordered this 4th Day of August 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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August 4, 2016

GENERAL ORDER – 28 2016 National Encampment Ceremonial Color Guard

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

It is an honor to designate Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery to perform the duties of Color Guard for all official functions requiring such service for the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois from August 10-13, 2016.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Eugene G. Mortorff, SUVCW
Commander-in-Chief

Ordered this 4th Day of August 2016.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 29 Passing of Real Son Harold Becker

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Real Son Brother Harold Becker of Grand Rapids, MI. He passed on August 7, 2016 at age 99. He was a member of General John A. Logan, Camp No. 1 of Grand Rapids, MI. Harold is the last Known son of a Civil War soldier in Michigan.

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 August, 2016, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in- Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 30 Passing of Real Son Garland Pool

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of Real Son Garland Pool on August 8, 2016.

Brother Garland was born on November 4, 1927 in Blackburn, Arkansas. He was the son of PVT Charles Parker Pool, of Company D of the 6th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. PVT Pool mustered into service on August 20, 1861 and served until August 27, 1864 when his term expired. Brother Garland was recruited along with his brothers, John (Ernest) and William into Col. John C. Bryner Camp 67 by Brother Tim Pletkovich and they were initiated in January, 2004.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2016 at Pitts Chapel in Bolivar. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at the funeral home. I wish to thank Brother Joe Hutchinson for providing this information.

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 9th day of August, 2016, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

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GENERAL ORDER - 31 Final General Order

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

I presented following awards during my term of Service as Commander-in-chief:

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Brother Ian M. Cuevas, Shiloh Camp No. 2, Department of Nebraska,
Brother Michael Sweet, Gillman E. Sleeper Camp No. 60, Department of New Hampshire

RECRUITMENT:

Cert - Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award (Dept with most new members)
Dept of OH

Trophy - US Grant Cup (Dept with Greatest Percent Increase in Membership)
Dept of TN (20 percent)

Cert - Under 40 (Dept with greatest number of new members under 40)
Dept of OH (8 new members under 40)

Cert - BF Stephenson (Recruit Greatest number of Members)
David Rish, Jacob Parrott Camp 33, Dept of OH

Cert - National Aide
Douglas K. Fidler, Maj. William McTeer Camp 39; Dept of TN
David A. Rish, Jacob Parrott Camp 33, Dept of OH

CAMP/DEPT PERFORMANCE:

Cert - Marshall Hope Award (NEWSLETTERS)
CAMP - SULTANA Newsletter, Sultana Camp 1, Dept of TN
DEPT - THE DISPATCH Newsletter, Dept of FL.

Trophy - Joseph Rippey (Most Outstanding NEW Camp)
Ensign John Davis Camp #10, London, England

Trophy - Abraham Lincoln CinC Award (Most Outstanding Camp)
Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, Dept of MI

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Cert - Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star
David Bailey Sr., Philip H. Sheridan Camp 2, Dept. of IL
Loran Bures, Gov Isaac Stevens Camp 1, Dept of Columbia
James Crane, Gen William Lytle Camp 10, Dept of OH

Cert - Meritorious Service Award
George J. Weinmann (Monitor Museum), Oliver Tilden Camp 26, Dept of NY
Arthur Kirmss, Oliver Tilden Camp 26, Dept of NY
Kevin Tucker (Return of Flags), Charles H. Bond Camp 104, Dept of MA
Dexter Bishop (Return of Flags), Gen. Frederick W. Lander Camp 5, Dept of MA
Michael Paquette, Irish Brigade Camp 5, Dept of Chesapeake
Robert Keough, Col George L. Willard Camp 154, Dept of NY
Lance Ingmire, Col George L. Willard Camp 154, Dept of NY
Jerome Orton, Col George L. Willard Camp 154, Dept of NY
Craig A. Ayler, Centennial Camp 100, Dept of CO&WY
Lee Stone, Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Dept of Chesapeake

Trophy - Lifetime Achievement Award
PCinC Charles Kuhn, Gettysburg Camp 112, Dept of PA

Cert - Certificate of Recognition
Robert C. Meyer, Gen George A. Custer Camp 17, Dept of NJ

Trophy - Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award
Douglas K. Fidler, Maj William McTeer Camp 39, Dept of TN;

Cert - Moody National Chaplain's Award - (To be created and awarded by Nat. Chaplain & CinC)
Undecided

NON-MEMBERS AWARDS:

Cert- Founder's Award
Civil War Trust

Medal - Dr. Mary Walker

Janice Weinmann, NY Aux

Linda Kronberg, MI Aux, National President ASUVCW

Tricia Bures

Carole Morton, PNP, Daughters. Also Auxiliary, Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the GAR

Lucille Streeter, MI Aux

Ordered this 13th day of August, 2016, in the City of Springfield, Illinois.

ATTEST /s/ Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief

APPENDIX 3
Attendees of the 135th National Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
135th Annual National Encampment
Attendees by Department**

Department of California and Pacific

Frank C. Avila	Tad D. Campbell	Frank P. Campo	Stephen E. Doyle
Daniel R. Earl	Dean A Enderlin	Thomas T. Graham	Linn Malaznik
Donald MenZies	James T. Monteton	Alan Peterson	D. Brad Schall
Rudy E. Velasco III			

Department of Columbia

Loren T. Bures	Gordon W. Struve
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Department of Chesapeake

D. Michael Beard	Mark R. Day	John G. Griffiths	Robert E. Heath
Kevin L. Martin	Eugene G. Mortorff	Kenneth Hershberger	Michael A. Paquette
Charles B. Poland	Lawrence E Slagle	Lee D. Stone	W. Faron Taylor

Department of Colorado & Wyoming

James M. Barker	Walter Weart
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Department of Connecticut

Stephen J. Tining

Department of Florida

Charles S. Reeves	James G. Ward
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Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Mark A. Hale	William H. Miller	Eric B. Peterson	Steve Reilly
Harry Vaughn Jr.			

Department of Iowa

Thomas Gaard	Danny Krock	Roy D. Linn	Daniel Rittel
Ronald Rittel			

Department of Illinois

Steve Aarli	John M. Bigwood	Robert H. Buerger	Gregory M. Carter
Curt Clifton	Ronald E. Clark	Leonard C. Cassaro, Sr.	Hugh T De Groff
Terry R. Dyer	Gary Gunderson	Robert Hauff	Thomas Hauff
Herb Holderman	Richard Hoovler	William E. Johnson, Jr.	Nicholas H. Kaup
Lionel L. Kinney	David Loomis	Jerome W. Kowalski	James L. Lyon
Tom Oestreicher	Robert E. Rogers	Harry W. Reineke IV	William R. Shipper
Stuart C. Stefany	Larry Werline	Steven J. Westlake	David Wildermuth
Charles E. Wrigh	Paul T. Zeien, Jr.	James A. Zingales	

Department of Indiana

William R. Adams	Michael W. Beck	Timothy J. Beckman	C. Bernard Doyle
James Doyle	John K. Eger	Dennis C. Hutchinson	Russell W. Kirchner, III
Bruce R. Kolb	Allen W. Moore	Russell W. Kirchner, Jr.	Craig A. Powers
Dennis H. Rigsby	Ernest E. Stone	J. Alan Teller	

Department of Kansas

Mark A. Britton	Roy A. Lafferty	Kent M. Melcher	Mike Todd	Ryan Todd
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Department of Kentucky

Bruce E. Fortin Robert A. Jones James C. Kiger

Department of Massachusetts

Dexter A. Bishop Charles W. Lewis Kenneth E. London Richard Lufkin
Edward J. Norris Albert M. Smith Kevin P. Tucker

Department of Michigan

Paul D. Arnold Dale L. Aurand Paul Davis Dick Denney
Gary L. Gipson Bruce S. Gosling Gary A. Granger Keith G. Harrison
Max L. Newman Robert May Loyd D. Lamphere, Jr. James B. Pahl
Donald W. Shaw David S. Smith Charles Worley

Department of Missouri

Glennon Alsop John D. Avery Martin R. Aubuchon Randal Burd, Jr.
Walter E. Busch Mark Coplin Dale E. Crandell Jack G. Grothe
Edward J. Krieser John Palmer Donald D. Palmer, Jr. Sumner H. Hunnewell
Robert M. Patrovic Oliver R. Pechman Richard H. Kottemann Rodney S. Terry

Department of Nebraska

Steve Bauermeister Ian Cuevas Robert Cuevas Joseph C. Mettenbrink
William Dean Paul J. Hadley Marc Witkovski Merle A. Rudebusch

Department of New Hampshire

Gary A. Ward

Department of New Jersey

Ronald L. Bower C. Jeffrey Heagy Leslie W. Salsbury

Department of New York

Paul F. Ellis-Graham Jerome L. Orton George J. Weinmann Danny L. Wheeler

Department of North Carolina

James Crabtree Henry C. Duquette

Department of Ohio

John Black Dennis M. Brown Gordon R. Bury James T. Crane
Donald E. Darby Johnathan C. Davis Tim Graham Robert E. Grim
Frank R. Hillard James H. Houston Peter J. Hritsko, Jr. John M. Huffman, Jr.
Kerry L. Langdon Fred C. Lynch Donald L. Martin Shane L. Milburn
Jered D. Robinson Henry E. Shaw, Jr. Michael A. Spaulding Robert J. Wolz

Department of Oklahoma

Rex E. Griffin Brian C. Pierson Kevin D. White

Department of Pennsylvania

Lowell Alcorn John R. Gipson David W. Demmy, Sr. Charles E. Kuhn
Richard D. Orr George L. Powell

Department of Rhode Island

John A. Connor Stephen E. Hackett Joseph S. Hall, Jr. Leo F. Kennedy
James P. McGuire Scott A. Reese

Department of Southwest

John R. Conrad Dale E. Enlow David Jackson Robert D. McCord

Department of Tennessee

Carl E. Addison	Darwin F. Concon	Michael P. Downs	Douglas K. Fidler
Samuel C. Gant	Geoffrey C. Hintze	David H. McReynolds	

Department of Texas

Donald L. Gates	William A. Pollard	Charles W. Sprague	
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Department of Vermont

John H. Cogan

Department of Wisconsin

Thomas J. Brown	David D. Daley	Patrick L. Fallon	Jeffrey M. Graf
David J. Howard	Robert Koenecke	Bruce C. Laine	Brian McManus
Stephen A. Michaels	Alan O. Petit		

National Membership-at-Large

Adam W. Gaines

Total Attendees 213

- 1 CinC
- 16 PCinC's
- 21 DC's
- 61 PDC's
- 94 Delegates
- 20 Alternates

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. Ireland	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan
2004	Stephen A. Michaels	Wisconsin
2005	Donald E. Darby	Ohio
2006	James B. Pahl	Michigan
2007	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Pennsylvania
2008	David V. Medert	Ohio
2009	Leo F. Kennedy	Rhode Island
2010	D. Brad Schall	California
2011	Donald E. Palmer	Missouri
2012	Perley E. Melor	Massachusetts
2013	Kenneth L. Freshley	Ohio
2014	Tad D. Campbell	California & Pacific
2015	Eugene G. Mortorff	Chesapeake

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

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58th	1939	August 29-30	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10-12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15-18	Columbus, Ohio
61th	1942	September 15-17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20-23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12-14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1-4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10-14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26-30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28-31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20-24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19-23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24-28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23-27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8-13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21-25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 9-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18-22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17-21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16-20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21-25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20-24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19-23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18-23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16-20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15-19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6-10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18-22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17-21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23-27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15-19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13-17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5-9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18-22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10-14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15-19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14-18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13-17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12-15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10-14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9-13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14-18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 13-19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12-16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10-15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10-13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9-12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14-17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13-16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12-15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11-14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13-16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13-15	Portland Maine
113th	1994	August 11-14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10-13	Columbus, Ohio

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115th	1996	August 8-11	Columbus, Ohio
116th	1997	August 7-10	Utica, New York
117th	1998	August 6-9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19-22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17-20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10-12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9-11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8-10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12-15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4-7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
126th	2007	August 9-12	St. Louis, Missouri
127th	2008	August 7-10	Boston, Massachusetts
128th	2009	August 13-15	Louisville, Kentucky
129th	2010	August 12-15	Overland Park, Kansas
130th	2011	August 12-15	Reston, Virginia
131st	2012	August 10-12	St. Louis, Missouri
132nd	2013	August 9-12	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
133 rd	2014	August 14-17	Marietta, Georgia
134 th	2015	August 19-23	Richmond, Virginia
135 th	2016	August 11-14	Springfield, Illinois