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# Thank God For Michigan

*Abraham Lincoln* May 16, 1861

WELCOME TO THE  
**136th National  
Encampment**  
Sons Of Union Veterans  
Of The Civil War  
and the Allied Orders

**August 10 - 13,  
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**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, please be seated.

[one rap, \*]

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

The Officers, members of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. Guide, please determine if all present are entitled to remain. Ask the Color Bearer to assist. Brother Martin (Dustin), would you please check the IDs and assist the Guide? Just make sure guys have their cards so that they're able to attend. Brother Cox, would you please assist on the left side? Where's Brother Norris at? Is he in here? Is he still gathering folks? Yes, would some of you please meet with Brother Norris and help pass out the reports? Thank you. We good?

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

Brother Martin, is everybody you checked good? Okay. Brothers, we're gonna proceed on. I'd like the Secretary, if you would, please call the role of Officers of Encampment.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Donald Martin.	Present.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day.	Present.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Shaw.	Present.
National Secretary, Jonathan Davis.	Present.
National Treasurer, David McReynolds.	Present.
National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Brian Pierson.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Michael Pauquette.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Paul Davis.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Edward Norris.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Frederic Lynch.	Present.
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Eugene Mortorff.	Present.
Banner Editor and Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl.	Present.
National Executive Director, David Demmy, Senior.	Excused.
National Counselor, and Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby.	Present.
National Signals Officer and National Webmaster, Jamie McGuire.	Present.

**Continue with the Past Commander-in-Chiefs.**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Gordon Bury, II, 1986-1987.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Partington, 1987-1988.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Lowell Hammer, 1991-1992.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Allen Moore, 1993-1994.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, 1994-1995.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, 1997-1998.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew Johnson, 1998-1999.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny Wheeler, 1999-2000.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward Krieser, 2000-2001.	Excused.
Past Commander-in-Chief, George Powell, 2001-2002.	Absent.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert Grimm, 2002-2003.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Kent Armstrong, 2003-2004.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Steven Michaels, 2004-2005.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby, 2005-2006.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, 2006-2007.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert, 2008-2009.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Kennedy, 2009-2010.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall, 2010-2011.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Palmer, Jr., 2011-2012.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor, 2012-2013.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley, 2013-2014.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell, 2014-2015.	Present.
And Past Commander-in-Chief, Eugene Mortorff, 2015-2016.	Present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, that's the roll call of the Officers.

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

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

**Encampment (in unison)**

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY.

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

Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our county, to our Order, and to ourselves. The Chaplain will please 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 and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them 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.

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

Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, please present the Colors.

**Encampment (in unison)**

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

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

By virtue of the power and authority invested in me, I declare the 136<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly opened for transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will submit all Brothers qualified to enter.

[one rap, \*]

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

Is the National Historian, Bob Wolz, here? Would you please come to the podium please? You probably notice that this room looks very, very different than what you're used to. Bob will be explaining the significance of that and why its set up this way.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Yes, please. It (the Alter) should really be parallel, at least. Yes. Little more.

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

Between the two stations.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Between the two stations. Thank you. My Brothers, I don't know how many of you have the ritual performed in your Camps. I have a feeling many of you don't. As we've lost Memorial Halls and Grand Army buildings, and we started meeting in homes, the ritual disappeared, or at least in large part, has disappeared. We are a fraternal order and as such, ritual is very important to our heritage. It needs to be restored back to the Organization the way it was intended.

The reason I moved the alter out is because no one passes between the Commander-in-Chief and the altar and when you want to leave, you salute either the Commander or you salute the Senior Vice and ask permission to leave. If they're busy, you salute the other guy. They'll acknowledge your salute and let you out. But this is part of our heritage. This is what we've had for 136 years and I've been growling about it.

Don, fortunately, has been very supportive of it and so, indeed, the room is almost set up correctly but our membership should always be on the two sides and the space between the Commander-in-Chief and the Senior Vice should never be interfered with. It should be a straight shot so, I thank our Commander-in-Chief. I thank our Officers for restoring back to the Order where we came from.

This is close to what I grew up with. I know I... Great day! I was only a dark-haired boy when I joined the Organization. Honestly, every Brother in the room was gray-haired when I joined and they were so happy to see somebody that gave a damn, that was young. And so ever since then, I have carried this. You know, it's part of my heritage because I've lived it so, I'm very thankful that our Brothers have put it back together. Thank you very much.

**Unknown**

Amen.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Thank you, Commander.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Thank you, Bob. All right, at this time, I'm gonna give the rules of engagement for the Encampment. The Encampment will be conducted in accordance to Robert Rules of Order, 11th edition. Brother Melcher will serve as Parliamentarian. No Officer or Committee will read your report unless there is an addition. This Commander-in-Chief is excluded from this. Brothers will state their name, position, cite the page of their report, and state if there are corrections, additions, and then read the recommendations if they have any. Recommendations from standing committees will be voted on. When rising to address the Encampment, to be recognized by the chair, use a microphone. We have a microphone right at the end of the Patriotic Instructor and we have one clear back so, you might find we need to raise that up or something at a later time.

Again reemphasize because this is gonna be kind of difficult. We're used to having the altar right here where nobody passes but no one should pass between the altar and the podium. So you need to either go around from the backside or come down on either side. No one shall speak more than twice on any issue, each time not to exceed three minutes and I do intend to be watching. Person making the motion may answer questions and use up to one minute to close their debate. This privilege is not canceled by action ordering the previous question. Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate included but not limited to designating the maximum number of speakers allowed to speak. Cell phones need to be turned off or on vibrate. And violations of this rule will be a \$5.00 fine paid to the Host Committee.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Phone conversations must be... And by the way, I left my phone in the room so...

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Phone conversations must be conducted outside the Encampment meeting room. No one outside the room at the fall of the gavel prior to the election of Officers will be allowed to enter until this session is done. General voting shall be by the use of voting cards. Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting. All motions, amendments, substitutions or other actions initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or corrections in spelling or typographical errors, may be requested to be put in writing and read to the Encampment. Committees shall only consider matters referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving them from the floor. Each item must be reported back to the floor with the Committee's recommendation. Any request for funds are to be submitted in writing to National Treasure prior to the close of business today and it needs to have complete information about the project, who is chairing the project, and the address for which the award may be mailed. All discussions and comments will be included in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and with that, I'd like to entertain a motion to adopt these rules.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

So moved.

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

Second.

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

Okay, I have a motion by who? Chaplain. Second was? Brother Brian. All in favor, please indicate by saying “aye” or raise you cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

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

All right. Moving on to reports of Officers. Yep, skipped a page. Sorry. All right. I want to appoint the Committee on Credentials at this time. The Committee on Credentials for the Encampment are Joe Hall, Walt Busch, Tom Brown. Do we have any special guests here? Anyone that needs to be recognized? Okay, we have none. I'd like at this time to go ahead and recognize those who've served in our Armed Forces. When your branch is called, please stand. Army.

**Unknown**

Hooah.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Navy.

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

Go Navy!

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Marine Corps.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Air Force.

**Unknown**

Yep!

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

And Brother Mortorff, Coast Guard.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

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

Past Commanders-in-Chief, when I call your name, please rise. Eugene Mortorff, 2015-'16; Tad Campbell, '14-'15; Ken Freshley, '13-'14; Perley Mellor is not here. Donald Palmer, '11-'12; Brad Schall, '10-'11; Leo Kennedy, '09-'10; David V. Medert is not here. Jim Pahl, '06-'07; Don Darby, '05-'06; Steve Michaels, '04-'05; Kent Armstrong. Is Kent here? Robert Grimm, '02-'03; George Powell, '01-'02; Ed Krieser's not with us. He's recovering from open-heart surgery. Danny Wheeler, '99-2000; Andrew Johnson, '98-'99. Brother Orr is not with us. He is supposed to be coming in tomorrow. Keith Harrison, '94-'95. Is Allen Moore here? Lowell Hammer. Reverend Partington. Gordon Bury. Okay. Is there anyone that I missed? Okay. At this time, I'd like to ask for report from the Credentials Committee. Is Joe in here?

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

Commander-in-Chief, we have 203 pre-registered; 199 present, with little bloodshed.

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

That's always good to hear. Thank you, Joe. Roll call of Departments.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific** Present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake** Department of the Chesapeake present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming** Department of Colorado and Wyoming's present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of the Columbia.

**Department of the Columbia** Present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Connecticut.

**Department of Connecticut** Present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida** Florida's present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina** Georgia and South Carolina's present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois** Department of Illinois present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana** Department of Indiana present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa** Department of Iowa's present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas** Department of Kansas is present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Kentucky. Department of Kentucky.

Department of Maine. Department of Maine. Department

of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts** Department of Massachusetts is present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan** Department of Michigan present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri** Department of Missouri present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska** Nebraska present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire** Department of New Hampshire present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey** New Jersey's present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New York.

**Department of New York** New York present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of North Carolina. Department of North Carolina. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio** Ohio's present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Oklahoma. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma** Oklahoma's present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania** Department of Pennsylvania present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island** Rhode Island's present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest** Southwest present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee and Alabama** Department at Tennessee and Alabama is present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas** Department of Texas' present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Vermont. Department of Vermont.  
Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin** Department of Wisconsin present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large** Present.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

National Camp-at-Large. I don't believe we have any Camps-at-Large anywhere. Do we? That's the roll call of Departments.

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

Thank you. I want to appoint the following Encampment Committees. Committee of Constitution and Regulations, Past Commander-in-Chief Bob Grimm, Jim Pahl, and Steve Michaels. Encampment Rituals and Ceremonies, Senior or Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw, Council member Brian Pierson, Council member Paul Davis. Encampment Resolutions, Officers' Reports, Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy, Brother Henry Shaw, and Chief of Staff Ed

Norris. Encampment Fraternal Relations, Brother Kevin Martin, Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, Brother Frank Avila. Moving on then to Officers' reports. Senior Vice Commander, I turn the gavel over to you at this time. Would you want to take it from your seat? Would that work?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable).

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

Okay. My report, Brothers, its good to be king.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

But sometimes, heavy is the head that wears the crown. You guys out here in this audience have made this a good year for me; the work that you've done; the things I've seen; things I've heard. Seen a lot of outstanding things here. I thoroughly enjoyed this year and I'd like to thank not only you but also my staff for their support and for making it happen. I have appreciated the hospitality of the Departments and the Camps and the good work that they do for the Order.

We hit the ground running this year with no honeymoon period. Often the first month or so, there is not a lot going on. I think the honeymoon period of us lasted maybe one or two days. The first four months were probably the busiest and the most intense. We had one email chain over one issue that was 126 emails.

Brother Day and the Programs and Policies Committees were kept very busy, and throughout, things just kept adding up. They got stuff done and more things kept coming. They were tough tasks and they have handled it admirably.

The National Treasurer was as busy probably as I, may be more busy than I was. He's been updating, revising, collecting information, presenting it in the proper areas.

The National Counselor and I, we have been in contact almost daily with the Order of business. So once again, through reports and visits, I have seen many successful events, very good programs and activities in the field promoting our mission.

The Department of Wisconsin has developed a medallion that makes the marking of the last Union Veteran graves much simpler and affordable. This is a medallion costs \$50.00 and can be attached to a gravestone with permission of cemetery and all those things. In the past, for some of the ones we did, we paid \$400.00. I think, maybe up to \$800.00 for plaques to do the same thing. By the way, I'll give them a plug. They have a table set up where you can see what these look like and purchase one.

I started a Committee to look into placing our historical records on microfiche. This Committee's work was taken over by the C of A and are looking at doing it on a larger scale. Not just proceedings but a lot of other things that we do. Our policies have been revised and are present online. Again, I'd like to thank Senior Vice Commander Day and Programs and Policies Committee for working hard and updating these.

We've lost two Camps. However, we have gained Camps in Iowa, New Jersey, Illinois, and Rhode Island.

I did sent some statements out on behalf of the Order informing news agencies concerning our policies on the destruction of Confederate monuments and issues that were occurring on Nash Battlefield. In these, I addressed Confederate Soldiers status per US Armed Forces per Public Law 85 425 May 23, 1958. As per our policy, we oppose the removal of Confederate monuments and memorials and we do not support what has come to be known as revisionist history, nor do we

support altering historical facts to fit modern philosophy. Brothers, there are, in some cases, unpleasant things that might be occurring at some of the events you will be at. If these happen at public events, please do not engage in any kind of conflict, verbal or otherwise, in front of the public. Absolutely do not comment on the poor behavior of others, especially when talking to the press. Be aware of our policies and please keep your comments within them because you are representing this Order.

The National Organization has obtained 501(c)(3) status. However, this is not covering Departments and Camps. Additional information on what this means and what happens now will be forthcoming.

The U.S. Embassy in Panama has contacted us in regards to replacing the headstone of the Civil War sailor, Julius Cruel, who invented a pressurized submarine at the end of the Civil War. Because it was pressurized, this submarine can remove the hatches on the bottom and work out of the submarine. As it was the end of the war, the Navy decided they do not need any submarines so he took it Panama and there he started to harvest pearls. The State Department plans to erect a stone monument and install plaques to Mr. Cruel and request that we send a representative to attend the dedication. The C of A donated \$2,000.00 from the special projects fund for the venture.

The rest of my exploits and adventures can be read in my written report. So Brother Day, please return the gavel.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

The gavel is yours, sir.

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

Thank you. And I will ask for your report.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Point of order.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

My report...

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

...Yes. Sorry.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Point of order. I think you have to make a motion to accept the Commander-in-Chief's...

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I can do that. I take the gavel back. I need a motion to accept the Commander-in-Chief's report.

**Several unknowns**

So moved.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

And a second?

**Unknown**

Second.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

So moved and seconded. All those in favor, raise your card. Opposed, like sign. Motion passes. Commander, you have the gavel.

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

Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Point of order.

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

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Point of order. James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. May I remind Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Day to please use the microphone.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

When I'm putting together transcripts to amend the Constitution and Regulations, all these information items are very vital to have available to me so I'd appreciate it as Editor of the Regulations.

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

So what you're telling me is that his teacher's voice is not good enough in this room.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That tape can't pick it up, so what he says is not recorded for prosperity. And everything he says is important enough that we need to...yeah...

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I will do as you ask.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Brothers, one thing, too. While Brother Day is giving his report, you can follow along in the guide, please look when your report is coming up and if you could be kind of at the mic or getting ready to hit the mic, this could save us a lot of time. Because if everybody takes one or two minutes to get from their seat to the mic, we're talking an hour or more just in dead time. So, Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

First, let me say I will acquiesce to Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl's request. I will always come to the microphone from here on out. My report. I am Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. My report is found on page 16 of the reports. This is the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's report. There are no additions or corrections to this report. I just want to say that I had an absolute blast being the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I want to thank the P&P Committee for the work

that they have done. And I want to thank the Commander-in-Chief for the confidence that he gave me to do the things we needed to get done. Most especially, I want to thank Brother McReynolds for the hard work that he has done as the Treasurer because everything that we've done on the P&P that's policy, most of that relates to the work of the Treasurer. It has really just been amazing what he has put forth and I want to make sure that he gets the proper honor. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Thank you, Brother Day. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Don Shaw.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable) report.

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

Oh, I'm sorry. Do I have a motion to accept?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

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

Okay, I have a motion. Who's the Brother?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

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

Okay, and I have a second.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

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

Okay, I have a second. All in favor.

**Encampment**

Aye.

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

Opposed.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

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

All right. We can do aye's for these. And motion carried.

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother Shaw.

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

Commander. Commander, my report appears on pages 17 and 18 of the packet. I have no additions or corrections to that report. I do have one recommendation.

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

Yes.

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

Sir, that recommendation is that the website have a notice inserted that anyone who knows the Camp that they want to apply to should apply directly to the Camp and not through the National Organization.

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

Okay. And that is to the Committee. I have a motion to accept his report.

**Unknown**

So moved.

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

Okay, I have a motion. Second?

**Unknown**

Second.

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

Second. All in favor.

**Encampment**

Aye.

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

Opposed? Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

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

National Secretary.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. My report is on page 18. It stands as is. But I do have announcements. If anyone has any request for announcements to be made from the chair, please get them to me, preferably in legible writing. These should include such things such as where dinners will be, special photos, or special meetings, photo opportunities, et cetera. If I am not here, please just leave the notice on the table. It is also recommended that you place your name on back of your voting card so that if you lose it, we know who it belongs to. Thank you.

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

Thank you. Have a motion? Okay, I have the motion. Second?

**Unknown**

Second.

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

All in favor.

**Encampment**

Aye.

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

Opposed?

[one rap, \*]

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

National Treasurer's report.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

National Treasurer, David McReynolds. The report can be found on pages 21-24. We've had a very busy year as we've already talked about. Essentially, after getting a running start and getting the audit and getting the 990 tax return filed probably at its earliest point in the history of the Order, we immediately started on the 1023 application. We did find, upon some testing of EIN numbers before we filed our 1023 for the National Organization, that we had a large number of subordinate units within the SUVCW that had had their tax exempt status revoked. So we knew we had some issues to resolve as we move forward. So we moved forward with the 1023 on the National Organization. We then moved forward with the group application, which was denied basically for the reason that I just explained. That is that we had about 20% of our Camps, Departments, military units, districts that had their tax-exempt status revoked for not filing their 990 for three consecutive years. So the next point was to protect the existing group exemption for 501(c)(4) for those subordinate units that were in good standing.

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

Brother David, could you speak a little louder, more directly in?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Is it on?

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Okay. All right. We filed to protect the group exemption, the existing group exemption for those subordinate units that were still in good standing, the 80%. They were in good standing, so we assured ourselves that we had the 501(c)(4) and I received a response to all of that on August 4<sup>th</sup>. So we went through about four or five different steps in order to get the National Organization 501(c)(3) status to try to file to change the group exemption but could not because of the number of subordinate units that were delinquent. We filed to protect the existing group exemption, and then began to work on changes to the C&R, which you'll see later, that will help us deal with some of these issues moving forward. We have also prepared a Treasurer's handbook during the process, which will go on the website. It is a heavy emphasis on tax issues that Camps and Departments have

to deal with.

I have had over three hundred questions and email strings that have come in over the year. I think you can see a lot of the rest of the information in the report. The last several pages of the packet give you the financial statements and my comments on the financial statements. The first is for the year just ending on June 30. This is prior to the audit. Audit is going to occur, probably in late September to early October this year. It also contains some columns for proposed budget based on the results of operation for the past several years.

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

Okay, thank you, Brother David. Motion to approve.

**Unknown**

Motion...

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

...Motion. Second.

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

Harry Reineke, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Illinois. I recommend a substitute motion that the National Treasure's report and all subsequent reports be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports and that any recommendations be referred to the appropriate Committee. This is something we do every year that we have not yet done this year.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

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

Okay. Motion. Second. In favor? Substitute motion, you're voting on the substitute motion? Okay. So, opposed? Okay, so the motion as...with...

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

And did you get that, Jonathan?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

(Indistinguishable).

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

The substitute motion?

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

Okay, the substitute motion prevails. Brother Harry, could you give a copy of that to the Secretary?

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay, I'm gonna entertain a motion to approve the report with the amendment.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's no longer necessary by the action we just took.

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

Okay, thank you. Quartermaster's report.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

You'll find it on 25. Nope. I'm sorry, 24. And there's no substitutions, no additions.

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

Thank you, Brother Danny. Brother Brian.

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

Yep, Brian Pierson, Council of Administration. My report's on page 24-25, paragraph 4.7. I have one correction to make to my report. Julius Kroll is not buried at Corozal U.S. Cemetery. He's buried in the Foreigner Cemetery in Panama City. The request was made by his family to reinter him in Corozal. So, I apologize for the typo. That concludes my report.

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

Okay, thank you. Council of Administration Norris.

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

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. My report is on page 25. No changes.

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

Thank you. Brother Davis.

**Paul Davis, Council of Administration**

Sir.

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

You have a report? Anything to add?

**Paul Davis, Council of Administration**

(Indistinguishable).

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

Okay. Council of Administration Paul Davis does not have anything to add to his report. Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake. My report can be found on pages 25 and 26. I have no additions or corrections.

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

Thank you. Council of Administration Lynch.

**Fredric C. Lynch, Council of Administration**

Fred Lynch, Council of Administration, no additions to what's in. One comment. You'll see that the State of Ohio is evaluating legislation. War memorials and veteran's memorials need protection. I strongly encourage all Departments to follow what Ohio is doing and ensure that similar legislation gets passed in your state. Ohio seeks to provide role model legislation. Thank you.

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

Thank you. *Banner* Editor, Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**

James Paul, Past Commander-in-Chief, Editor of the *Banner*. My report is on page 27. I want to thank all the Brothers who have submitted materials to me. The summer issue, I think, had the greatest number of Departments that submitted materials. I'd like to see something from every Department for every issue. I love group photographs where if you do an event, line up all the guys that participated. Have your member badges on. Get a group photo because I think nothing is better than a Brother to get the *Banner*. Open the page 14 and say, "Hey! There's my picture." I want to put as many pictures of the guys in the *Banner* as possible. I want to highlight what you guys are doing so that everyone can see by example and another Camp can say, "Hey! That's a good idea. We can do that." So thank you very much.

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

Thank you, Brother Pahl. Executive Director, Brother David Demmy, had an injury. His leg is in a big cast and he has very limited in mobility. He has a long recovery to go. So he's not able to attend. I would ask Brother Mortorff, do you have anything?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Gene Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief. The Assistant National Executive Director is very busy and tired most of the time and cannot wait for Dave Demmy to heal and come back to the office.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

And again, I'd like to thank Brother Gene for stepping up and helping David out during these times. Moving to Appointed Officers. Aide-de-Camp, Brother Dustin Martin.

**Dustin Martin, National Aide-de-Camp**

Dustin Martin, Department of Ohio, Aide-de-Camp. I have nothing to add.

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

Okay. Thank you. National Organization Expansion Officer is not here. National Chaplain, Brother Kowalski.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski. Nothing to add.

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

Chief of Staff, Ed Norris.

**Edward J. Norris, National Chief of Staff**

Ed Norris, Chief of Staff. I have nothing to add.

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

Thank you. Next, Civil War Memorials Officer, Brother Busch.

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

Missouri Past Department Commander, Walter Busch. Can't find my report, but there's nothing to add.

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

All right. Thank you. National Color Bearer, Brian McManus.

**Brian D. McManus, National Color Bearer**

National Color Bearer, Brian McManus. Report's on page 38. Report stands as submitted and written.

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

Thank you, Brother. National Webmaster.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jamie McGuire, Department Commander, Rhode Island, National Signals Officer, National Webmaster, et cetera. Report's on page 36. There are some recommendations that we'll discuss later on but nothing to add at this time.

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

Okay, thank you. National Counselor, Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

My report's on page 39. I have nothing to add.

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

Thank you. Assistant National Counselor, Brother Grimm.

**Robert E. Grimm, Assistant National Counselor**

Bob Grimm, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I have nothing to report. The Counselor has done a fantastic job and hasn't needed a whole lot of assistance.

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

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

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

Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book. My report is on page 41. If you look at the current online version, the index is now hot keyed so that you press control and tap on the section number in the index, it'll take you directly to the language that you're looking for. Hopefully that'll make it easier to use in reference.

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

Thank you. National GAR Highway Officer Brother Pete Hritsko. Brother Pete here? Okay. Patriotic Instructor.

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

Jeffrey French, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake, National Patriotic Instructor. My report can be found on page 31-35. This is the first year we used a new form and we had nineteen of thirty-one Departments submit this year, which is great. But we need 100% cause the

forms reflect data we need for the 501(c)(3). So, I appreciate your support and in the future I'll have an instruction booklet to clarify the questions that y'all brought forward to me. We are looking at them. We are gonna take care of the 'em. Other than that, nothing to add. Thank you.

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

Thank you. Next, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Brother Lyon.

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

Jim Lyon, National Eagle Scout Coordinator. I have since submitted a report. I've been going through some illnesses, so my report has been submitted.

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

Okay, thank you. National GAR Records Highway, Brother Enderlin.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. I do have one addition to my report. Last weekend the National Convention of the National Woman's Relief Corps convened in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I attended as a guest and was invited to deliver greetings on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization, which I did. I also delivered special greetings on behalf of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Day and Brother McGuire of the Department of Rhode Island. That is one addition to my report. No other additions or corrections.

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

Thank you, Brother Enderlin. National Graves Registration Officer, Brother Frail. Is Brother Frail here? National Guard, John Eger.

**John K. Eger, National Guard**

National Guard, John Eger, Department of Indiana. Nothing further to report.

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

Thank you. National Guide, Brother Bob Koenecke.

**Robert Koenecke, National Guide**

Robert Koenecke, Department at Wisconsin. I have nothing more to report.

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

Thank you, Brother. National Historian, Brother Bob Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Bob Wolz, Past Department Commander of Ohio, National Historian. My report is on page 45 and nothing to add to that section.

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

Thank you. Next is Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines. Is Brother Perley Mellor... He is not here. National Liaison to MOLLUS, Brother Jeff Burton. Is Brother Jeff here? National Membership-at-Large Coordinator is Brother Alan Russ. He's not here. National Parliamentarian, Kent Melcher.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

Nothing to report, Commander.

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

Thank you. National Legislation Officer, Brother Daniel Earl. Assistant National Legislation Officer, Brother Steve Hammond.

**Stephen S. Hammond, Assistant National Legislation Officer**

Steve Hammond, Department of the Chesapeake, Past Department Commander. I have nothing to add to my report, which is on page 51.

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

Thank you, Brother Steve. Washington D.C. Representative, Brother Lee Stone.

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

Lee Stone, PDC, Department of the Chesapeake, National Washington D.C. Representative. My report is on page 38. I have no additions or corrections and no recommendations.

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

Thank you, Brother Lee. Brother McGuire, did you have anything for the Signals Officers?

**James P McGuire, National Signals Officer**

James McGuire, National Signals Officer. You see, I ran to the mic because this is being recorded. As I said, everything combined on page 36 in that report. So, nothing to add at this time.

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

All right. Thank you, Brother. Okay, National Webmaster for Quarter Master Store and the Assistant National Webmaster, Brother Ken Freshley.

**Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster for Quarter Master Store**

Ken Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. My report is on page 42. Nothing to add; report as stands.

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

Thank you. Assistant National Secretary, Department Secretary Large, Treasurer. He's also National Secretary Camp-at-Large, Secretary/Treasurer, Brother James Paul.

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

Thank you for the exercise program. James Paul, Past Commander-in-Chief, of those Offices you just said. My report's in here somewhere. Nothing to add.

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

All right. Thank you. Assistant National Secretary Proceedings, Brother Jamie McGuire. Did you have anything to say for that? I'll just do it from here for you. All right. The National Signals Officer, National Secretary Proceedings, Brother McGuire, has nothing to add. Assistant National Treasurer, Brother James Paul.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

You thought I could at least group this together. Right?

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

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. Nothing to add to my report.

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

Thank you. Assistant National Treasurer #2, Brother Michael Beard.

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

Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake. Nothing to report.

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

Assistant National Treasurer #3, Brother Michael Downs. He's not here? Assistant National Treasurer #4, Brother Max Newman.

**Max L. Newman, Assistant National Treasurer #4**

Max Newman, Assistant National Treasurer #4. I have nothing to add.

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

Thank you. Assistant National Quarter Master, Brother George Shadman. Brother George here?

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

No. All right. We'll move on to Department reports. The Department California and the Pacific, Commander Dean Enderlin.

**Dean A. Enderlin, Department of California and Pacific**

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, Commander, Department of California and Pacific. Our report appears on page 106. We have no additions or corrections.

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

Thank you. Did you hear your ghost applause in the background?

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

Department of Chesapeake, Commander Faron Taylor.

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

Commander, Department of the Chesapeake, Faron Taylor. Our report follows the Department of California and we have nothing to add.

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

Thank you. Department of Colorado, Wyoming.

**James M. Barker, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Past Department Commander, Jim Barker, Colorado, Wyoming. Our report's on page 109. There are no changes.

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

Thank you, Brother. Department of Columbia, Commander Stevens. Does the Department of Columbia have anything? Okay. Department of Connecticut. Department of Florida.

**Unknown**

The Department of Florida has nothing to add, sir.

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

Department of Florida has nothing to add. Thank you. Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Brother Beam.

**David W. Beam, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

David Beam, Department Commander. We have nothing to add. Our report's on page 114.

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

Thank you. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Sorry for the delay, Commander-in-Chief.

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

It's all right.

**John M. Bigwood, Department of Illinois**

John Bigwood, Commander, Department of Illinois. I'm on page 116. I only have one addition. Through the efforts of our Past Department Commander, Nick Kaup, we have a new Camp in Illinois, the Old Glory Camp. I think it's worth noting.

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

Thank you.

**John M. Bigwood, Department of Illinois**

Thank you, sir.

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

Where's it located was the question. Where's the Camp located?

**John M. Bigwood, Department of Illinois**

In the greater Chicago area.

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

Thank you.

**John M. Bigwood, Department of Illinois**

Okay.

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

Department of Indiana.

**William R. Adams, Department of Indiana**

Bill Adams, Past Department Commander, Department of Indiana for our current Department Commander, Dennis Rigsby. We have nothing to add.

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

Thank you. Department of Iowa.

**Danny E. Krock, Department of Iowa**

Senior Vice Department Commander, Danny Krock. Department of Iowa has nothing to add.

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

Thank you, Brother. Department of Kansas.

**Mark A. Britton, Department of Kansas**

Mark Britton, Department Commander, Kansas. We have nothing to add. Report's on page 117.

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

Thank you. Department of Kentucky is not here. Department of Maine, not here. Department of Massachusetts.

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

Daniel Murray, Department Commander from Massachusetts. I have nothing further to add to my report and I believe it's on page 118.

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

Thank you, Commander. Department of Michigan.

**David S. Smith, Department of Michigan**

David Smith, Department Commander, Department of Michigan. We have nothing further to add. Our report is on page 119 and 120.

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

Thank you, Commander.

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

Department of Missouri.

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

Dale Crandall, Senior Vice Commander. Our report is on page 120. There is one friendly recommendation in that report for consideration.

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

Thank you. Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas.

**William H. Dean, Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas**

William Dean, Past Department Commander. The report is on 122 and 123. It stands as written.

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

Thank you, Brother Dean. Department of New Hampshire.

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

Gary Ward, Past Department Commander. The report is found on page 123 and there are no

further additions. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother. Department of New Jersey.

**Robert Wilhelm, Department of New Jersey**

Robert Wilhelm, Department of New Jersey, Past Department Commander. Our report is on page 125. Nothing to add.

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

Thank you, Brother. Department of New York.

**Daryl V. Verstrete, Jr., Department of New York**

Department of New York, Daryl Verstrete. No further information to add to report. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you, Commander. Department of North Carolina. The Department of Ohio.

**Shawn A. Cox, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, we have nothing further to add to the Department of Ohio. Our report's on page 130.

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

Thank you, Commander. Department of Oklahoma.

**Brian C. Pierson, Department of Oklahoma**

Brian Pierson, Department of Oklahoma and dual with Georgia/South Carolina. Nothing to add to Commander Griffin's report.

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

Thank you. Department of Pennsylvania.

**John R. Gipson, Department of Pennsylvania**

John Gipson, Junior Vice Commander. We have nothing to add to our Commander's report.

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

Thank you, Brother. Department of Rhode Island.

**James P. McGuire, Department of Rhode Island**

Jamie McGuire, Department Commander, Rhode Island. Report's on page 132. The report is as stands. I would just like to make an observation. This past year I've gotten to know a couple of other Department Commanders pretty well online. This is not any kind of recommendation; just an observation. I think that the Department Commanders being in touch and having relationships with each other can only lead to good things for this Order. So those of you who I've gotten to know, thank you.

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

Thank you, Commander. Department of the Southwest.

**David A. Swanson, Department of the Southwest**

David Swanson, Department Commander, Department of the Southwest. And we have nothing else to add to our report on page 133.

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

Thank you. Department of Tennessee.

**David H. McReynolds, Department of Tennessee**

This is David McReynolds, Department Commander for the Department of Tennessee with Mississippi and Alabama. You can find our report on pages 136-138. We have nothing to add.

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

Thank you, Commander. Department of Texas.

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

Don Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary, Department of Texas, Past Department Commander. Texas has nothing to add and have no comments on its report. They're on page 138 and 139.

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

Thank you, Brother Gates. Department of Vermont is not here. Department of Wisconsin.

**Alan O. Petit, Department of Wisconsin and Minnesota**

Department Commander, Alan Petit, Department of Wisconsin and Minnesota. My report's on page 140. It stands as written.

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

Thank you, Commander. All right. This concludes the reports from Departments. Brother Secretary, do we have any communications?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. I just have one announcement. Would the Commander or the Secretary for Departments of Illinois, Department of Connecticut, and Department of Rhode Island see me at the break? Thank you.

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

Okay. Thank you. At this time, Brothers, I'd like to go ahead to a ten-minute break so we'll be reconvening at about 10:20. Chaplain, please close the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**(break)**

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

At this time I'd like to recognize a Brother who has reached a huge milestone in this Order. This Brother's name is Chuck O'Dell. He's a Past Camp Commander. He is now a seventy-five year

member of the Organization.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**Charles O'Dell, Department of the Chesapeake**

Thank you so much. Thank you. I only wish my dad was here.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Charles O'Dell, Department of the Chesapeake**

He took me when I was fourteen. And one of the gentlemen was talking about GAR Halls. Well, in Beverly, Massachusetts, there is a Grand Army of Republic building. In that building, I was inaugurated in to this Organization. It's been a great trip. I just love my Brothers. They kind of like me.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Charles O'Dell, Department of the Chesapeake**

But...God bless you all and thank you so much.

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

Thank you, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Brother O'Dell is a member of Antietam Camp #3, Department of Chesapeake. He's also a Past Department Chaplain. All right. I'm gonna see if people are awake here while we move on to General Order 4. The 2016 National Encampment voted to establish that the SUVCW will officially observe the weekend as prescribed by federal government as Memorial Day in lieu of May 30. It also created National Special Committee on Decoration Day, with the General Order #4 with the majority of 2/3 majority of the Council Administration. This was put on hold and was not implemented so it needed to come to this Encampment to vote as to whether it should be. In essence, we would be undoing what was done last year with the two items I just read. This would take things back to the way it was previously and the way it's been this past year while it's been on hold. Yes?

**Eugene C. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff. This action was taken when I was Commander-in-Chief. And I would hope that everyone would vote to repeal it.

**Unknown**

Repeal, did you say?

**Eugene C. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

To return to where we were.

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

Thank you. I also set up a committee, a Commander-in-Chief Committee, to take a look at this and I'll read you their recommendation. "It is recommend the 2017 National Encampment sustain the determination by the National Counselor or Council of Administration, Commander-in-Chief that the motion and action taken at the 2016 National Encampment to move the SUVCW observe Memorial Day from May 30 to a federally established date were out of order and are void; having been found to be in direct violation of National Regulations repealing clause and amendments," so forth and so on. So this is the recommendation of the Committee that I put together to take a look at this. Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake. Just a question, Commander-in-Chief. This item did come up to a vote on the floor at last year's Encampment. Just a clarification on that but when it went to the Council of Administration, the reason that the Council was concerned about this is it would require changes to the C&R and other documentations. It did not have a 2/3 majority vote was also one of the primary issues of concern, at least a number of members in the Council of Administration so if there's a question on the floor and anyone...I'll take a correction if I'm not correct in what I'm saying.

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

Commander-in-Chief?

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

Yes.

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

Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan, Past Commander-in-Chief and chair of this Special Committee. Basically what was said in fact was correct. The Committee is basically is doing the recommendation that was just presented. Therefore, I move that recommendation, as the chair of the Committee.

**Unknown**

Second.

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

Okay. Motion and a second that the National Encampment... This is the motion. The National Encampment sustained a determination by the Counselor, C of A, and Commander-in-Chief that the motion action taken at the 2016 National Encampment, to move the day that the SUVCW observe Memorial Day from May 30 to the federally established date were out of order and are void. Okay. What that means is a "yes" vote would put things back the way they were. Okay? A "no" vote would approve and go with what was established last year by the National Encampment. So, because it's a C&R issue, it would require a 2/3 majority. So is everybody understanding with that? Okay. Seeing no further discussion, all in favor of the motion, please raise your cards. All opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

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

Now the part of the two edged sword with this, with the regulations I did use to write this General Order also require the Commander-in-Chief to come up with a possible solution.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

So I do have one possible solution. Do not get mad at me for saying this but given the discussions and put it out there for voting. We are not gonna get May 30 recognized officially by the federal government. The ceremonies on May 30, in some cases, have poor attendance due to work and so forth. On the other side of things, many Camps continue to celebrate Memorial Day when a federal holiday and in doing so, they are in violation of our Regulations.

**Several Unknowns**

No.

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

So by having it on Memorial Day and not on the 30<sup>th</sup>, they're not violation?

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

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan, Past Commander-in-Chief, chair of the Committee. No, they're not because basically, it just says observe the 30<sup>th</sup>. It doesn't say you have to participate or you can't participate in something else. That's not it all. So no, they are not in violation of the Constitution and Regulations of the Ritual.

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

So not in violation, by not having a formal ceremonies on the 30<sup>th</sup>, as long as they observe it personally?

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

Some, yeah, you can do that. Other Camps don't observe anything because they don't have the people to do it. They don't have the time to do it and if you said, what you said, they'd be in violation of the Constitution and Regulations, those Camps would only have two members that can't do it or five members that can't do it, they'd be in violation of the Constitution and Regulation. And they're not. Never have been.

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

Okay.

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

Most camps, many Camps I should say, observe both the 30<sup>th</sup> and the observed Memorial Day. It's usually more dependent upon who they are participating with.

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

Okay.

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

So, no. They would not be in violation; direct answer to your question.

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

All right. Thank you. Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Mark Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. On page 4 of the Ceremonial of the Rituals and Ceremonial's instruction 2016 edition, there is a paragraph, paragraph 21, Memorial Day. Memorial Day services honoring Union veterans of the Civil War and deceased veterans of all wars in the United States of America should be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> preferred or on the last Monday in May, as determined by each Camp. So in our own instruction were giving Camps option. Now, the place where it comes into problem is that in our Ritual of Initiation and other important Rituals, we swear to uphold May 30<sup>th</sup>. To me this gives the leeway for the Camps to do what they have to do and unless we can say that this is in violation of the C&R or of our actual stated position of May 30<sup>th</sup>, I suggest this takes care of the whole problem.

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

Okay. I'm satisfied with that and with the fact that I've done my due diligence as Commander-in-Chief. So I'm gonna go ahead and close this matter then. Is this about May 30?

**Unknown**

Yes, sir.

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

I'm closing it out. I'm sorry. I'm taking that prerogative and I'm withdrawing everything. We've got to vote and that's what I'm going with.

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

That's okay. I'm moving on, sir. Okay, next item. We had a Brother who I filed summary discipline charges against and that Brother has appealed to the National Encampment. So at this time I want to go ahead and because I filed these charges, I'm gonna turn it over to the National Counselor to present and discuss some things.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. On or about the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, the Commander-in-Chief filed charges on a Brother, Kenneth Tuma. Charged him with summary discipline, disobedience to the policies and lawful orders of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War emanating from a proper authority. Four counts: conduct unbecoming a Brother, his relations to the Order, one count and fifth conduct prejudicial to the good order discipline, three counts. When the Commander-in-Chief, according to the C&R, asked for a summary discipline, it goes before the Council of Administration.

After he presents these charges and specifications, the Council of Administration then has to give the Commander-in-Chief permission to go further. Once that happens, the Secretary or the Senior Vice Commander is charged by the C&R to set up a trial committee or trial commission to hear the charges against the Brother. The C of A did give permission.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief assembled the trial commission in the amount of time. The trial commission heard the case. It then presented a verdict of guilty on two of the three charges and put out a recommendation, penalty or sentence for violating those three objects.

Brother Tuma appealed wrongfully, in the C&R. I'll let Brother Pahl address that because he was on the Committee to see whether this came to the Encampment in order to bring it for your vote. I'll let him read his Committee's recommendation. As I said at this moment in time, the C&R was followed. There was an approval for the Commander-in-Chief to act. The Council or the trial

commission acted and came up with the sentence. Brother Pahl.

### **James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, chair of the special committee on Tuma appeal. Our report was not finalized until just the day before yesterday so it's not in your packet. I have some additional details of what happened so please allow me to read this report. On or about 30 October 2016, the Commander-in-Chief sent to the Council of Administration a request to allow summary discipline proceedings against Brother Kenneth Tuma of the General George Wright Camp #1865, Department of Columbia. The Commander-in-Chief is following procedure found in National Regulations, Chapter 4, Discipline, Article 17. The Council of Administration subsequently approved summary discipline proceedings.

In General Order #9 on 8 November 2016, the Commander-in-Chief suspended Brother Tuma until a hearing panel could hear the charges and make determinations. November of 2016, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day appointed a hearing panel consisting of Robert Grimm, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio; Stephen Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief, Wisconsin; Stephen Hammond, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake; Jeffrey French, Past Department Commander, New York; and Henry Shaw, Past Department Commander, Ohio. The panel elected Henry Shaw as chair.

The items at issue are letters written by Brother Tuma on or about 5 September 2016 to the Commander-in-Chief and members of the National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flag Policy written on a letter with SUVCW name and emblem presenting his personal opinion concerning the Confederate Battle Flag policy, issues currently under consideration by the Special Committee. The views and opinions expressed did not agree with current policy. In response to this letter, the Commander-in-Chief sent a letter to Brother Tuma on 12 September 2016 warning him not to connect the emblem and name of the Order with his personal views and warned him against making statements against SUVCW policy.

A second letter was written by Brother Tuma on or about 21 September replying to the letter from the Commander-in-Chief. This letter also contained SUVCW name and emblem. His letter talked about the United States flag code and stated the SUVC policy on the Confederate battle flag was a political statement. A third letter was written by Brother Tuma on or about 6 October 2016 addressed to Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief, and Ed Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief also on a letter with SUVCW emblem. The letter discussed the SUVC policy towards these Confederate battle flag; stated the Order's position needed to be neutral in order to protect our 501(c)(4) status; and all this ignores our duties to the Constitution of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Commander-in-Chief began summary discipline procedure.

The charges and subsequent findings are as follow. Number one, there were two counts of disobedience of policies, the lawful orders of the SUVCW emanating from proper authority. The panel issued a finding of guilty. Two counts of disobedience to Commander-in-Chief's warnings to stop using the emblem of the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War in conjunction with statements contrary to written policy; finding of guilty. Conduct unbecoming a Brother in relation to the Order by expressing consistent arguments and innuendos that we quote the Order should disregard the Constitution and Regulations and Policies of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to engage in activity he feels overrides them. Finding of not guilty. Conduct prejudicial to the good conduct and discipline by three different items falsely implies to Brothers that his admonishment by the Commander-in-Chief was related to our 501(c)(4) status; found not guilty. Falsely implying to Brothers that our 501(c)(4) status connect the SUVC Policy on Confederate battle flag; found not guilty. By argument implication to Past Commander-in-Chief, if you do not support his views on the Confederate battle flag, you are a traitor; finding of not guilty.

Brother Tuma did file an appeal in a timely fashion. He incorrectly believed his appeal was as of right under National Regulations, Chapter 4, Discipline, Article 20. However, the charges were filed

by the Commander-in-Chief under Article 17. In that situation, Article 20 does not apply. The National Regulations are silent as to any rights for disciplinary panel appeals initiated under Article 17. Therefore, no right of appeal exists.

However, any action at the National level within the Order can be appealed for consideration by the next National Encampment per National Constitution, Article 5, Section 3 which reads, "The National Encampment shall act as the final Court of Appeals from all orders, decisions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief and the determination of any such appeal that a meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting. Therefore, the issue before you today is should the National Encampment allow an appeal to be decided here by the delegates.

Brother Tuma's appeal document focuses on procedural issues. He challenged Commander-in-Chief's General Order #9 is unsupported by the evidence, and therefore constitutionally banned. He also challenges the ability of the hearing panel...that it was not properly convened and was nothing more than a star chamber proceeding, referring to his appeal at...in his appeal to the illegitimate hearing council.

This Committee chose not to focus on procedural issues, but the heart of the matter. Brother Tuma communicated with the Commander-in-Chief and the National Special Committee on Confederate battle flag policy. The Committee's function was to examine current policy and make a report to this Encampment with recommendations. It appears Brother Tuma's purpose was to express his views so the Special Committee could consider them during deliberations. Brother Tuma's views and opinions did not agree with current National Policy.

Did Brother Tuma's letter violate National Regulations and National Policy by submitting his personal views on an internal letter containing the name SUVCW and the emblem of the Order? If the answer to A is he did not violate National Regulations, then was the Commander-in-Chief's warning not to write such letters appropriate? This Special Committee believes the National Encampment should decide these issues.

The Special Committee believes that every Brother of the Order has the right to communicate with appropriate National Officers, and/or National Committees on items of current debate so those views may be considered during deliberations. The question is; may such a letter contain the name SUVCW and the emblem of the Order if that viewpoint disagrees with National policy.

Secondly, the second issue is authority of the Commander-in-Chief. Should a Brother be sanctioned for failing to follow the directions and warnings of the Commander-in-Chief? Would your decision be the same if he believed Brother Tuma's letter with the name and emblem therein are appropriate?

Therefore, the Special Committee recommends that this Encampment consider the appeal and so moves. Respectfully submitted, James B. Pahl, chair; Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander; Walt Busch, Past Department Commander.

In a bended to this report, if the appeal is granted, this allows Brother Tuma a chance to address the Encampment to have the Encampment hear his appeal. I do not believe Brother Tuma is present at this Encampment. Therefore, Brother Commander-in-Chief, this would require a ruling. Can an appeal proceed if the party defaults in his appearance?

In any public court, if a party appeals and fails to appear at the hearing, that automatically negates any further action. I don't know in this case, what your ruling would be or if the Brothers would wish to consider this in the absence of Brother Tuma.

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

Okay. Thank you. So we need to make the ruling and then determine whether they want to vote.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's where I think we should go with this.

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

So as a ruling then I would give this to the National Counselor for ruling.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

No, you're giving it me for an opinion.

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

Yeah, for his opinion, National Counselor's opinion.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. We have two items here. One, I can offer an opinion. Two, the ruling, if the Commander-in-Chief can make a ruling on something that he's involved with. You understated? It's like basically the judge making a ruling on something he just ruled on. It probably frowned on in most circles. So I would put before the Brothers that the ruling be permitted to be made by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief as he is the one that set the trial commission into action. Is that good for you guys, is basically what I'm looking at.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

So moved.

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

Second.

**Unknown**

Second.

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

All in favor? Opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I'm gonna give the opinion. You're gonna make the ruling.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Because Brother Tuma was informed of him needing to be at the Encampment and he has failed to show, I think we should follow the rule of law that the rest of the nation falls under and says if you're not here to appeal your case, then it should be null and void and what comes up, comes up. That's the opinion.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

If I may, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. Brother Tuma was notified that this appeal was not under Article 20, but would be coming here directly to the National Encampment and I invited him to attend. So I do know for a fact, and can advise the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Tuma did receive notice that this item would be on the floor of the Encampment for the Brothers' decision here.

**Unknown**

How long ago?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

When the Committee was first appointed, immediately he filed his appeal within thirty days of the decision. Commander-in-Chief appointed me as chair of the Committee shortly thereafter and I immediately contacted Brother Tuma.

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

Heavy is the head that wears the crown.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

This isn't supposed to happen today. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day. It is my ruling that Brother Tuma having been granted due warning and notice of the proceedings and being the only person who was eligible to stand before this body to defend himself to make his case, his absence there being noted, then the ruling is that we will not move forward with this. That his punishment is in place and we will not take it up here at the Encampment.

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

Okay. Thank you, Brother Day.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Commander?

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

Yes.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Brothers, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. This does not preclude the issue being brought before or being mentioned by the Appeals Commission, that they can, not in new business, address the subject of dealing with a Brother using the emblems of the Order to express a personal issue. I mean, you're not gonna vote on this in regard to Brother Tuma, but it doesn't mean the discussion would be ended at a future date.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, James Paul. I believe that part of the report of Committee on Constitution and Regulations may address some of these issues so the Brothers have a chance to consider this later.

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

Okay. So things are forthcoming then. All right. Thank you, and this does close the matter, this issue is over. Moving on with reports of Committees. First, some of the Standing Committees. So National Committee Programs and Policy, Brother Day. (chuckling). I should give

you a chance to get your breath and recompose. Right?

**Mark R. Day, National Committee on Program and Policy**

That's okay. I'm getting the exercise. The report of the Programs and Policy is found on page 92 of your packet. The report stands as it is. There are no additions or corrections. The Committee, as has been stated earlier, has had a very, very busy year. If you look through the report, you can see that there were a lot of actions that were...none here. But over the course of the year, we put in place, I believe, eight new policies.

We revamped the National Patriotic Instructor handbook. We re-created the forms for the National Patriotic Instructor reports. We reviewed several policies and forms over various things. We've corrected many of the forms. We updated the Form 9. We updated Form 5. So, it was a very busy year for the Programs and Policy Committee. Again, as I said earlier, I would like to thank them, the committee members. If you're here and you're on Programs and Policies, stand. Except for Dave. Dave doesn't have to stand. These Brothers worked very, very hard and I really think they deserve some credit for it.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Thank you, Brother Day. Committee on Battle Flag Preservation, Brother Norris.

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

Ed Norris. My report can be found on page 95. No changes.

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

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

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

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, Missouri. I found my report. It's on page 54, starting on page 54. I do have one recommendation now that I just came up with. If we're gonna ask people come up to the microphone to talk in advance, it'd be nice if we were actually following what's written down here.

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

Oh, it doesn't match. I did not realize that. Thank you. Next Committee, Communications Technology.

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

Jim McGuire, Department Commander, Rhode Island, National Signals Officer, National Webmaster, chair Communications Technology. Nothing to add to the report. But my heartfelt thanks to everybody who took part in the web presence survey that the Committee deployed. It was very insightful. You'll see some of those results as an appendix to the report. It really gave us a more clear vision of where we stand on the web. We're gonna use that data moving forward to try to find better ways for the Sons of Union Veterans to have, you know, powerful digital presence. So, thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother. Brother Bush, I never got a copy of that so I'm gonna go ahead with what I got in front of me. I don't have the same copy you got. National Encampment Site Committee, Brother Crane. Brother Crane here?

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

Are any members of the Site Committee here? Or are they all out fighting fires? Brother Kevin.

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

Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts, member of the Site Committee. There are no additions to the report.

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

Thank you. Next Committee on Fraternal Relations, Brother Martin.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake. I have no additions, no corrections and we have no recommendations.

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

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

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

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, chairman, National Committee on GAR Records. Our report appears on page 82. We do have one recommendation, if I can get to it, which appears on page 86. We operate on a five-year plan. This National Encampment concludes our previous five-year plan and we are recommending the adoption of a new five-year plan for our Committee.

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

Thank you. National Committee on Graves Registration. Is anybody here with us?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

You look slimmer, Jim.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I don't know why I have to keep doing Don Darby's job.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, rising to a point of order. This is a Committee report. You have a recommendation. These are to be taken up on the floor as the Committee makes the reports. I move you that any recommendation made by a Committee that does not involve changes to the Constitution and Regulations of this Order, be passed ad seriatim on the sound of the gavel unless an objection is voiced from the floor.

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

Second.

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

Thank you. All right. Motion, second. All in favor. Opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

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

So, Brother Enderlin, I would ask if you would please...

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

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. Again, our recommendation appears on page 86. The recommendation is that a new GAR Records Project five-year plan spanning 2017-2022 be approved as outlined below. I can read the recommendation, if you wish.

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

Okay. It does appear in your booklet. Is there anyone who wants it read or want to discuss it?

[one rap, \*]

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

Thank you.

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

Commander.

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

Okay. Graves Registration. Brother I believe is here. Is anyone from Graves Registration here? Committee on History, Brother Wolz.

**Robert Wolz, National Committee on History**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Bob Wolz, Past Department Commander, Ohio. Committee on History has nothing to add. Our report is on page 81.

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

Okay. Thank you. National Committee on Grave Registration, Brother Petrovic.

**Robert M. Petrovic, National Committee on Graves Registration**

Bob Petrovic, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander, my report's on page 87. I have nothing to add. I would like to strike the recommendation. The reason being I wrote this before the Council of Administration had your meeting. Minutes reported. They took this in and ruled this out of order.

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

Okay. Once again, this is to require the Council of Administration to attend the Lincoln Tomb Program and make that a permanent location to meet. That was ruled out of order by myself and by the C of A because that is the right of the Commander to choose where that C of A meeting will be. At this point, I'm going to rule out of order once more.

[one rap, \*]

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

National Committee on Membership, Brother Don Shaw.

**Donald W. Shaw, National Committee on Membership**

Commander, Don Shaw, chair of the Committee on Membership. Our report appears on page 87. There are no recommendations. There are no corrections or additions.

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

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

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

Commander, Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio, chair, National Military Affairs Committee. The report is found commencing at the bottom of page 87. No additions, corrections, or the like. Thanks, sir.

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

Thank you, Brother Shaw. National Committee Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Brian Pierson.

**Brian Pierson, Nat'l Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund**

Brian Pierson, Georgia/South Carolina dual with Oklahoma, Past Department Commander, chair of the Committee. My report is on page 96. There is a recommendation in it as well to evaluate whether grant eligibility should be expanded to include GAR Halls, historical GAR furniture and decorations, and if so, define specific criteria, standards, and restrictions for these items. This question came up, if you look at the top of page 97, from a question from the Department of New Hampshire and a follow on question about that as well. It all gets into the use of the building. Is it a museum that is not being used by the Sons? Is that eligible for restoring furniture or general maintenance of the building, in one case. So, I would ask that this...the Committee study this and come back with the recommendation to clarify our guidelines. Our guidelines are a little...a little unclear on that.

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

Okay. Any discussion? Okay.

[one rap, \*]

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

I will give that back to your Committee to examine and report to the C of A.

**Brian Pierson, Nat'l Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund**

Roger that.

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

Thank you. National Committee on eBay Surveillance, Brother Dixon. Is Brother Dixon here? Anybody on that Committee? National Committee on Scholarships is Brother Gene Turner. Brother Turner's not here. Is there anyone here that's on the Committee that would wish to address any...? National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Brother Palmer.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat'l Committee on Promotion & Marketing**

Don Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Missouri. The report is on page 98

and there were no additions and no recommendations.

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

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

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

Brian Pierson here again. I'm beginning to feel like Jim Pahl. No changes to the report but an observation that I see a lot of the recommendations from this report are already being enacted by a number of the other Committees and Departments. That's very promising as I go through the reports and I read that. I do think that the first recommendation though, looking at the recruiting and retention program. We're good at recruiting. We're inconsistent at retention and this is an observation I've seen. Talking with our National Expansion Committee chair, Brother Loren Bures, who's not able to be here, we would like to try to refocus some of our efforts on what we need to do to retain the members that we've recruit. There's more than enough things to do for everybody in the Order. We need to help the Departments and we need to help the Camps find things and find strategies and ways and initiatives for them to continue to engage and keep the Brothers who they recruit. Not sure what Committee. I think that may be the Membership Committee to look at that or perhaps the Expansion Committee.

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

Okay. So you're talking about revamp the Recruiting and Retention Program...

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

...Correct...

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

...to come up with a strategy? Okay. Any discussion?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I would move that that falls under Programs and Policy, and for it to be transferred to them.

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

Okay. I have no objection to that.

[one rap, \*]

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

We'll put that to Programs and Policies.

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

Thanks. Recommendations regarding Information Technology I think are already being well addressed by our Signals Officer and chair. I'm going to withdraw those recommendations in favor of the work that he's doing.

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

Okay. That's your first one. Then the National Signal Officers Committee to...

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

That's all three of them for the National Signal Officers Committee. Correct.

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

Okay.

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

Yeah, cause he's already doing them so this...these are redundant.

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

Okay.

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

Engagement. There's four recommendations under there. The first one is "Assist the Departments and Camps in school engagements, perhaps with the standardized kit similar with what the SAR uses." I think our assistance should be probably at least just giving them some tools, you know, not building a kit for them but maybe a standard, what should be the building blocks of that kit. I know the SAR is very successful in their trunks that they carry around. They have a kit built that, here we are, and they pull their whole display out. I know different Departments and Camps have different levels of what they do so and it helps keep our message consistent across the board as we go visit that.

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

Okay. Further discussion. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief. In regard to number one on your recommendation...for Camps and Departments, first off, the big question is where you gonna pay from it from? What fund? Second is, I believe at least you and Past Commander-in-Chief Harrison and I got together, we put an education section on our website for schools and scholars. Have you looked at that?

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

I have. This was more focused on when we have Brothers out actually doing living histories or presentations at schools, just to standardize the materials they should bring. It's more along the focus of providing just overarching guidelines that they can use and perhaps print outs that they can download from the website so that they can take to the schools as handouts.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Well, once again, to do that for the Camps and Departments, show me the money.

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

Yep, I agree. But...

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

...I know you agree. I need you to show where do you want the money to come from? That's the question.

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

Well, yeah, I don't...yeah.

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

Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Mark Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Years ago when you and I were on the Americanism Committee we put together standard packages of material. Those packages of material are still available on the National website. They are programs on Memorial Day. They are programs on flags. Now if I was going to look for a place to put this as a task, I would make the recommendation that the Patriotic Instructor be the one that deals with materials that go into the classroom. I would move you that this be assigned to the Patriotic Instructor for his review and determination on what we could move forward with.

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

So I have a motion. Do I have a second to Brother Day's motion? Okay, I have a second. Any further discussion? Okay, so all in favor to place this with Patriotic Instructor. Opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Next recommendation, the Battle Flag Preservation Program needs to develop a vision, strategy, goals and objectives. I have not found those but I don't know that this was a similar recommendation from last year and the year before so to help focus the Preservation Program's activities. So, that would go to that Committee.

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

Discussion.

[one rap, \*]

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Next recommendation is establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign responsibility to an existing Committee. On the National Website, there is a link to the Civil War Trust in the education page, but really that's about it. This is an area, I think, that given the attacks on the Battlefields, especially what we've witnessed with Nash Farm in Georgia, that we probably want to get more active in doing and establishing policies for that.

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

Discussion.

[one rap, \*]

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

And I'm gonna leave this one to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for his consideration.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Marketing Promotion Committee, evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the strategy. This is more of a metrics thing. If we've gotten any feedback from Marketing promotion on increased membership due to their marketing and promotion, which I haven't seen. So that would go to them.

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

Discussion.

[one rap, \*]

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

Again, to Marketing and Promotion.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Right. And then the last impact which is initiatives impacted by the 501(c)(3) roadblock. That, of course, is overcome by events is no longer applicable. I withdraw that recommendation since we do have 501(c)(3). We can now start applying for grants.

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

Okay.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

And that's it from Strategic Vision and Planning.

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

Okay. Thank you, Brother.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

You're welcome for not having thirty different recommendations this year.

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

Special Committees then. National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign, Brother Michaels.

**Stephen A. Michaels, Memorial University Redesign Special Comm.**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels, Department of Wisconsin. My report is on page 103. It stands as written. No changes; no recommendations.

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

Thank you, Brother. National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials. Does your Committee have anything?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Special Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Joseph Hall, chairman of the Credentials Committee. My report is as it stands. I would ask that the Department Secretaries pay more attention to credential cards and fill them out appropriately. I'm getting a number cards with no names. Nothing for their credential, PDC delegate, alternate. Makes the job much more difficult than it needs to be. Okay? And it gives you a headache. All right. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother Joe. National Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, Is Brother Orton here? National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, Brother Ward.

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

James Ward, Department of Florida, Past Department Commander, and chairman, National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues. The report is on pages 100-103 with recommendations on page 12. You can put that aside. A revised report was provided to Commander-in-Chief Martin and the Council of Administration. Any Brother desiring a copy of that revised report, please see me or

contact me. I'll be happy to provide that to them. It was a little more technical in nature; described more specifically how the current concept of providing a searchable ancestor database and the related topics would proceed. All recommendations... I would just make one note. Just to make it absolutely clear, the Committee is very sensitive and focused on not only providing you with searchable ancestor database but also doing so, considering privacy issues and considering security. You do not need to think for a minute that we're not being very careful about that. So all recommendations are withdrawn, with the exception of... First I'll make a note. We had a more direct request for data from the Departments concerning members and their ancestors that would feed such a searchable database. I've handed these out, in person, during this National Encampment to seven of the Departments. The rest of you please see me, I'll put them in your hands. I'm keeping track of who they've been given to so that we know for sure every Department has the request showing what is requested.

Secondly on the back, it was pointed out to me that we've been at this for a bit and people might be forgetting why we're doing this. So I put some notes, a description if you will, of why it is that we're doing this. There are other reasons that weren't added to that, just to keep a shorter list. Please, see me about that. I'm going to request or make a recommendation to make it clear and take a workload off the Council of Administration coming up on Sunday. The issue of a line item for funding for this Committee. If you'll recall, last National Encampment authorized \$3,000.00 for research and development. Brothers, we've been very frugal. We've not spent your money. Period. But we did not not spend the money with the idea that it would evaporate. So we assume since our life was extended to 2021, that we didn't have to rush out and spend the money prematurely last year. I would recommend that the \$3,000.00 be carried forward into the oncoming budget.

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

Are you making it as a motion, then?

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

That is my motion, sir.

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

Okay. Do I have a second? I have a second.

**Loren Bures**

Second.

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

Any further discussion on this?

**Richard Hoover, Department of Illinois**

Richard Hoover, Camp Commander for John Logan Camp #26 out of Rockford. I was talking to the Secretary and he said something about my program with the descendants of POW's being transferred to the hereditary section. I was more wondering what's going on with that.

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

Brother, this is not the point for this because that's a different item to discuss. Any further discussion on the motion. The motion being to continue to provide the Committee with \$3,000.00. All in favor. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

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

To conclude, I'd like to give thanks and recognition to Brothers Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief and Larry Oppenheimer, Department of Florida, Secretary. They were the quickest out of the blocks for data compilation and entry and that's very important to go from zero to something. Brothers Manic, Whitlam, Scott, Schaefer, and Atchison were involved in the second iteration of data compilation and entry. If I could ask the Committee members and aides to stand of the Hereditary Issues Committee. Come on guys. You need some recognition. I know you're here.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

In any case, that concludes our report, sir.

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

Thank you, Brother Ward. Okay. We have National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flag Policy, Brother Schall.

**D. Brad Schall, Confederate Battle Flag Policy Special Committee**

Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief. First, I'd like to thank everybody on the Committee. Most Committees, and I've served a lot of them over years, this group of people received about a hundred emails or phone calls. We revised our resolution about ten times. I'm thanking all of those for what we went through. We have a recommendation on our report, Commander. It's on page 105. Oh, I don't care if they hear. Do you want me to read the recommendation, Commander?

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

Yes, if you would, please. Again, page 105.

**D. Brad Schall, Confederate Battle Flag Policy Special Committee**

And this is "Whereas we as the descendants of Union Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, who as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity; whereas we, as members of the Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly opposed the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups; whereas we, the members of Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly opposed the defacement or destruction of any Civil War monument or tablet whether Union or Confederate; whereas we, the members of Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War, do support the flying of all U.S. flags and C.S.A. flags at our National historical sites. Therefore, we, the members of Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War, are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War and our educational system and asked that all descendants of the Civil War, participants, join us in this endeavor."

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

Okay. Thank you. This is a proposed policy change. The current policy can also be found on the same page area, around 105. So, we're looking at a policy change.

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

One oh six, I'm sorry. The current policy's 106. Do I have any discussion? Brother Adam.

**Adam W. Gaines, National Membership-at-Large**

Brother Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large. I'd like to propose a friendly amendment. The friendly amendment is...let me get on the right page here. I would like to propose

that we change the word on the second paragraph it says, “Whereas we as members of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly opposed.” I would like to make the amendment that it says “strongly condemn” and the reason behind that is one of two reasons. One is I think we as...height problem. It should condemn, denounce, everything like that, towards our American flag that our ancestors fought under. And it is also the exact same wording that was used in the, let me see here, in the 2000 resolution. And thank you. I hope you understand what I am saying and mean.

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

All right. Thank you, Brother Adam. So Brother Adam has made a motion to amend the current motion on the resolutions to...was it replace or include language? Okay, to change “strongly opposed” to “strongly condemn.” Do I have a second? Any discussion on the amendment to the motion? All in favor of the new wording. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay. Brother Mark.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander, Mark Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. In that same paragraph, second paragraph, right after that word we have just changed, I would ask that the following be inserted, “that we condemn the removal of all legitimate veterans’ memorials.”

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

Okay. So motion to include...

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

“...all legitimate veterans’ memorials.” If it's a memorial that is not to a veteran; that is just something that is best put up as part of the 1880’s campaign to redefine things; that has no relationship at all to a veteran, then I have no problem with them taking it down. I'll read the entire paragraph. “We, as members of Sons of Union Veterans the Civil War, strongly condemn the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups; whereas we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly condemn the removal of all legitimate veterans’ memorials, their defacement, or destruction.” Then you would have to change the wording after that to make it more...

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

...Do you want to clarify “legitimate veteran” because then that could be a debate.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I know. And when I was sitting there thinking about using that term, I could live without the word “legitimate” as long as we say “veterans’ memorials.” But again, it's going to be a definition thing.

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

Okay. Mark, could you write that out for us?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I will. And let me just explain my position. I'm not just concerned about Confederate memorials. I'm concerned about other memorials. As a teacher of history, and a historian as a profession, I'm very concerned that we have some language in here that says we're on record saying

that we oppose the defacement or destruction or removal of any veterans' memorial.

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

Okay. I think we have the second. Chaplain.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

And I will bring you the language.

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

Yeah, point of clarification, Brother Harrison.

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

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. Whereas, Section 432 (3)(E) public law, 85 425 May 23, 1958, HR 358 72, Statute 133 states, "For the purposes of this Section and Section 433, the term 'veteran' includes a person who served in the military or naval forces of the Confederate states of America during the Civil War and the term... Well, it goes on in the term "active military naval services includes the active services, such forces." There's your definition.

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

Okay. Thank you very much. Are you talking to the current amendment? The only thing we're talking now is to the current amendment as proposed by Brother Day. Is anybody doing that?

**Unknown**

Brother Commander, I move to table the matter until we get the...until we get the written proposal. And then we can go on.

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

Okay. A motion to table. Mike you give a second?

**Several**

Second.

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

Okay. We have a second. So we'll table that and we'll come back to it after we get it back.

[one rap, \*]

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander for Chesapeake, Department of Chesapeake. Brother Commander, before we undo any of the other Committees' hard work, could, just for the benefit of all the Brothers here, could...could we get a description of the rationale for some of the language changes in the new resolution policy so we get a better appreciation for what the Commit...the work that the Committee actually did? Because they...they obviously spent a lot of time on this. And rather than piecemeal what is... For example, the word "condemn" was taken out of the original...from the original proposal. They used the word "strongly oppose" instead of the word "condemn," which we just voted to put back in. There is a reason for that and I think the Encampment deserves a little more detail on the rationale for some of the changes.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

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

Okay. The Committee can speak to that as the motions come up, and then speak to that when the motion is there, rather than do a blanket coverage at this time. So Brad, if it comes up, as they come up, if they come up, then you have that opportunity. I'm going to the back. Who is next?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

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

And I'm getting close to limiting this debate. We'll see how we do. Yep.

**Wayne Todd, Department of Pennsylvania**

Well, my name is Wayne Todd. I'm the Patriotic Instructor at Anna M. Ross Camp #1 in Philadelphia. Now, I'm reading the flag policy presented by Brother Schall. I find myself agreeing with some points and heartily disagreeing with others. I agree that the Confederate flag issue is indeed sensitive and it always will be. Since this is the case, my feeling is that the policy the Sons of Union Veterans should be not to have a policy. Of course, I believe that the story of our Civil War should be presented to students throughout the country. But however I feel that to say that the men who met at Gettysburg in 1913, 1938, do not represent the opinions of the millions of men who took part in the war.

The record shows that at times, members of the GAR were even forced to leave the Order for supporting the Confederate flag and Confederate Generals. The fact remains that those who fought for the United States in the war, fought to preserve the union and to abolish slavery. The Confederate flag represent the opposite point of view. For this reason, the Sons Union Veterans should take no stand on the display of the Confederate battle flag or monuments to the Confederacy. Our order to stand with the SCV will alienate some members and to stand against the Confederate symbols will alienate other still. The logical course is for the Sons of Union Veterans to step back and allow the SCV to take on this eternal battle alone. The men who actually fought in that war were able to speak for themselves and he would no doubt disagree with the viewpoint of the present Committee.

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

You have one minute left.

**Wayne Todd, Department of Pennsylvania**

Yeah. In conclusion, the SUVCW should promote the cause that our ancestors in blue fought for and to make no attempt to support or represent the point of view of the SCV.

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

Thank you. Okay. Who was next? You've been up there a while.

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

Yes, thank you, sir.

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

Were you for or against?

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

Question of clarification. This is Sumner G. Hunnewell, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Missouri. I'm curious about the statement "all hate groups" because that is a term that can change over time. So that's my concern. If you have any comments on that?

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

Then this would be the time to address that. Please, Brad.

**D. Brad Schall, Confederate Battle Flag Policy Special Committee**

Commander, a couple of things. One, please understand that our resolution or our mission in the Committee was to the resolution of our response. We did not debate the Confederate flag, the American Civil War, or all of those issues. We tried to very narrowly do it. If you notice in the resolution to more directly answer your question, in the first resolution there was almost no mention at all of the Union or the American flag. We tried to bring this in, together with both parties, because as someone earlier said, we are under as much pressure as an organization as the Confederates are. We also did one final thing, if I answered your question, the words we used were mainly from the words that we communicated back and forth between the emails we received. We tried to be very responsive to what people sent to us. I can say it's the first time I've served on the Committee that probably email exchange went two or three different times rather than just once.

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

Yep. Thank you, Brother Brad. All right. We'll bring the motion back that we tabled earlier. We do have Brother Day's motion. I would ask...Call it from the table then. So I would ask Brother Davis, please read the motion.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. The change requested, I'll read that whole line. "Whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to the gallant soldiers in the former Confederate states and strongly condemn the removal, defacement or destruction of any Civil War veterans' monument or tablets whether Union or Confederate of reminders of this Nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being politically correct," and so on so forth.

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

Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

That does not sound like the one I sent up there.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

The last part, do you want to replace that part with what you have?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

All I really wanted to do is replace the second, whereas in the second paragraph.

**Unknown**

I think you're reading the wrong resolution.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah. Are you reading the current policy? I think we're talking about...

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

...You want to replace that whole policy in that section?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

My motion was or my request was to place a substitute motion to replace the wording in the second paragraph...

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

...Just what's written down...

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

That's right.

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

In his handwriting.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Yes, I do see your comment up on the corner. "Whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly condemn the removal, defacement, or destruction of any Civil War veterans' monument or tablet whether Union or Confederate."

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

So that is the current motion that...

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

...That is what I wrote...

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Correct.

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

The current amendment to the motion, and that is what we're voting on this time. Any further discussion on the amendment to the motion as read? Is this discussion, Brother Pahl, on this?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm confused. What Brother Davis just read, the way I heard it, was the Committee's recommendation, not Brother Day's changes. Brothers Day's changes talking about condemn removal of veterans' memorials, their defacement, or destruction. I don't think that's what our National Secretary read. Was it?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Yes. The second time.

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

The second time, not the first time.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Then I apologize cause I missed... is the word "legitimate" still in that?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

We took it out.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The word “legitimate” has been taken out. Thank you.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That was my misunderstanding too. We’re replacing that whole paragraph.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I want to put this in *The Banner* so I need to make sure it’s accurate.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And so I need to understand what it says to make sure that I can accurately report this to our Brothers.

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

The only word that’s changed was “opposed” to “condemn.” All right. So all in favor of the amendment of Brother Day, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

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

More discussion.

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

Camp Commander, I'm Tom Ricks. I'm a member, former Camp Commander of Anna M. Ross #1, Department of Pennsylvania. I think that this, first of all, to commend the Committee for its struggling with this very important issue. I think that given the sensitivity of it, though, the resolution should in all possibility remain ambiguous in recommendations. And I'll suggest this for the fourth “whereas,” some of which I would like to suggest we strike. Keeping the beginning of it. “Whereas we, the members of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, do support the flying,” I would say “of Civil War flags.” And that remains ambiguous on purpose. “At our Nation's historical battle sites.” And that too remains ambiguous. Although it’s specific enough to indicate what we would support, our historical battle sites. And I would go on to say, “to be honored publicly in designated museums or the Civil War museums as our authentic archival document of the narrative of our past.” That's what I would recommend for “whereas,”

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

...Okay...

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

...the fourth “whereas.” I don’t know if... you got all of that...

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

...If we get...

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

...I could write it out for you.

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

We need that written out. Is there a second at this point? All right. I have a second. So, yes, please write that out.

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

I will.

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

And we will table this until we can, yep, until we get it. So, thank you.

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

Very good. Thank you.

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

Okay. Brother Joe, are you next?

**Joe Marti, Department of California and Pacific**

Brother Joe Marti, Past Camp Commander, Phil Sheridan Camp #4, Department of California and Pacific. Commander, thank you all to the Committee. You did a great job and it is inspiring to see what you came up with. I will be brief. Promise.

In 1992, Admiral James Stockdale, everyone remembers him, Medal of Honor recipient, hero of our country, opened his remarks at the 1992 Vice-Presidential debates by asking, "Who am I? Why am I here?" Rather than being a punchline, that's an existential question we all need to ask ourselves here as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are the only official heirs to the GAR. It's a bold and grave responsibility that we assume to speak for those who can no longer speak for themselves.

Our regs state that we exist "to perpetuate the memory of the GAR, and men who saved the Union, 1861-1865; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have **patriotically** served **our** country in any war." Emphasis mine. We do not need, as Brother Wayne pointed out, we do not need to pronounce judgment on those with whom we disagree as an organization. Our work is to be clear to all what we do believe and what we do support within the context of this Organization and its purposes and aims. And so in conclusion, you're welcome.

My thanks again to the Committee. And I urge all voting members here to support the resolution as written and as amended, on the Confederate battle flag. Brothers, be proud of your Union heritage and be bold in your unwavering support of the Boys in Blue. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Next Brother please. Yeah, I've got him but I think these guys were before you Harry.

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

You can see better than I can.

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

Okay. Yes, go ahead. He's been back there for a while.

**Mace M. Gjerman, Department of California and Pacific**

We've only got three minutes to decide. Commander-in-Chief, Mace Gjerman, Past Camp Commander, Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Department of California and Pacific. I also wish to thank and actually express appreciation, even admiration, for the efforts of the Brothers, PCinC Schall, the chairman; Kennedy, PCinC; PCinC Darby; PCinC Krieser; and PDC Grant. They've done a special and outstanding service to our Organization this last year. I would question whether we've had a Committee anywhere in the lot in our past, that was more qualified to take on this effort that's so important to our Organization. They have provided our Organization with the gift of their time, almost a year of their lives. Their carefully considered insights and review of this policy that's proven to be controversial, decisive, and potentially damaging both internally to our Organization and in the eyes of the public that we seek to educate. The Committee has done an outstanding job in crafting a proposal that honors the values in memory of the GAR and can be supported idly by virtually every Brother so I also ask that every delegate honor the efforts of these outstanding Brothers by affirming this proposal as submitted with the current amendments to be considered. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother. Brother Harry.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Illinois. People would expect me to actually speak to the content of this; just those who know my history, my proclivities, my memberships in various organizations. But I'm really just here to be a pedantic jerk and say that you forgot the Revenue Cutter servicemen.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

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

So with that noted, I would like to propose an amendment that the first "whereas" reads, "Whereas we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors, Marines, and Revenue Cutter Servicemen who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with the Confederate veterans under both flags and the bonds of unity." And that's all I gotta say.

**Several unknowns**

Second.

**Encampment**

(chatter and clapping).

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

Okay. Any objection to that?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

All right. We'll include that.

[one rap, \*]

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

Gene.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'll just have to say, Gene Mortorff, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and United States Coast Guard, and the United States Revenue Cutter Service...

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

...One minute, Gene...

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...fired their first Naval shot of the Civil War off the coast of Charleston.

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

All right. Is there any opposition to that, adding... All right.

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother.

**David K. Hann, Department of New Jersey**

Brother Commander, Dave Hann, Past Department Commander of New Jersey and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which I've never hidden from any of you. That original proclamation, I wrote back in 1996. I want to clarify hate groups. The idiots that wear the sheets; the ones that love Adolf Hitler but there's new ones now. Antifa, who flies the American Flag upside down. And there's many of them. So that's the hate groups. As far as why I wrote that, and I was very honored that National would use that as a springboard, American history, whether it's Union or Confederate, it's American history. Our ancestors fought. If they chose not to get together with Confederates, that's their business. If they chose to get together with Confederate veterans, that was their business. We're honoring American history.

When you see monuments taken down because it's politically correct, it's going to come to us sooner or later. Massachusetts, they're talking about taking down the monument to Hooker because he lost the Battle of Chancellorsville. So, if you think it's gonna not come to us, Brothers, it is. This is something I've been worried about over twenty-five years. And it's getting worse and worse. It will get to the point where your ancestors fought just to end slavery, not to preserve the Union. You wait-and-see. And that every Confederate soldier was a slave owner. Wait-and-see. And they were fighting just for slavery. My Confederate ancestor was a twenty-one year-old South Carolinian that fought to protect his home. Went through four years of hell and went home. In the state of New Jersey, many times former Union and Confederate veterans got together in the bonds of friendship.

And that's what we're looking at here.

We're reaching out to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We're saying, "Hey, guess what? We understand your plight," Because sooner or later it could be our plight. If you think I'm kidding, go to one of these Confederate flag rallies and watch the Antifa people with the anarchist flag and flying our American Flag upside down. This happened on the Gettysburg battlefield. So think about it, Brothers. I know a lot of people get upset when Confederate issues are brought up. But it's preserving our American history, and that's what's important. And that's what we have to remember. It's our American history, shared American history. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother Hann.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Has that motion been given to the Secretary yet? What's the status of that?

**Unknown**

Being written as (indistinguishable).

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

Okay. I've got two more for discussion. We're coming up on lunch. So we'll listen to these and then we'll see where we are. Go ahead.

**Ryan Todd, Department of Kansas**

Ryan Todd, Samuel J. Churchill Camp #4, Lawrence, Kansas. Since were on the subject right now, like our fellow Brother who just spoke, I stand with him on his position on this conflict. And what I'd like to say is that we're all aware of the recent and the ongoing controversy about the Confederate battle flag and the Confederate monuments and memorials that are being destroyed and it is come to my attention that even Camps in our Organization are falling for this political correctness in the history revisionism.

I remind everyone that it is not just our duty to Union veterans to preserve their memory but also to the Confederate veterans. Because let's all remember that these were our fellow countrymen too. I believe that both of them fought for a very noble cause. And when you lay your life down for something that's when the greatest sacrifice is a human being can ever give. I believe that we must honor all of these veterans. When I see our own government tearing down our memorials of these Confederate veterans, of these boys who laid down their lives for what they thought was noble, I just find it absolutely disgraceful. If we don't stand with our Boys in Gray, you know, I feel like we've also failed as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War preserving history of all these soldiers that fought during the Civil War. So I urge you all to, you know, stand with our fellow Brothers in Gray, with the CSA. So, that's all I got to say about that.

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

Thank you, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Go ahead.

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

Max Riekse, Department of Michigan, Past Camp Commander, and Past Department of Michigan Patriotic Instructor. First of all, I have six Civil War ancestors, Michigan volunteer infantry and Calvary and I have documented that fact. It's on my hat. That's how strongly I feel about it. I'm a life member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a Vietnam veteran one year and an Iraq veteran one year. I like the American Flag. In fact, when I came back from college, I (indistinguishable) four hundred s.o.b.'s, demonstrators who wanted to yank it down.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

So, when I see the Confederate flag flying, it does my heart good. I can tell you that. When I crossed the Florida line, from Georgia in to Florida, there's a huge Confederate flag and I talked to a person who knows a person that put that up. To many Americans, good red-blooded Americans, that Confederate flag represents freedom and independence as it did to the people in Gray. In my son's bedroom, there is a large, formal American Flag, pole flag. It's big. On his bed is a Confederate flag. I put it on there and he knows that it represents freedom and independence and individual rights for many Americans. We have to be careful, the same people that hate the Confederate flag, hate the American flag with a passion. You got to know that. My son just spent two weeks back at the Boy Scout jamboree. He's gonna be an Eagle Scout by the end of the year and what people commented on the Boy Scout jamboree in Trump's speech, it was hateful. The same people that hate the Confederate flag, hate the Boy Scouts, and hate the American flag. Keep that in mind.

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

Thank you, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

All right. At this point we do...Brad, one more thing. Okay.

**D. Brad Schall, Confederate Battle Flag Policy Special Committee**

I respect everybody's opinion in here. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief. One of the reasons we didn't discuss the Confederate flag or the American Civil War is, men in in our hearts, we all have certain feelings.

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

Thank you. All right. We have a motion that is tabled. I will extend that table until after lunch. And we will come back to that. So at this time, I would ask the Chaplain please close the Bible.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

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

One o'clock, Brothers.

[one rap, \*]

(break)

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

Okay, Brothers, if you would, please take your seats. Let's get this rolling. I would ask the Quartermaster and Foundation, please...maybe finish up what you're doing and close down.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay, a couple of things before we go to the voting on this. And this needs to be quick. We're expecting visitation at a quarter after. The first thing is if you would, look through your booklet under this Constitution Regulations Committee reports. That's, I think I was told, 15 pages. It's very long. So you might want to familiarize yourself with this. I understand that the Secretary has a couple announcements.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. We have a couple of announcements. One, a Sons membership badge has been found. Owner may retrieve it at the information desk. The Encampment program book supply has been depleted and no more are available. The program book will be available for downloading on the Encampment website. I assume that's under the Department of Michigan website. And also Commander, I have the wording on that last change of the resolution.

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

Okay. Let's go straight to that. Would you read the amended wording on the motion please?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

The amended wording on the motion. It was on the last line before the "therefore" and requested wording change or motion was, "Whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of all Civil War flags at our National battlefield sites and to be honored publicly in museums as our authentic archival documentation of our National past."

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

All right. So that's the motion. So I'm gonna recall it from the table? And I want to go straight to voting. So, all in favor of the amendment to the motion. Okay. Discussion Leo?

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Rhode Island. I was also one of the ones who was involved in writing this. With the recommendation that has been made, we do not support flying the current United States Flag above National parks. It's Civil War flags only. So, I think we wrote this intentionally, having US flags and CSA flags to cover everything. I know we're trying to put an umbrella over this, but sometimes you have to be a little more specific and say exactly what you want to happen. So, approval of this means we cannot fly the current American Flag or support the flying of the current American Flag in National parks.

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

Okay. Anybody else? Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I also was on this Committee. It took us a year to write this. We don't need to add another paragraph after fifteen minutes of deliberation. So, I don't support that as well. Thank you.

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

Anyone else? Brother.

**Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas**

Roy Lafferty, Past Department Commander, Kansas. There as mention a battlefield in Missouri. They have a Confederate soldiers home and they fly the Confederate flag there. To me, that is an appropriate thing and in this it mentions battlefields. It would rule out our support out for that one at Higginsville.

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

Okay. Other discussion. Yep, last one.

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

Yes, I was the one who submitted this. I think that calling the flags, the US Flag and CSA flags, is fine. We can leave it that way. I'm looking at the Secretary (indistinguishable). Restore that, that'd be fine. There's no intention to eliminate the U.S. Flag from being honored, it's trying to say that the past is past and in the past those flags were to be honored. That's the purpose of that amendment. As to battlefields, battle flags belong on battlefields. Battlefields are battle sites. The battle flag of the Confederacy, which is not the Confederate actual flag as we know, it's the battlefield flag, should be honored in a museum. That's where it belongs. Our predecessors, the old boys, were very clear about the past. They struggle with their ideas of whether they should be a fraternity or a military institution. This was a big debate. But they're very clear by the 1880's, when they said what is to be honored and what's not to be honored. It was clear that the battlefield flag was not to be a public flag. There's one Flag. It's the U.S. Flag. Thank you.

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

Okay. So Brother, you are withdrawing that amendment to the motion?

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

(Indistinguishable).

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

Or that part...your part. All right.

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

(Indistinguishable).

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

So, would I have the Secretary reread the motion then.

**Unknown**

If he's withdrawing it, we don't need to reread it.

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

But he's only withdrawing his amendment. We still have to vote on the proposal, the new proposal.

**Unknown**

He withdrew the wording, at the beginning of the second line of that. Is that correct?

**Unknown**

To change the wording back to flying of all U.S. flags and CSA flags. But the rest of it did not change. Correct?

**Thomas M. Ricks, Department of Pennsylvania**

Correct.

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

Okay.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

So all U.S. flags and CS flags. The new wording would be, “Whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of all U.S. and CSA flags at our National battlefield sites and to be honored publicly in museums as our authentic archival documentation of our National past.”

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

Okay. So, we are voting on this amendment as it was read. All in favor, please indicate by raising your cards. This is in favor of changing it. All opposed. All right. I’m gonna ask once again. Would the Brothers please stand? So, if you're voting yes, please stand. ‘kay. Brothers voting no, please stand. Okay, I’m gonna ask for a count, head count. So, would all...everyone please set down? I’m gonna ask the Guide to go around the altar. Ask the Guide and the Flag Bearer to please count both sides. So, all in favor of the motion, please raise your voting cards.

**Tim Graham, Department of Ohio**

Tim Graham, Past Department Commander, Ohio. The average American does not know what the Confederate national flag looked like and that there were several of them. The average American does not know how many stars were flown on the U.S. Flag during the Civil War. The average American only knows the battle flag. The Union did not really have a battle flag except for regimental colors. So what would you fly along with a Confederate battle flag? Would you fly the U.S. Army flag at the time? Or would you fly a National Flag? Or would you...you had a National flag, would you fly a Confederate national flag? I think you got a sticky mass here.

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

Yeah. And that’s something for another discussion in a separate venue.

**Tim Graham, Department of Ohio**

Oh, good. I understand now. Okay.

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

Eighty-one. So we have 81 yes.

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

All opposed, please raise your voting cards.

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

Okay. So the motion, the amendment to the motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Now, I'd like to have you read the proposal as amended.

**Jonathan C. Davis National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. With all the changes we had it's, "Whereas we, as the descendants of the Union soldiers, sailors and Marines and revenue Cutter service, who, as members of the grand Army of the Republic met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity; whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly condemn the removal, defacement or destruction of any Civil War veterans monument or tablet or union, whether Union or Confederate; whereas we, the members of the Sons of..."

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

...Brother Secretary, I think you might have skipped one. The second "whereas." Did you get that? The hate group part. "Whereas we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly condemn the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups."

**Jonathan C. Davis National Secretary**

That was removed.

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

No. There was a word change. The word "oppose" was replaced...

**Jonathan C. Davis National Secretary**

That paragraph two in the change requested by Senior Vice Commander Mark Day replaced paragraph two.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

My motion only replaced the second "whereas" of that paragraph, which was the one that you started to read. The first "whereas" in that paragraph was meant to remain.

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

Does anybody have the changes written down?

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

Commander.

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

Yes.

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

Brian Pierson, PDC. What I have written down, and I think part of the root of the conversation, is that these two "whereases" don't have a line break between them. So I think they are probably two separate paragraphs. But what I have written down is, "Whereas we, as members of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly condemn the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups; whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

War, strongly oppose the defacement, destruction, or removal of any Civil War veteran monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate.”

**Jonathan C. Davis National Secretary**

Okay, I put it back in there.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

And then all the stuff added onto the end of the next one.

**Jonathan C. Davis National Secretary**

Okay, let's try this again. Reading from the top, “Whereas we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors and Marines and revenue cutter service, who as members of the Grand Army of the Republic met in joint reunion with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity; whereas we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly condemn the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups; whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly condemn the removal, defacement, or destruction of any Civil War veterans monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate; whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, do support the flying of all U.S. Flags and Confederate States of America flags at our nation’s Civil War historical sites; whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying...” Scratch the other part. Go back to the one after the “defacement and destruction,” “and whereas we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of all U.S. and Confederate States of America flags at our national battlefield sites and to be honored publicly in museums and as our authentic archival documentation of our national past. Therefore, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.”

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

Okay, so that’s the motion. Voting yes on this motion would create this as our policy replacing the old one. Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department commander, Department of Chesapeake. Just a question before we vote. Since this constitutes a change to our policy, is this a simple majority or is it a 2/3 vote to override our existing policy?

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

This is a simple majority because it’s not Constitution and Regulations. All right. So, all in favor of this new policy, please raise your voting cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Motion passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. Commander, I have one more announcement. I found on my desk. I assume this is the room key card. There is a notice that a key card 612 found and is at the front desk. I assume that’s your room key card which I don't think they even come with the

numbers so I'm not for sure. So, if your room in 612, you should check your wallet.

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

All right. We have two recommendations from Departments. These are recommendations, not resolutions. Okay? There's a difference. Department of Colorado/Wyoming recommend the Camp and Department Patriotic Instructor's report form on the National website could be converted to a fill in form. Discussion.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Mark Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, P&P chairman. We intend to make that change. The P&P was by action of the Encampment last year, had a deadline date that we had to meet in order to get the new Patriotic Instructor handbook and new forms out. I admit we probably could've done a better job of informing the Brothers of what we were asking them to do and the fact that we are doing it. I take responsibility for that.

Then we got overwhelmed with the paperwork for the IRS and writing policies and such for that. So, we intend to do that. I've talked to those who might be in this position I am in now next year and that will be one of the priority items that will be taken care of. It will become a PDF form. I spoke with a Patriotic Instructor this morning. He wants it that way and he said he'll even take point on making it happen. So at this point I would say that it's in the works, fellows. I can't tell you that it will happen in September, but it is in the works. Before you have to report again, you should have the forms.

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

Okay. With that, if there is no objection, then we'll just go ahead pass it on. Yes, Brother.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming will withdraw that recommendation.

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

Okay. Thank you. Okay. Department of Missouri, recommendation that the Assistant Quartermaster of the National organization of the Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War be directed to send all ROTC awardees' names, schools attending, and dates of presentations submitted by Camps to the Department ROTC Officer for record-keeping, as these are submitted directly to National from the Camps, often leaving the Department without a record of the event. Brother Danny.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. New York. Just like to say George is doing a whale of a job, a better job than I could do because I had too much on my plate when it became free. He keeps sheets on it. He does everything. I feel that if a Department want to do that, it should be done in the inner circle, not by the Assistant Quartermaster. If they want anything on that, I'm sure we can get it off a print-out. But I feel he is doing more than he's been asked and I don't think we should add more to his job. Thank you.

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

Thank you. Brother.

**Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Sir, Doug Fidler, Department of Tennessee. I believe that the annual Department PI report is a great place for them to note all these things.

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

Okay. Thank you. Brother.

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

Dale Crandell, the Senior Vice Commander from the Department of Missouri. I also happen to be the ROTC Coordinator for my State. Where this comes from, this is made as a friendly recommendation. We weren't trying to berate anybody. We love our new ROTC Coordinator. It's made our job a lot easier but our hope was that there's information National has that the Department could use. There were some fifty-seven awards presented to Missouri schools. We were only aware of thirty of them through our Camps. There are plenty of others where the school who contacted National which is appropriate. Our camps, you know, went to National, and we, the Department, are left in the dark. Our hope is that if National has information, if this information could be shared back to the Departments, we, the Department, can do a better job of connecting schools to Camps; connecting Camps is what the Department's mission is. That was the intent of this recommendation. If there's information that can be shared, we want to get it. We were not intending for someone to do more work. We were just hoping for a distribution of information that might already be had. Thank you.

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

Okay. Brother Danny.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

I'm not gonna comment on it.

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

I see the wheels turning.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

George keeps a complete print out. I believe if they want to get that information, they could get a hold of George and he has a print out. He may be able to get it for 'em. But I really feel that I don't see a need for it. I'm sorry.

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

Okay. Any further discussion? Brother French.

**Jeffrey French, Department of the Chesapeake**

Jeff French, PDC, Department of Chesapeake, National Patriotic Instructor. I believe, like the Camps and Departments do. They need to know so they could be there to present the awards if they want to be involved. Also effects the Patriotic report. We had that in the report, how many certificates were given to the Eagle Scouts, to JROTC, ROTC and our numbers are never gonna match for the 501(c)(3) if we're not working together. I believe the Camp Patriotic Instructors and Department Patriotic Instructors are the ones that need to carry the mantle for both Eagle Scout and the JROTC and ROTC program as part of their responsibilities. We need to work with National on how we're gonna work their certificates so Camps and Departments are more involved and have accurate data that we report in our National reports. If we could find some way to make that happen, in working with the Assistant Quartermaster, and alleviate some of his workload, I'd be happy to work with him. You know, and I think it's important that we do have, not the vertical to horizontal, but also the horizontal to vertical and any which way to communicate and work together on this. That's my viewpoint on this. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother French. Brother Pahl, and this will be the last one.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Paul, Past Commander-in-Chief. I draw your attention to National regulations where the job descriptions of each Officer are incorporated. This, in effect, will change the job description so the impact is maybe changing a National regulation. The Officer involved is not present to make a determination here today how feasible it is to carry through with this very admirable request. I recommend we refer it to appropriate Committee to communicate with the man to find out how we can accomplish this, and therefore, then make appropriate change to the regulations to incorporate this into his job description. We can do it. Report to the Council. Have the Council implement it temporarily so that we can get going and share the information but we need to amend National regulations to actually accomplish it. I don't think the mechanism is in place and we're not prepared to do that today. So, I recommend we refer it to Committee.

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

So, Brother Pahl, then that's a motion then to send this to the Quartermaster and Brother to look at...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...Unless you...

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

...then for feasibility...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...just so rule directly. As Commander-in-Chief, you have the authority to refer to Committee rather than adopt a policy here today. If it takes a motion, I move we refer this to Program and Policy to forward then to C&R so that we can study how best to effectuate this and then make recommendations to appropriate changes in National regulations.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Second.

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

Okay. I have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, please raise your cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Jonathan, did you get all that?

**Jonathan C. Davis National Secretary**

Somewhat, yeah.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Jim, could you write some of that down and give it to Jonathan so he knows it's just gonna go to P&P for consideration. Yeah, that'll work.

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

All right. At this point in time, I would like us to have some Patriotic instruction, so I call the Patriotic Instructor. Would you please come on up and share words of wisdom with us? You can come up here. Come on up here. It's more fun.

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

That's okay. I'll do it right from here.

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

Jeff French, National Patriotic Instructor. I sent out the August one. It's posted now. Most of you have it. I'm gonna read this cause I like this. This is what Commander-in-Chief Martin alluded to earlier today. And some of you had the same sentiments, I believe. "The power of noble deeds is to be preserved and passed on to the future," as stated by Joshua Chamberlain, sums up the SUVCW mission has stated as in our C&R. We need to preserve our history based on documented truthfulness. As an Organization, we need to educate the public about the War of Rebellion based on the facts and not revisionist versions or political correctness.

Brother Tim McCoy demonstrated this well at the headstone dedication of a black soldier, Corporal Butler, in Baltimore, Maryland. Here's an excerpt from the Baltimore Sun as stated by Brother Tim McCoy. 'He was well aware that the war was prompted by the issue of slavery and as an African-American, he surely knew that the war's outcome would determine whether an immoral institution that enslaved people like him would continue to exist in the United States.' This statement prompted the Sons of the Confederate Veterans found offensive and turned their backs on the flags."

All right. "I'm not here to advocate rewriting history but truthfulness and honesty about what the war's about is what we're supposed (indistinguishable). His statement was correct. Everyone in our Organization need to follow his example and educate the public on the Civil War history. Brother Ben Holly, Past Department Commander of the Department of Chesapeake, also stated, "The Civil War is over. We celebrate our ancestors.' I'd like to go further with that statement.

It's not only we celebrate our ancestors but perpetuate their memories by giving an account to history based on facts and honesty. What Brothers Tim McCoy and Ben Holly demonstrate is showing the courage to present history honestly and patriotism in the country that they love so much and we all love so much. Let us continue to promote the American Flag, the preservation of history, and patriotism in our country as the Boys in Blue and the Grand Army of the Republic did for us." That's the instruction for August. Thank you, gentlemen.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Thank you, Brother French. Okay. Brother Guard, would you please allow entrance from our visitors?

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, \*]

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

Welcome Sisters.

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

Do you have any words?

**Carolyn Agosto, National President, LGAR**

I would like to give you a ribbon from our group.

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

Thank you.

**Carolyn Agosto, National President, LGAR**

Thank you. My name's Carolyn Agosto. I'm the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I hope that you men are having a prosperous time here. I know you have some very busy and important things to do and we have too and we are looking forward to getting back to our meeting. We just wanted to come and say hello, also wanted to report to you that this past year we have added three brand-new circles to our group.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Carolyn Agosto, National President, LGAR**

Thank you. And we are looking at the possibility of adding another three circles this coming year. So we are growing.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Carolyn Agosto, National President, LGAR**

...Thank you.

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

Thank you, Sisters. Brother Andy, do you have a reply?

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

Thank you very much. Thank you, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us today. For more than a century, the LGAR and the Sons have marched hand in hand to honor the Boys in Blue who saved our precious Union from evil forces of rebellion and disunity. How good it is to walk with the like-minded Sisters in unity and in harmony. That March has been long and fruitful, but the march continues. Our tasks become even more challenging in this 21st century as fewer Americans feel that essential bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors and Marines and revenue Cutter service...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

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

...whose memory we honor. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in the years ahead. The spirit of the Boys in Blue march with us. Thank you for joining us today.

**Carolyn Agosto, National President, LGAR**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Janice Corfman, Past National President, LGAR**

I am Janice Corfman. Some of you, not too many of you, remember Charles Corfman. He's was a Past Commander-in-Chief a number of years ago. But I am so glad to see the group that I see here. It's awesome. When we first joined many years ago, not even half the number on this side was in attendance at that time. You have grown and grown. And it is just fantastic to see how many gentlemen are in this group today. I hope you are having a very enjoyable and good fellowship with your Organization and in your meetings. I hope you have good luck with everything you need to have to take care of. With this number, you may have to stay another day or two...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Janice Corfman, LGAR**

...to get everything taken care of. But thank you so much for having us.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Judy Rock, Past National President, LGAR**

I'm Judy Rock. I'm a Past National President and I bring you greetings from Australia. I have moved there in the last year and a half and I love it there. But I still love the Organizations here. So thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Phyllis Houston, Past National President, LGAR**

I'm Phyllis Houston. And I'm also a Past National President. And I'm one of these strange ones. I come clear from the west coast for you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Bethany Hoover, DUCVW**

My name is Bethany Hoover. I am the Michigan Department President for the Daughters of Union Veterans, 1861-65. I want to welcome you to our State. I think it's a beautiful State. And I hope that when you are through with your business, you have a chance to look around a little bit and enjoy all the things he have to offer. And I hope you have a prosperous convention and have a little fun along the way. To my Michigan Brothers, I just want to tell you how good you're gonna feel

Sunday night.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Bethany Hoover, DUCVW**

We just did one, so I know the feeling. Thank you very much for having me.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Okay. Thank you, Sisters.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, \*]

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

Do we have any other visitors?

**Unknown**

Announcing the arrival of MOLLUS and DOLLUS.

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

Okay. Please bring them in. Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, \*]

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

Welcome, it's good to see you.

**Ellen Higgins, National President, DOLLUS**

Well, thank you, Commander.

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

You got some words for us?

**Ellen Higgins, National President, DOLLUS**

Sure. Good afternoon, Brothers. My name's Ellen Higgins. And today I am representing the National President, which I am, of DOLLUS, the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America. And I bring greetings from our National Organization and hoping that,

Commander, you are having a successful and profitable and enjoyable Encampment. So, thank you for having me and have a nice day. Well, wow! You got a crowd here today don't you? Yeah, very good crowd. Jeez, there's no place even for me to sit in here. All right gentlemen, enjoy your day. Thank you.

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

Thank you. All right.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS**

Greetings. I'm Captain James Simmons, National Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS, in our 152<sup>nd</sup> year to bring you greetings. Don and I are both flew in the Air Force in the '80's together. Both lived in Alaska. So, we're kind of like soul brothers there too. I had eleven Civil War grandfathers, forty-four uncles both sides, privates, officers, sergeants on both sides, POW's on both sides, guys who died on both sides. My father was a chief master sergeant, an E-9, and I was a lowly captain. But I had far more of my enlisted guys and really got hooked. Even have my grandfather, Captain James Simmons sword. He was not in MOLLUS. He was big in the GAR, Camp Commander. They used to have reunions at his house and he was a delegate for several Nationals. If I can take the liberty I cannot be here tomorrow at the banquet. I've got a go back for my annual recurrent school tomorrow. Can Eugene Mortorff and Mark Day come forward please? I have a presentation. There's a disturbance in the force area.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS**

I had my first Japanese sword when I was six years old. My first Civil War sword when I was seven. I'm a big weapons collector; have about forty swords going back to the 1500's, even true samurai swords and continental swords. I took the liberty doing some investigation. These two gentlemen do not have swords of their appropriate service. We got a squid, canoe boy, and Air Force.

**Unknown**

And we're Mexico guys.

**James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS**

Yeah. And Mexico, yeah. So, as a personal gift, but on behalf of MOLLUS, from myself in the bonds of brotherhood, I'm making arrangements and I'm gonna pay for all of you to get a sword. "NCO Air Force" inscribed and then fit to you Commander. Now, he's interesting.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James A. Simmons, Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS**

Mark Day, Navy. Went has high as you can go enlisted, like my father, master petty chief officer. Now Eugene is a little different, as you know. Between not only coasty but he's only the third man I've ever met enlisted, warrant and officer. So I'll let him decide which of those swords he wants to get. But on behalf of MOLLUS, I wish you guys a good Encampment. And it's an honor to

be part of the brotherhood. Thank you.

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

Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother Guard, do we have more visitors?

**Unknown**

Commander, we have another visitor. The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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

Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, \*]

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

Welcome, Sisters.

**Unknown female #1, ASUVCW**

Greetings, Brothers. This is a real treat for me. This is my fifth Encampment as an Auxiliary member. And I was selected to extend greetings from Denise Oman, our President, of the National Auxiliary, wishing you a harmonious Encampment and greetings for a successful meeting. As I said, this is my first time. And what a pleasure it is to see so many of you here. For me to be extended the privilege of doing this and representing the National Auxiliary. We have some mementos for your National Commander, who I know from Ohio, representing the Department of Ohio. We have a caucade for you and a ribbon.

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

Oh, thank you.

**Unknown female #1, ASUVCW**

And we have a little something else for you in a bag.

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

Well, thank you very much.

**Unknown female #1, ASUVCW**

We wish you great success in your Encampment. And again, a pleasure to be able to extend greetings to you and to all of you Brothers on this occasion.

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

Thank you, Sister.

**Unknown female #1, ASUVCW**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Unknown female #2, ASUVCW**

I'd like to say best wishes for a good Encampment. I'm from Tennessee. I'm the Auxiliary President and this is my first time to do this. This is my third year as an Auxiliary member or for the National Encampment in general. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Unknown female #3, ASUVCW**

And they saved the vintage President for last. I'm very happy to greet all of you and wish you all the very best. We are having a wonderful meeting next door. I hope you're having the same. And I have a little gift that supposed to be given to Mark Day.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Well, thank you very much. And you please tell Denise how sorry I am about what's going on. And that I truly appreciate this and I will honor and treasure it. Thank you very much.

**Unknown female #3, ASUVCW**

You're very welcome. Okay, once again, good luck. I hope everything works out well.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Could I have a reply please? Sisters.

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

Before the ladies depart we thank you for your presence here. The poet tells us that summer brings the fairest flowers to the midlands. Your presence demonstrates the truth of the poet's praises. Thank you loyal Sisters of the Auxiliary for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us today. We have marched together for more than a century, honoring the Boys in Blue and will continue to do that. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new century, the spirit of the Boys in Blue march with us. Thank you for joining us today. We wish you a productive and harmonious meeting and great successes to those leaders

you choose in the coming year. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Thank you, Brother.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, \*]

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

All right. Let's take a ten minute break before that.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

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

Please, close the Bible, please.

[one rap, \*]

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

Ten minutes. Back at ten after.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

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

Open the Bible. I'm sorry. Retract that.

[one rap, \*]

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

I'd like to let the chairman of the Host Committee from Michigan please give us a few words. Paul Davis.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Paul Davis, Host Committee Chairman**

Thank you. I assume that's an indication that you want me to leave right away and not say anything more.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul Davis, Host Committee Chairman**

Commander-in-Chief, to the many Sons from the many Departments, I cannot thank you enough for making this Encampment what it is. We have hit a twenty-year high, with attendance from the Sons and an increased number from the Auxiliary and the Ladies of the LGAR. We hope we have given you an Encampment that you will enjoy and remember for a long time. And we thank you for your attendance. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Good job. Okay. At this time, I'd like to invite Past Commander-in-Chief, Bob Grim, chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee to come forward. So we're gonna be going through these. If there is no objection, we will not be reading them, good. The second thing is that these require 2/3 approval for changes to the Constitution and Regulations. What I propose is that for the ones that there are no discussions that we wait and at the end of it all, we'll do one vote. For the ones that have discussions, amendments, and so forth, we will treat them individually as we go. I have no objections.

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

Brothers, your C&R Committee has worked hard all year and we have twenty-one proposals to consider today. And if you look on page 65 of your program book, you will find the proposals that we've made. New language that you find here will be in bold print. If something is being removed, it has a strikethrough. That each proposal, you will find the citation for where it is in the existing C&R, like proposal number one says, "This proposal comes from the C&R Committee and it affects Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1, which is on page 25 of the C&R" in case you have that with you. Then we have a little note that tells you what we think this proposal is going to do. Says "This proposal is going to change the word 'made' to the word 'shall' which relates to how a Camp picks its name. And then the recommendation of the Committee. Our recommendation is that this proposal be accepted. And you have a copy then of the existing Section 1 with the change that you can see that "may" is struck out and the new word "shall" is inserted. And Commander, we recommend approval of that.

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

Thank you. Any discussion? Okay. Next.

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

We have to vote on it. Two-thirds...

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

...We're gonna vote at the end on everything that there's no objection.

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

All right. Proposal number two can be found on page 66. And this is a proposal that makes changes to Section 17 of Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 17. It's gonna be changed. And then we're gonna add some new Sections, 18 through 23. So, this involves a lot of language that deals with a procedure that a Camp must follow to be reinstated if the Camp has been suspended for failing to file their IRS Form 990. And all Camps must have an IRS tax EIN number, even though they do not have a bank account. This proposal allows for a Camp to operate as an unincorporated association without formal tax status under certain conditions. And the Committee recommends adoption.

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

Any discussion?

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

Proposal number three. No, we got a discussion here. Somebody wants to discuss something here.

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

Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department of Chesapeake. Just a question on how are Department Commanders gonna know if in fact that a Camp has filed or not, when the reporting is with the IRS. Are the Departments gonna have to get a copy of that filing from the IRS in order to... I see Brother McReynolds shaking his head.

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Okay. There's a relatively easy process to check to see whether entity with an EIN number has filed and or has had their tax status revoked. It's a website called "tax exempt organizations." And its instructions are included in the Treasurer's handbook that will be posted on the website.

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

Okay. Got another one. Yes.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Department of Ohio**

One point of order. Senior Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury, Ohio. I might make this as a suggestion for a policy within the Departments to alleviate all that work. The way we do it in the Loyal Legion is simply when you get your email response from the IRS, our Commanders forward that directly to the Treasurer and Chief. It'd be so simple just to say, "Send me an electronic copy as your Department Treasurer or Secretary or whoever your choosing. Then you simply got twenty Camps. You got twenty emails or you only got nineteen, you know exactly who hasn't filed. Keep it simple. Put the work back on to the Camp where it belongs. Thank you, sir.

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

Sounds good. Thank you.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief.

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

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

The Parliamentarian should have jumped on it. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. A point of order is established, if you think that something has been violated in the rules. So, don't say a point of order if you want to make a comment. If something's wrong, you say a point of order and then you have to point out what your challenging. So, no point of orders unless we do something wrong.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

With your permission, Commander?

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

Yes.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Question for the National Treasurer. Gene Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm asking this question because I'm seeing stuff at Headquarters in the last couple days where we don't really do much as far as with anything with EIN's, but what was the situation if a Camp, since they apply for their own, what's the situation if they have that removed by the IRS? Is there any notification to the mother Organization as to whether or not, is there a notification there?

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

No. That's really part of the bigger issue is that yes, we've got to have responsibilities where the responsibilities belong at the lowest level in the Organization. But we also have to check behind to make sure that we do know who has filed, who hasn't filed, and so forth. And it's a very easy process. In our largest Department, it wouldn't take fifteen minutes to check every EIN number and know for sure where every Camp stood.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm just wondering if it might be worthwhile adding that to the Form 35 or the 27 on the annual report, that they have to state that their EIN is staying and is up-to-date and everything.

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Well, actually on the Form 35, there's a blank on the Treasurer's report, that says date the 990N was filed and the certification on the Camp annual report and on the Department annual reports has always been that all of the 990N's have been filed.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Is that something we should be doing on the 27 too for the Camp then?

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

It's on the 27 for the Camp.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake. One last question. On the failing to file with the IRS, is this going to be retroactive for Camps that are currently in that status? In other words, we pass that today and those Camps will automatically be suspended.

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Yes, but it gives them a way out. If you look at it, it gives them a way for the Department to approve, if they're a very small subordinate unit, it gives them a way out to not have to file the big fee and to operate as a unincorporated association without formal tax status. That's an important part of these changes in the Regulations. It gives very small units a way out, which has been one of the problems. Then if they become a unit with greater assets then they also have a way to file for their

own tax status again and get reinstated that way. So, it works now, works later.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Point of order. He's already talked twice.

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

Gonna have point of order. You've already talked once. But you're next, Brother Smith.

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

Brother Commander, until we put the means in the hands of the Camps on how to get themselves re...

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

...Brother Paquette...you spoke twice to the issue. And this Brother is ahead of you.

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

Oh, I'm sorry.

**David S. Smith, Department of Michigan**

I'm David Smith, Department Commander, Department of Michigan. Question with the unincorporated status for the Camps that have gone three years without filing the 990N. If you go to Section 22, it states that a Camp must have an active tax ID number with the IRS and discussing the 990 at that point. Isn't that in conflict for that case with the Camps that are in that situation, where they've been revoked and are now unincorporated?

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Well, what's in Section 22 is actually asking for every Camp to have an EIN number and you get EIN number from the IRS. So, that's two separate things.

**David S. Smith, Department of Michigan**

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary, Department Secretary/Treasurer and Camp Secretary/Treasurer. On Section 23, it lists that it is the responsibility to the Camp's Treasurer to file the appropriate Form 990. Could we change that to the Camp's IRS contact person? Some Camps, you don't keep changing that contact person each year. In some cases, Camps do change their Camp Treasurer. But you're trying to avoid having to change that contact person each year.

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Well, I don't understand what the question is.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

...I...want to change to whoever from Camp Treasurer...

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

...with the responsibility of Treasurer has that responsibility, whatever they're called. And, it's in the job responsibilities of the Treasurer.

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

Brother.

**Joe Marti, Department of California and Pacific**

Brother Commander, Joe Marti, Past Camp Commander, Department of California and Pacific. The right people are up there to answer this question. I wanted to know because units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve also have to have an EIN. How does this cover that question or will that be decided at a later time through the Military Affairs Committee?

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

There's another provision later that deals with that.

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

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the National Secretary. We have no position in the Order called the IRS Contact Person. We have Treasurer. And, inside of his job description, this falls.

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

Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Jim Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, instructor of tax law at Great Lakes Christian College. The responsibility and the person who does it may be two different people. I, Camp Treasurer, tell you get that report filed. I'm responsible to make sure you do it. That's all, I'm responsible. Doesn't mean I have to be the one to do it. So, you designate a responsible party. You get the email back. You send it to your Department. And you're set for the year.

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

Any other discussion? We have no amendments to this motion. Okay. Moving on.

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

All right. Proposal number three is on page 67 of your packet. And this is a resolution from the New Jersey Department and affects Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 6. And this is a proposal that if it was adopted, would require dual members to pay only one National per capita. And this is a proposal that's been submitted several times in the past. And the C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal since it's been rejected in the past by several different Encampments.

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

Discussion.

**David K. Hann, Department of New Jersey**

Brother Commander, Dave Hann, New Jersey Department, Past Department Commander. The reason for this is that Brothers pay per capita tax to be a dual member. They receive one issue of *The Banner*. A lot of our Brothers will join another Camp to help strengthen the Camp. For example, we have one Brother, Clark McCullough, who's been instrumental in starting three Camps. He is a member of all three Camps, but he's trying to strengthen the Camps. The problem is that there are many of us that would like to become dual members to maybe strengthen and build up

another Camp, but then you have a financial burden of that. Some of our Brothers are elderly. They are on fixed incomes and it makes it a little rough on them. The thing is they drop out. They drop out of one of the Camps. The Camp then loses a vital functioning Brother that just might be the catalyst to get that Camp moving a little forward.

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

Yes, Brother.

**Charles J. Heagy, Department of New Jersey**

Charles Jeffrey Heagy, Past Department Commander, Department of New Jersey. Brother Commander, thank you for allowing me to address this body here. As a successfully retired former sales executive, I recall a very fundamental basic sales fundamental and it's called WIFN. Some of you might've heard of it. W-I-F-N, what's in it for me? You know, the Department of New Jersey is unilaterally and passionately behind this proposal year after year. But we failed to tell you guys why.

Now, it's all about mentoring and there're some real benefits to the Order. There's actual financial benefits to the Order. Follow me on this. You know, through mentoring, dual membership, we can salvage Camps that are doomed to fail. It's happened. We've done it. Myself, I'm a dual member in New Jersey. And as a result, they entrusted me to become Department Commander based on my formation of a very active and successful Camp. So, we salvage Camps that would otherwise fail. We retain members that we would otherwise be lost. I mean, how many times over the years do we see Camps fold? We transfer them into other Camps or Department-at-Large or Camp-at-Large or whatever. But those members eventually just fall away.

We need active mentorship of fellow Brothers in these Camps. So, in terms of retention and ultimately retention of annual dues from these, this is the benefit that will more than offset any loss of revenue to the National Department. I mean the National Organization through that. So, I just urge everybody to give that some consideration. It's not about we're trying to, you know, reduce the amount of the per capita that's being paid by the dual members. It's all about encouraging mentorship and retention.

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

Son...yes.

**David A. Swanson, Department of the Southwest**

Commander, David Swanson from the Department of the Southwest. I just want to say I agree with the Brothers' statements there but I do want to point out that the last sentence where it says, "Dual member shall not be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a Camp." I believe that they should be counted when you have new Camps. I realize we're only talking five people to start a new Camp, but if one or two of those are dual members, there's no reason why they should not be counted as the required number for a new Camp.

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

Brother Harry.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois...

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

...Excuse me. Brother Pahl will be the last one. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

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

Those who remember me in Marietta a few years ago, will be surprised to hear I'm against this. I'm against it for a very important reason. I am on record saying that I cannot and will not ever become a dual member until dual members no longer have to pay double dues to the same section of this Organization and I stand behind those words. However, as I've grown up in this Organization, I realize this puts the cart before the horse. There are procedures that we as an Organization need to get put in place that, over the course of the next several years, might be able to get put in place that will help push this along and make this possible but until that happens, this won't work. We don't have membership numbers. We have no way on the National level to consistently track who is where. So, my Brothers in New Jersey, I commend you and I think it's a great idea. But, I think we need to do other things first in order to make this a little easier.

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

Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Paul, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. Brothers, we established a Special National Committee to study this issue that if we followed New Jersey's suggestion, how it would look. How would it work? The Committee came back with a report that said it ain't doable. You can't do it the way the Organization is currently structured. What part of no do they not understand? They've come back with the same proposal again without a means of putting it into place.

I therefore move a substitute motion, that the Commander-in-Chief rule this resolution to be out of order at the direction of this Encampment and that further, any such motion, proposal or resolution deposited or proposed by the Department of New Jersey and/or any of its members in the next five years be ruled out of order unless that motion includes a plan of, if placing this into effect, that both the Executive Director and the National Treasurer are willing to certify will work for our Order, and I so move you.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

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

Okay. So, we have a substitute motion. We have a second.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

It's not a substitute motion.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

It's a motion.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

It's really not substituting what's there.

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

I'm gonna rule this recommendation out of order and direct that the next time it comes forward that there needs to be a plan, as you outlined.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I don't understand the reason why it's being ruled out of order, if I may ask.

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

Not you. I'm doing what you said.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Well, I was asking for a vote of the Encampment...

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

The Parliamentarian was saying that it's not really a substitute motion, though. .

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I understand that Committee reports when they're making recommendation constitutes a motion to the body to follow the recommendation. Therefore, I'm offering a motion to substitute to what the Committee is offering.

**Robert E. Grimm, Constitution and Regulations Committee, Chair**

We're recommending not adoption of the resolution.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

You're moving to the procedural (indistinguishable) handle this. It's not really a substitute for what's here.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Well, I think what the Committee is offering is in effect a motion...

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

...You're right...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, I'm offering a substitute motion to replace according to my reading of the Robert's Rules of Order, 11th edition.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

Which I have right here.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, if that's what I'm doing, cause I want it to go on record this Encampment is prohibiting the Department from presenting this proposal for the next five years, unless it's accompanied by a plan of action that the National Secretary or the National Treasurer and the National Executive Director agree in advance that it will work, because that's the problem we have. We can't find a way to make it work. So, if they want to propose this, they have to not only proposes it, they have to have a plan. If they do make the motion without the plan within the next five years, that it automatically be ruled out of order.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

You can certainly make that motion. I just simply don't think it's a substitute...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...Okay. I make it a motion as opposed to a substitute motion.

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

Okay. I have the motion as Jim outlined. I have a second with the Chaplain.

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

Any discussion on this? Okay. Read? We'll go to vote then. What we have then is this motion as Jim outlined. And Brother Hann, we'll give you the second-round on this.

**David K. Hann, Department of New Jersey**

Okay. I still love you, Jim. Okay. I understand this. I know, it's a tough question. The one thing is, as far as reporting, I noted on the form we have to report dual members. I mean, you would still have the recording method one on form. I don't know the form off the top my head. But the main thing is mentoring, as Brother Heagy said. Look, I'll be honest, Brothers. Twenty-five years ago, I started the Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp. I didn't have not idea what to do but, we've grown now to fifty-six members. Mentoring is very important, if we want to grow. That's what we're looking at. We're looking at basically what happens is when you have dual membership, you're handcuffing a Brother financially.

You know, it just seems to me we should try to build up Camps. For example, if I'm a Brother from Francine Camp and there's a new Camp that wants to get started and I join as a dual member to help them out, to give them what experience I have, that helps them to grow and they don't have to go through the stumbling blocks that I went through. That's what we're looking at. I thought when we reported dual members, cause I know I have to do it as Camp Secretary, that National was aware of what Camp has dual members. I know we have to declare what Brother, where their home Camp is. That's as far as I understand it, you know. Jim, I'd like to get together with you later, maybe you and I can talk about this so we could see which way to go. That would be a progressive fashion. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother Hann. Parliamentarian.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

Kent Melcher, National Parliamentarian, Department of Kansas, Past Commander. I want to speak to Brother Pahl's motion. You know, we can find ways of dealing with things ahead of time and then vote something in but we can also vote something in and then let our Officers find ways of making it happen. I think the report that he's talking about would be an easy way to make that happen. You simply report the number of total number of single members that you pay the per diem or the per capita on and then the others, you don't pay the second per capita on. I think that's pretty simple. I would speak against Brother Pahl's motion.

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

Brother Day. Last one.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Mark Day, Senior Vice Commander in Chief. I was on the Committee that looked into how we would go about implementing the policy that was requested by New Jersey. The problem is really huge. It's more than just the reports. There were a lot of fundamental things that just had to be dealt with. We are a bottoms up Organization and not a tops down Organization. I think what Brother Pahl is trying to allude to is we went through that struggle and could find no solution that

would make it work. If New Jersey can put forward, and let me say right now, I support them in what they're doing. I think it is somewhat unfair but, our procedures as an Organization right now are not set up to do what they're asking us to do. If they can provide us with some input that would show us how that we might move forward, I'm more than happy to do that but, just knowing what I know about what we did on that Committee, I don't think I could vote for anything. I had to vote with Jimmy.

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

Okay. So, we're going to vote on Brother Pahl's motion. And that motion is for me to rule this out of order and that New Jersey not be able to bring this forward for the next five years, unless they come up with a plan of action to implement it. That includes the endorsement of the Executive Director and the National Treasurer.

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

Jonathan, do you have all that?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

No, please get that to me in writing.

**David H. McReynolds, National Treasurer**

This David McReynolds, National Treasurer. One comment. I'm willing to work with the Department on trying to figure out a plan to put it into place if that's possible.

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

All in favor of Brother Pahl's motion, please raise your cards. All opposed. Okay. We're going to go to a count. So, all Brothers that are in favor of Brother Pahl's motion, please raise your cards.

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

Seventy. Okay. All opposed, please raise your voting cards. Opposed. Fifty-eight. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

I hereby rule this out of order and as directed five years not be presented again without a plan approved by Executive Director and National Treasurer.

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

All right. Proposal number four is on page 67. And this is a proposal that adds a new paragraph to Section 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 1. And this would prohibit SUCVW and Allied Order members under suspension or dishonorably discharged from attending Camp meetings. And a new Section 4 is added which prohibits expressing personal opinions publicly that are contrary to the SUCVW regulations and policies. The Committee recommends adoption.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief.

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

Yes, Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I would move that these two items be separated and voted on separately because they're two different issues. That's my motion.

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

I have a motion to separate the two. Do I have a second?

**Unknown**

Second.

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

I have a second. Discussion on the concept of separating the two? Being none, we'll go to vote. All in favor of separating the two, please raise your cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Motion carries, so we are now looking at item one.

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

This would be Section 3B. "Anyone who is under suspension from the SUCVW or has been dishonorably discharged from the SUCVW and anyone from one of the organizations listed in paragraph A of this Section that is under suspension from that organization or has been dishonorably removed from that organization is forbidden to attend a Camp meeting for any reason."

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

Brother Kevin.

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

Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts. Just a question. Do we have a mechanism for receiving a report from the other Allied Orders in order to make this carry?

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

Well I don't know that we need to have a report from anyone. People at the Camp level, if they discover the person's under suspension or been dishonorably discharged, then they shouldn't allow them to attend the meeting.

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

Any other discussion on this? Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. Through you to Brother Kevin. We do not have a vehicle to deal with the Allied Orders. We do have a vehicle, however, to deal with it within the Sons. I believe that was passed last Encampment, where dishonorably discharged or suspended Brothers was sent through. I would make an alternate motion in the rewording of this. That we strike the references to the Allied Orders from this because we're not gonna be able to force them to give us any data at all on their members and, just have this, "Anyone under suspension from the SUVCW or has been dishonorably discharged from the SUVCW is forbidden to attend Camp

meeting for any reason.” That's what I would move as an alternate to it.

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

Do I have a second?

**Unknown**

I'll second it.

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

Okay. So basically, we're striking 3A and 3B would become 3A. Is that correct?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

No. 3B would stay. You would take everything up to... the second part where it says SUVCW. See it on the second line? Cross everything out after that until you get to the last line that says “is forbidden to attend a Camp meeting for any reason.” The reason I say that is, One we have a vehicle in place to be able to determine that. Two, if a Brother is suspended and his Camp or Department doesn't agree with it, one if he's suspended, there's been a trial commission either at his Camp or the Department level. If they said at sentence that he's suspended, then the Camp that disagrees with that could say, “Well, I want him to be a visitor here. He can still attend the meetings.” Which just basically undercuts the trial commission and the discipline section of the C&R. That's why I say take out the portion of other Orders and just, “If the Brother's been suspended or dishonorably discharged from the SUVCW, he's forbidden from attending a Camp meeting for any reason.” Period.

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

Brother Kevin.

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

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, Past Department Commander. If that's the case, and you remove that part, doesn't this make what we had last year redundant? I mean, aren't you just passing the same thing again? Cause you've already said that you can't bring anybody. I mean if you're a suspended member, you literally can't attend anything. Right?

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

Yes, you can. There's nothing that said...and we had this issue this year. A Brother was suspended and was invited as a guest to the meeting of his Camp. He's suspended. He shouldn't of been there. So, this is closing that loophole. I'd like to go ahead. Daniel Murray. This is the last one.

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

Department Commander, Massachusetts. I know of case in particular with the Auxiliary where they're under suspension and they're not supposed to attend any functions of the SUVCW or any other Order. Without that mechanism, how are we supposed to keep them out? That's from their Organization, not ours.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

We cannot force any Allied Order to provide us information. We can vote on this all day long. If the Allied Orders do not want to give us that information, what you going to do?

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

What if you know it, though? You can't keep them out, because that just states they have to

be a member of that Organization. Doesn't state they're under suspension. They're not under suspension or anything else. If you know they're under suspension, according to what you want to pass, we still have to let them in because it doesn't state there that we're not supposed to. You want to do with our members, but you don't want to do with anybody else.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I'm just telling you, you can't force them to provide information.

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

No, I can't. But it doesn't hurt to have that in there because if you know it, you can enforce it.

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

Okay. So that's opposition to the current motion. All right. So, all in favor Brother Darby's motion, raise your cards. Okay. Again, it's under 3B. "Anyone who is under suspension from the SUVCW or has been dishonorably discharged from the SUVCW" and then strike from "and" through "Organization." So that would read, "discharged from the SUVCW is forbidden to attend the Camp meeting for any reason." Yes, support this. Sorry Harry, we're already going to the vote.

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

Okay.

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

No, would be opposed to the motion. So, please indicate those who vote yes. All right. No's. All right. We're gonna count so yes's again please. Brothers, please count. Okay. Fifty-nine. All opposed, please raise your cards. It's going back to the original. Okay. Sixty-two to fifty nine. The motion fails. We're back to the original motion. And now Harry will be the last one on this.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. I'm gonna try to please everybody with this idea. We can keep the language as it is and still satisfy the needs that we cannot tell the other Allied Orders what to do by changing the language to say, "and anyone from one of the Organizations listed in paragraph a of this Section who is known to be under suspension from that Organization or is known to have been dishonorably removed from that Organization." That way, if the information comes to us, we have it. We can keep 'em out. If not, we're not asking for it.

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

Yeah, but we already have the limitations of whether we can or cannot. It's pretty well common knowledge we don't have influence in making them do this. It kind of goes without saying, especially saying it a long way. I would like to go to the vote. The vote is on the original. This is not both of them. We separated them. All in favor of the Committee's recommendation to approve this original writing. All opposed, same sign. Okay.

[one rap, \*]

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

All right. Section 4, "Public expression of personal opinions and views that are counter to SUCVW regulations and policies in conjunction with any SUCVW trademarked emblem, Camp, or Department name, SUCVW title, or anything that implies connection or affiliation with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. This includes correspondence between Brothers. It is not applicable to resolutions passed by Camp or Department to be forwarded to the National

SUCVW regarding changes or to policy or the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.”  
Committee recommends adoption.

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

Brother Jerry.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Chaplain Jerry, Department of Illinois. Question of clarification. I've got several Facebook pages. On some of them, there is a picture of me attired as I am. If I were just to put out a Facebook item that says I deeply hate a previous President of the United States and everybody in his party, would I be in violation of this Section?

**Donald L. Darby, National Counselor**

If all of your ribbons were showing, yes you would. If they took it from above your ribbons, you wouldn't.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

What if I was wearing a kepi?

**Donald L. Darby, National Counselor**

If it said “SUVCW” it, yeah.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Just wanted to know. So, I can still do it as long as I don't look like the part.

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

Yeah.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Brother Kevin.

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

Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander of the Department of Massachusetts. I move that the Section 4 be amended and that everything after the first sentence be removed. So from, “this includes correspondence between Brothers” and all of the rest of it. One of the issues that we're gonna have, you know, it begins correctly, public expression. Right? What we don't want with this is for someone to represent themselves as the Sons of Union Veterans with their opinion. However, as we kind of went through earlier, if someone wants to send their opinion to the Policy Committee, who's putting the Policy together, that's the proper use of using what Camp you're a member of, what Department you're a member of. It's internal. Nobody can confuse that it's representing the will of the body or nobody can confuse that you're speaking for everyone in your Department. So, the way this is worded, I can't put Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW on the end of my correspondence if I'm trying to contact either National, you know, National Officers or a Policy Committee. It's internal. The idea is to protect the Organization from, you know, rogue people. But that's to the public. There's no way that you can confuse the fact that I speak for the Organization if I send the Commander-in-Chief an email.

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

One problem, though Brother Kevin, is that even correspondence within the members of this Organization don't stay within members of this Organization. ... Written correspondence, possibly, but anything online, anything on the Internet, it can and usually does go out beyond.

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

In that case, isn't the violation the person that shared it? Not the person that sent the original piece. I mean, I get all kinds of horrible things on Facebook all the time. If I share it...that's an issue.

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

So, I have a motion. Do I have a second?

**Several**

Second.

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

Okay. So this is motion to strike everything after the first sentence. Correct?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I do have a question for Brother Kevin. I understand after the first Section... is the last sentence in there okay?

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

No, it should be removed also, because it says that this is the only case where you can use it. And I'm saying that you can use it in more cases than that, so it should be removed.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Okay.

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

Okay, Brothers remaining, is this pertaining to the motion at hand?

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

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

Brother Tucker's motion?

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, as a point of clarification.

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

Okay.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm the guy who wasn't here all morning, sleeping in. Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury, Ohio. One point of clarification and that is I do not believe that we have the current legalese regarding Facebook and other electronics communications on all SUVCW electronic transmissions. I know some of the other organizations are involving that and, point in case, have you read the DUV

Florida Department comments that she made as a person but is reflected online as the Department President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy stating a number of things that are against their Constitution, regulations, and so forth? We need to protect on the backend the legalese for some of the things that was just discussed by our Brother and would just make that as a point of information. Let the Council apply that accordingly, because these type of things are going to come up more and more with social media where you're connected as a spider web throughout the entire world. I hate to talk about fake news, but that's what turns up when you're using Facebook. We don't need any outsiders or our internal people misquoting or misrepresenting online. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you. Brother Mace.

**Mace M. Gjerman, Department of California and Pacific**

Commander, Mace Gjerman, Past Camp Commander, Camp 23 Pacific, California/Pacific. I'd like to say I support this motion to strike everything but the first sentence. As one that's run afoul of these issues this year, I'm very concerned about our ability as an Organization to communicate with each other. I will publicly acknowledge right here I did misuse the logo and apologize publicly, as I have done to you electronically but what's most important to me, for example, in the last sentence. It says, if there's a resolution passed by a Camp or Department. Well, how is a Camp or Department going to create a resolution if they can't communicate among themselves about issues that may deserve a resolution? So, I'm extremely concerned about our ability to continue to develop of an organization while being restricted as communicating internally among ourselves.

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

All right. Thank you. Brother in the back and then Jamie, you're the last word.

**Kurtis Dunphy, Department of California and Pacific**

Kurt Dunphy, JVC for William B. Camp 12. I would also like to speak to strike this. The basic reason being, yes, things can be spread out once they're started but that is the danger of a free democracy. I don't see that messages between members if they're not on anything that says SUV CW, it's like a text message, an email, a phone conversation. People have got to say, "I think that policy sucks. Don't you?" and have them agree or disagree. It is democracy and it is a matter of free speech. I don't think we can say we have a policy that against something and say everybody agrees with it. It might be the wrong policy. But we'll never find out because nobody can discuss it. Thank you.

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

Brother Darby, did you have...

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Brother, I spent twenty-three years in the military defending your right to say whatever the hell you want. Okay? This is not written to prevent someone's freedom of speech. It's to prevent someone from using the logos and the symbols of our Order to add legitimacy to their personal opinion. If I write a letter to you and I put, "Dear Brother, I'm Don Darby from Enderlin Camp 73 and I think this policy sucks," I don't have a problem with that. You should have a problem when I start putting SUV CW logo, my Camp name on it, and going along that line. This does not stifle freedom of speech. What it stifles is people's ability to try to add legitimacy by putting our logo on the letterhead.

**Kurtis Dunphy, Department of California and Pacific**

That's why I prefaced that by saying if it's on SUVCW letterhead, that's one thing. But, what I was referring to was the fact that people call each other up, write an email, you know...

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

But, this doesn't apply to that. This is like with the signature block, you know, with your rank...

**Kurtis Dunphy, Department of California and Pacific**

...Exactly...I just want to say before I finish, the implication is there, but it's implied; it's not specific.

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

It's interpretation. Brother Jamie.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, Department Commander, Rhode Island, National Signals Officer, National Webmaster. Speaking specifically to the two issues about social media that came up right now and how this sort of falls into the what we're talking about. The social media policy that the Common Tech Committee put out in March of 2017, does speak to some of these issues. It can maybe get a little bit more specific. I just want to point out the discipline portion. "Social media personas in the form of public face and profiles of pages or Camps, Departments, SVR units and any National Organization profiles and pages are expected to adhere to the code of conduct as prescribed in the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Violation may result in suspension and review of social media account by proper authority." And, then specifically, "Any Brother who willfully uses social media in violation of or contrary to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order may face discipline as outlined in Chapter 4 of the same. I think that speaks to what Jerry was saying about using Facebook. What the Past Commander-in-Chief was talking about with social media so I think we've got language in here that speaks to it and, perhaps we could just look at that just a little bit more in regardless to what happens here today.

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

Okay. The only thing I'll take, Kevin, is if you're going to withdraw your motion.

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

No.

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

Didn't think so.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

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

All right. So we're gonna take a vote. So, this was your motion. Right? To...now I got lost. Kevin's motion to strike everything after...Right...

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

So, all in favor of Brother Tucker's motion, please raise your cards. This is to strike the last two sentences, just to make this clear. You want me to read the motion again? Okay. I got hands

going up; I got hands going down. All right. Let me read it. A “yes” vote says “Public expression or personal opinion and views (indistinguishable) count SUVCW Regulations and Policies in conjunction with any SUVCW trademark, emblem, Camp, Department name, title, or anything else implies connection or affiliation with the Sons of Union Veterans is prohibited.” Period. The rest of that is gone. If you are in favor of doing that, please raise your voting cards. All right. All opposed.

[one rap, \*]

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

Motion carries. So, moving on.

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

Let’s go ahead and clean this up, so, we have the amendment approved. We now are voting on the amendment as approved. All in favor of the amendment, I’m sorry, of the motion, as amended, please raise cards. All right. All against, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passed.

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

On page 68 we have proposal number five. And this proposal is gonna add some new Sections to Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 15. And these changes are going to describe what happens with the Departments that’s had a tax-exempt revocation of their tax status. It’s basically the same thing that we already approved for the Camps. There is one little change you need to make. There was a typographical error in Section 19, should be Section 17; and Section 20 should be Section 18; and Section 21 should be Section 19; and Section 22 should be Section 20; and Section 23 should be Section 21. Those typographical changes.

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

Any discussion or opposition to these changes? Thank you.

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

On page 69 we have proposal number six. This is a proposal that adds a new Section 3 to this Article which prohibits suspended or dishonorably discharged members of the SUCVW and Allied Orders from attending Department meetings. It’s basically the same thing as we talked about earlier for Camps except this applies to Departments.

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

Any discussion? All right. Brother Smith.

**David S. Smith, Department of Michigan**

David Smith, Department Commander, Department of Michigan. I had a quick question and I was gonna try and jump in on the Camp one as well. What happens in the case of an Allied Order, if you have a lady that's in multiple Allied Orders or is member of let's say the DAR, DOLLUS, or the Daughters of the Union and is honorably serving those, but is dishonorably discharged in one or suspended in one? Just a question.

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

Well, if you know that she suspended from any one of them, the rule here would apply.

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

Any other discussion? Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, National Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I would move that we strike the word “Allied Orders” to keep this in principle with the earlier amendment that we made to the Camp one, the one that we did at the Camp level.

**Mark R. Day, National Vice Commander-in-Chief**

We did not. Okay. I thought we did.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

No.

**Mark R. Day, National Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I'm sorry. I thought that they had done that after we did the other. I'm sorry. My apologies, gentlemen. I probably got as confused as Jimmy was earlier.

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

Okay. So that is withdrawn. Moving on.

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

Proposal number seven on page 69. This is a proposal that authorizes Junior and Junior Associate SVR members and establishes rules relating to SVR Junior members and SVR Junior Associates. And it also establishes procedures to be followed by adults working with the SVR Junior and Senior members. And the Committee recommends adoption.

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

Brother Walt.

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

Walt Busch, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander. I just have a question. I assume that the Junior and Junior Associates will not handle or fire any weapon while participating SVR or SUVCW events or activities for their safety. Should we not include the handling of gunpowder, since I could see these Juniors being powder monkeys?

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

Brother Walt, are you making that a motion?

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

Yeah, I'd like to make that a motion that includes the handling of gunpowder.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Seconded.

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

Brother Gates, is this to the same current issue about handling the gunpowder?

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

Yes.

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

Or is this the original?

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

Yes, Commander. Commander, Don Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary. In this particular Section on C, it says, “will not handle or fire any weapon.” I agree with Walt about there's a problem there because it doesn't mention the other function, the artillery function but, I also wonder about the practicality of that statement. It seems to me that when a person who is a Junior member becomes sixteen years of age, that doesn't automatically give them the skills necessary to handle a weapon, let alone fire it. On the other hand, if you're not allowed to handle it before they're sixteen years of age, how are they going to be trained to handle and fire the weapon? You get the drift of what I'm saying here? In other words, I can see where this prescription could prevent a younger than sixteen-year-old individual from being given any training at all with how to handle a weapon.

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

But he could observe and when he gets to be sixteen, then he can be trained.

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

So, he can't be trained until he's sixteen?

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

Not officially at a SVR event. Not to say that dad, uncles, who are supposed to be with these individuals anyway couldn't do it outside a nonofficial event. It's the same thing...

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

The intent then, is that these members will not effectively be able to participate at all in these events.

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

Yep. It's the same as a thirty-year-old that's never had any experience and...

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

That's my point. At some point you have to start learning. I don't understand why the learning part is prohibited. We're not gonna allow them to fire the weapon. You may learn how to handle a weapon, weapon safety, this type of thing.

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

Well, if we have an eight-year-old who's working with a gun and he gets hurt and the public finds out about that, they're gonna say, “Why was that kid messing with a cannon?”

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

Reasonable. Thank you, Commander.

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

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. Brother Gates, I think one of

the things you have to understand that this applies to SVR events.

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

Right.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

If this is a reenactment, it's the rule. You're not there with your SVR stuff on, you can do all the training you want but, if it's an SVR event, then these rules apply. Okay? I'm an artillerist, and I know that most of the events I went to, they would allow the kids to be powder monkeys but that was it. I mean, they didn't have guns. They basically were on the other side of the wheel from the artillery piece but this applies just at an SVR event and SVR programs. If you're in a reenactment, do whatever the reenactment lets you get away with.

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

I understand that, sir. My concern was that it means that the SVR can't actually provide training to anyone until after they are sixteen.

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

That's right.

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

They can be trained with fake weapons. Brother.

**Robert Hauff, Department of Illinois**

Robert Hauff, Past Commander of Custer Camp, Camp #1 from Illinois and member of Battery L. I have been in the artillery for thirty years. I have used youngsters for powder monkeys for thirty years. I've never, ever, had any compromise, problem, or anything at all in the slightest. Sometimes when I am in the field and I am undermanned, that powder monkey is essential to our operation in the canon salute. I'd appreciate it if people do not take my tools out of my box.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**Robert Hauff, Department of Illinois**

Thank you, sir.

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

Brother Bury.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury, Past Colonel, Adjutant General, Chief of Artillery of the SVR, an individual who put on the United States Army Bicentennial under the direction of the Army, under Bill Clark, Deputy Reserve activities. I would remind these Brothers that we were a formal military training component for the United States Army. Under Army regulations, you can train and move forward with those individuals ages fourteen to seventy-five as applied in the Articles of Incorporation, and reaffirmed under several of the United States Supreme Court decisions. When we were under the Army as a training component, the SVR had, I ought to know, I wrote most of the regulations which was acceptable to United States Park Service, you could train the individuals.

You can put the limitation on the age for the actual handling of the powder. I think that's the key

here. It's just simple common sense. Past Commander-in-Chief Darby's hit the nail on the head. You know, you can train. You can show them and give them the experience for when they're old enough to carry powder, carry arms and actually go on the field.

In closing, I'll simply say this issue was brought up, '68. Keep in mind that when 1968 was there, you had the law saying that twenty-one was the legal age. The artillery crew simply withdrew as part of the reenactment script. A twenty and a half year old jumped up and threw a powder charge down and blew his hand off. It can happen at any age is my point. but we need to train these individuals first. That's why a lot of the SVR training artillery schools were founded, as well as infantry. If you follow the regulations, that's the key. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you. Brother Dean.

**William Dean, Department of Nebraska**

Commander Dean, Department Past Commander of Nebraska. In the state of Nebraska, we are trying to implement right now for Juniors to make 'em take a safety hunters class for gun handling to get them a part of our SUVCW Juniors and with the SVR. Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, practicing law in this state for the last thirty-five years, twenty-two of those years they called me "Your Honor" when I was at work. A Junior member attending an SVR or SUVCW event who handles a weapon or gunpowder and gets hurt, there goes the balance of our treasury.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Amen.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

We will be broke as an Organization regardless of insurance. Waivers don't matter. I've seen too many overturned in court. For our own protection, we have to have this from a legal standpoint. Get a wooden rifle if you want to train them in the drill. Get a wooden cannon if you want to train them in the drill. We can do that but, you can't allow them to handle weapons and gunpowder from a legal liability point of view, if we want to remain solvent and have money in the treasury to pay bills.

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

Thank you for the good grade point, Your Honor.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

All right. What we're voting on then is the including of gunpowder handling. Well, it's actually not allowing them to handle gunpowder. So, all in favor, please raise your voting cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Now we are voting on the original one, as amended. All in favor, please raise your

voting...Ed. Sorry.

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

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. I want to address Section J. We point out that we have training available from the Boy Scouts of America with the URL. We don't control that. So anytime they may want to change that, we might have to change our C&R. So, is it prudent to do that?

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

That's strictly a voluntary thing of whether they want to go there and have Boy Scouts help them or not.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, Department Commander, Rhode Island, National Webmaster, National Signals Officer. I agree with Ed. It's just the issue of putting that URL permanently in our C&R. They can change their website at any time. It is out of our control. I think we should do it and I would move that we just strike that URL section. They can still get information from the Boy Scouts of America, but we don't need to say "at www.myscouting.com."

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

Thank you. This is a simple strike. Is there anyone opposed to striking, not "Boy Scouts," but was it the URL? Okay. Are there any other questions? So, we need to vote on the whole thing as amended. All right. So, we're voting on the whole proposal number seven, as amended with the gunpowder. All in favor, please raise your voting cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

On page 70, we have proposal number eight. This is a proposal that adds changes on what happens to an SVR or military district that's had its tax-exempt status revoked. It's basically the same thing as we've already approved for Camps and Departments. The Committee recommends adoption.

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

Discussion. Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake; Commander, Second Military District. My Military District under a predecessor made a cognizant effort to let our EIN status lapse as we did not have the assets and were, I guess, in compliance of the conditions set forth by the National Treasurer. I understand the intent of the proposal. Don't disagree with it but once this is passed, my Military District is gonna to be suspended and I'm gonna have to file for a unincorporated status.

I did not have an opportunity to even comply with this regulation prior to this Encampment so, is there a grace period that could be given in the interim, or when this would be enforced so that my District is not automatically suspended right now and I have an opportunity to comply with this regulation?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

My question to you is, what are you now? You're an unincorporated association.

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

That's correct. But, I haven't filed that with the IRS as the SVR Command right now. So, I have not taken that action. I would not qualify for this.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

So, you would file with your Commander to take that action. I mean, this provides a way to get reinstated both from an IRS perspective and an SVCW perspective as well.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief.

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

Yes.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Second Military District, correct?

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

Correct.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Gene, when were you Commander of the Second Military District? Is he in here?

**Eugene C. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm here. Oh that was before me. Must have been six years ago or so.

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

Probably 2008, 2009.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

All right. Around 2009, the Second Military District was told by the Treasurer that because they did not accept money, all they were doing was forwarding the money through from their units directly to me, they were told by the Treasurer at that time that they did not have to have an EIN nor file any reports. They have done that so, in this case we go to David to answer. If they have never done anything, I take it you have never received anything from the IRS as saying your tax-free thing is null and void. Is that correct?

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

That's correct.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

So, if they've never gotten anything from the IRS, can they apply for the EIN and become part of the blessed, they haven't lost anything. Nothing has been taken, nothing's been revoked and they'd be just like they were starting out? Does that answer your question?

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

No, because the question is and again, I don't have a problem with the regulation, but you're gonna suspend my District and I haven't even had an opportunity to comply with the new regulation.

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

Might I also interject here in effect, if you don't have opposition to the proposal, this is

probably discussion that should be had in another forum, not here on the floor of the Encampment?

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

All right. That's acceptable. I'm looking for guidance from the National Treasurer.

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

Do that outside of the Encampment.

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

Okay, thank you Commander-in-Chief.

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

Any other discussion on this proposal? All in favor of this, please raise your voting cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay. At the bottom of page 71, you find proposal number nine. This is a proposal that adds a new Section 5 to Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 5 of the C&R. This prohibits suspended or dishonorably discharged members of the SUCVW and Allied Orders from attending the National Encampment, except for the purpose of appealing disciplinary decisions. Very similar to what we dealt with earlier on the Camps and Departments. Committee recommends adoption.

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

Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. The proposal says it's a change to Section 5, yet the actual language says Section 3. Is it 5 or 3? How long do you count before the Holy Grenade of Antioch goes off? Three is the count.

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

Good question. I don't have that here, but my guess is it's supposed to be Section 5.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Whatever the next number is?

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

Whatever it is, yeah.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, thank you.

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

More discussion? Okay, move to the next one.

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

All right. On page 72, we have proposal number 10. And this is a proposal that eliminates the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund and the Grand Army of the Republic GAR fund since as a result of the IRS 501(c)(3) tax classification, these funds can be combined with the general fund. The

money in these funds will be merged with the general fund effective July the 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The current Sections 4 and 5 are eliminated and a new Section 4 is created. The existing Section 6 through 9, will be renumbered. And the Committee recommends adoption.

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

Discussion?

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

At the bottom of page 72, we have proposal number 11. This is a proposal that eliminates the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund Committee since the IRS 501(c)(3) classification allows this fund to be combined with the general fund. And the C&R Committee recommends adoption.

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

Discussion? Thank you.

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

On page 73, we have proposal number 12. This proposal makes a change in who should serve on the Program and Policy Committee and make some changes in the duties of the Committee. The C&R Committee recommends adoption.

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

Discussion? Okay.

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

At the bottom of page 73, we have proposal number 13. This proposal makes a change in who should serve on the Communication and Technology Committee. The C&R recommends adoption.

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

Discussion?

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

Page 74, proposal number 14. This proposal makes a change in who should serve on the Communication and Technology Committee and make some changes in the activities of that Committee. The C&R Committee recommends adoption of the six paragraphs relating to the activities of the Committee, but does not recommend adoption of the portion of Section 9 relating to the membership of the Committee.

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

Well, let's just go ahead and see. Any discussion on this?

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

Brother, are you getting up to discuss or just moving? Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I haven't got my glasses so I'm having a little bit of trouble. Section 9 is the Section that deals with the people who will actually be assigned to the Committee. The Communications and Technology Committee, as is currently configured with five members, is limited in its scope and ability to operate. The concept here was to expand the membership of the Committee to include all of the stakeholders who had some sort of hereditary group, the Webmaster, the Signals Officer, all

the people who would actually have something to do that would relate to communications and technology. What we wanted to do is expand it, and I believe that it was going to be expanded to about nine members. I think that this is really critical to do today, in the view of today's world and the view of the fact that technology is becoming ever more present in our lives. We need to have an ability to coordinate the graves registration, the hereditary people, all the different aspects, the Patriotic Instructor. We need to have a more inclusive group of people here that can sit down to that table and work together to come up with decent policy. That's why it was put in there. I would ask that it would be given favorable consideration.

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

Well, the reasoning of the Committee was that this would place an undue restriction on the Commander-in-Chief to appoint Committee members and that some of the individuals that are listed here as possible Committee members might not have the expertise that somebody else would that the Commander-in-Chief could select for those assignments on the Committee.

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

Brother Jamie.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Commander-in-Chief, Jim McGuire, National Signals Officer, National Webmaster, Commander of Rhode Island. While I completely agree with the spirit of what Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Day has put forward, I also concur with with Brother Grim. The stakeholders should be the ones who are on this Committee. I think that potentially, those can still be assigned as Committees are created. As what happens occasionally, we sometimes get somebody in an office who may not have the in-depth knowledge or skill set necessary for some of this stuff. So, it could create a constricting atmosphere at some point in the future.

Right now, the people we have in these positions are good choices. I would suggest that when choosing Committees you just pick the right people to put on there after vetting them. I think specifically defining these individuals, putting that in the C&R, I think that can be problematic, especially down the road when things might shift and change. I mean, Officer positions may get canceled out or combined or something like that. I'm completely in line the spirit and I think everybody wants us to have a strong Committee. I don't think it's necessary going into the C&R.

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

Brother Mark, I would ask this, will under the current thing where we have Aides, we have a number of Committees that have a large number of membership, but they have large numbers of Aides that have been appointed. Would that meet the needs and the spirit of this?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

The Aides are fine. I believe that Committee Chairmen should be able to request Aides to be put on the Committees. I have an issue with the idea of Aides being voting members of the Committee. An Aide, to me should not be a voting member.

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

...and that's your issue.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yes. Aides should be subject matter experts that would be added momentarily or for a certain period of time in order to meet the particular goal of that Committee, whatever Committee would be and I believe that it should be requested. It should come as a request from the Committee Chairman who is asking for that technical assistance. As I said, I think that they should be nonvoting members

because, that takes the power of the Committee away and it could be used in a negative manner to stack the deck if somebody wanted to appoint a certain number of Aides to get a particular point.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. If you start adding responsibilities to existing other Officers, you're gonna also have to amend their job descriptions. So, this is not just one isolated incident. This is going to involve a whole bunch of other things that's not being addressed at this moment at the National Encampment. Nor has it been proposed.

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

I'd like to go ahead and go to a vote on the Committee's recommendation. What we're looking at is proposal 14. And the Committee recommends that this not be put in place. A "yes" vote means that you agree with the Committee's recommendation...

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

We're approving part of it.

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

Okay. I'll back up. We got 13 and 14. So proposal 13 we have not voted on and that's the activities of the Committee. Is that correct, Mark? So, 13... If you're voting for 13, then a "yes" vote means that you're for the Article, items in proposal 13.

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

Go ahead? We can do that. Okay.

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

We already did 13. Didn't we?

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

No, there were no comments. We skipped over it.

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

Yeah, it's already passed.

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

Okay.

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

We're doing 14. And the Committee's saying we don't like the membership make up. We're not approving that but we're approving the change in activities of the Committee.

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

So, the Committee recommends that Section 9 not be approved, but the remainder does. So, if you vote "yes," that's what you're voting for. Okay? So, all in favor of going along with the Committee's recommendation, please show your cards. Opposed to the Committee's recommendation.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passed.

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

All right. On page 75, we have proposal number 15. And this is a proposal that drops the Civil War Hereditary and Veterans Organizations from receiving a free copy of *The Banner* and adds the Commander-in-Chief of the MOLLUS as a recipient of *The Banner*. Committee recommends adoption.

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

Discussion?

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

All right. At the bottom of page 75, that proposal number 16. This proposal authorizes the Commander-in-Chief to add nonvoting administrative Aides to Committees. The C&R Committee recommends adoption.

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

Yes, Brother. Discussion?

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

Alan Head, Department of Rhode Island. I had a question about the previous ones, 13 and 14. Because we approved the Council recommendation on 14 which which conflicts with 13, which we approved. So, 13 says that "the Committee shall consist of the Brothers filling the positions listed in Section 9", but we didn't make the change to Section 9 that lists the position. We've approved conflicting recommendations.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. We never voted on number 13. We adopted number 14, but we were gonna save 13 for later. I therefore, given the information pointed out by the Brother, there is a conflict, so I move non-concurrence with Committee recommendation as to item number 13 in the Committee report.

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

Second.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Second.

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

I have a motion and a second, non-concurrence for proposal 13. If you're in favor of voting against the Committee's recommendation, please raise your cards. Okay. If you want to stay with the Committee recommendation, please raise your cards. Okay. So the motion passes. So, 13, has not been passed.

[one rap, \*]

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

Fifteen passed, its done.

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

We did that one. All right. Proposal number 16 at the bottom of page 75. This proposal authorizes the Commander-in-Chief to add the nonvoting administrative Aides to Committees. The Committee recommends adoption.

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

Any debate?

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

On page 76, proposal number 17. This proposal amends Section B of this Section requiring disciplinary hearing panels to apply the preponderance of evidence rule in determining guilt and adds a new paragraph D, which clarifies the duties of the Chairman of a disciplinary hearing panel and details the accused rights of appeal. The Committee recommends adoption.

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

Brother Ed.

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

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. I'm gonna address Section D here. As we go down, it talks about what the notice should contain. What it says outlined in Article 17 is for our Commander-in-Chief. We're addressing discipline at the Camp and Department levels as well, so Article 17 would not apply to those.

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

What's he talking about?

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

Talking about a notice. The notice must say, must contain the following. This is in D. Such notice to include the right...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, is not Article 17 the section of discipline that addresses summary discipline? For Commander-in-Chief? So, actually this is consistent. The appeal must be in writing to whichever Commander. There is a circumstance for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is the appointing authority when the Commander-in-Chief exercises summary discipline under Article 17. So, this is correct. It works.

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

Thank you, Brother Jim.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

Brother Commander. Kent Melcher, National Parliamentarian. I would like to move that when this report is finally approved when we get to the end, that the Committee be authorized to go back through the report and make any editorial changes that are necessary to make everything line up. For example, if there's a missed number or anything like that, that they are authorized to make that change.

**Several**

Second.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I am also the Assistant National Counselor Bluebook, which means I am the Editor of the Constitution and Regulations as annotated. I already have the authority to make clerical corrections from a previous National Encampment so, it's already there.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

I withdraw the motion.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

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

Brother Shaw.

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio. I, too like Brother Pahl, carried that judgy wudgy title.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

I'm retired now, but they still call me that stuff. That's fine. I would suggest that in Proposal 17, Paragraph B, where we're discussing the preponderance of the evidence, a civil standard, that perhaps that be defined. Just not everybody in the world knows what that means. Perhaps in most jurisdictions as preponderance of the evidence is the greater weight of the evidence, the evidence that you, the jury believe because it outweighs or over balances in your minds the evidence opposed to it. Now that perhaps is going to differ in various jurisdictions and perhaps within the federal jurisdiction, but that's the definition that we use in Ohio.

Some definition of preponderance of the evidence might be a good thing to have. Otherwise, without having some standard of proof, the hearing counsel, me being a late member of the Tuma Hearing Counsel, sort of flounders around and says, "Gee whiz, was this proven, or wasn't this proven? And, gee, maybe it was because gosh, that sounds better than what the evidence opposed to it is." I think it would be good to define preponderance of the evidence. Thank you, sir.

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

Brother Pahl, can those types of additions or edits could be made, such as a...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's not clerical.

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

So, is that a motion, Brother Henry?

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Yes, that's a motion. I move that those words be inserted, define preponderance of the evidence.

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

Okay. Second?

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

God knows what they call it in Michigan.

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

Do I have a second with that?

**Several**

Second.

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

I have a second.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

May I suggest that when you look at Number B, the highlighted section, "members therein Council shall use the preponderance of the evidence (more likely than not) in determining if the accused is guilty or not guilty." Does that work?

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

No.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

No?

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Unknown**

Ohio and Michigan? I mean, when are they ever gonna agree?

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

That's just the difference between Ohio... Say the whole doggone thing.

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

Sustained.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

The preponderance of the evidence is evidence which you believe because it outweighs or over balances in your mind the evidence opposed to it. That is a straight word for word jury instruction in the State of Ohio. It can be modified little bit, sure, to fit our needs but, a definition like that I think would be appropriate. Thank you.

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

Brother Henry, if this passes could you provide the wording for us?

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Delighted.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Second what Henry says.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

No objection.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

All right. So, we have Brother Shaw's motion. We have a second. All in favor, please raise your voting cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passes. Now, we got to do the whole thing. Right? Excuse me? Yes.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

On Section D, as in delta or dog, depending upon which part of the service you were in and what year. I do have a question. This came up from one of the Brothers in Michigan. Upon the accused, service will be of the decision and the notice of appeal shall be made upon the accused by certified mail. The question that was raised is if the person being served does not accept the certified mail or someone in his household signs that is not him, because the post office does crap like that, where does the thirty days start, so, I would suggest that the service of certified mail, that a sentence in there saying that if there was a question of whether he was served or not, that the date of that the certified mail was sent would be the action date of the thirty day period. So, there you go. That's my motion.

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

Do I have a second?

**Unknown**

Second.

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

Okay, so a motion and a second, that the date that the certified mail is sent will serve this purpose. Correct?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, in another words, instead of thirty days of receipt of this notice, it would be thirty days from the mailing of the notice?

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

Right. That's basically what he said.

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

Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm gonna disagree with Don. Imagine that. The answer to Don's question is already there. It's in the next sentence. Neither sentence nor the time of appeal shall be effective until the accused has received the notice in writing by certified mail. If he refuses to sign for it, he's not received it. If someone else in the household signs for it, he's not received it. So, you gotta start over again until he receives it. Once he receives it, that's when the thirty day clock starts. What this doesn't provide for is, if he refused to sign, an alternate method of service i.e. personally handing it to him, tacking it on the door, whatever the body decides. But the key is receipt. You can't start appeal period until the guy knows that he's been ruled against. If he refuses to sign for the certified mail, shame on him but, then the alternative is personal service or the digital clock does not start ticking until we come up with something else. You can't use the date of mailing if a certified mail is refused, because there's no actual receipt. If you use first-class mail, the presumption and the law is that that's been received so, I would suggest that rather than what you've proposed, that if he refuses to sign for the certified mail or is signed for by a party other than the accused, that substitute service may be allowed by first class mail receipt to be within five business days after the date of mailing.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

If that's the case, why don't we just do away with certified mail and send it to him first class so that means he's already served.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I didn't write this one, so I don't know.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Then I will propose a motion that we take out the word "certified mail" and insert "first-class mail" and it be designated as served after, I'll even cut him some slack, ten days.

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

Brother Darby, am I assuming you're withdrawing your previous motion to make that one?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I do. Yes. Do you need me to tell you what the second one was?

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

Yes.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

That we delete the word "certified mail" and insert "first-class mail" and that service was complete ten days after the mailing of the first-class letter. If he does this...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

What Don meant to say is also delete "return receipt requested deliverable to the addressee only."

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Yes.

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

Do I have a second for that?

**Several**

Second.

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

Any discussion? I'm assuming no. All in favor. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Motion carries.

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

So, now we're voting on Proposal 17, as amended. All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passes. Thank you.

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

Okay. At the bottom of page 76, we have Proposal number 18. This proposal recommends who should be appointed to serve on a disciplinary appeals panel. And the Committee recommends adoption.

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

Brother Ed.

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

Ed Norris, Council of Administration. So, this is gonna apply to both A and B. I think we should strike "particularly knowledgeable." That's kind of vague. We have a wonderful program called Memorial University so, I'm suggesting that we strike those two words and propose put in Memorial University graduate.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I would oppose that.

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

And I do not have a second.

**Unknown**

Second.

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

Now I have it.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I cannot graduate from Memorial University because I helped design the program. That disqualifies me from taking my own class. The thing is, if it gets me out of doing hearings, maybe I'm for it.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

But, the way it's written, it's up to the appointing authority. He knows in his Department who's knowledgeable and who's not; who he can rely on and who he can't. So why not leave the discretion to the appointing authority. Leave it in there. If you include a requirement such as must graduate from Memorial University, you're automatically excluding a couple Brothers who are extremely knowledgeable in the operations of the Order because they helped design the program. They can't take it.

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

Okay. Thank you. Okay, so the motion and second is to change the wording from "knowledgeable" to "graduate Memorial University." If you're in favor of changing that wording,

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

I'll withdraw my motion.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Okay. So, that one's adopted.

[one rap, \*]

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

We're good. Yeah.

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

All right. Proposal number 19 on page 77. This proposal describes the procedure and timeframe for appealing the decision of an appeals panel to the Department Commander or the Commander-in-Chief. And the Committee recommends adoption.

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

Discussion? We waited too long. We got discussion.

**David A. Swanson, Department of the Southwest**

Commander, David Swanson, Department of the Southwest. I think you're going to have the

same problem here with certified mail so you'll have to change that to first-class.

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

So, we go ahead and do that and match it up or do we need to vote as a motion and all that?

**Unknown**

Motion.

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

All right. So, I'll take that as a motion to make the change? Do I have a second?

**Several**

Second.

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

What we're doing is voting to change this certified mail to match the language of the previous.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

First class mail.

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

Any discussion? All in favor, cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay. At the bottom of page 77, we have Proposal number 20. And this proposal describes the procedure for appealing a final decision of an appeals panel appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to the next National Encampment. The C&R Committee recommends adoption.

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

Discussion? Okay.

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

It's got the certified mail in it.

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

Commander-in-Chief.

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

Brother Brian.

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

BP, Council of Administration. Again, there's the same issue about certified mail on this one so I move that we make it match the previous two.

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

So, you're making a motion previous. Brother French's second that.

**Unknown**

Second.

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

So, all in favor of making that certified mail change, cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

You guys smell blood. Don't you?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Proposal number 21 on page 78. This proposal adds a new Article to this Chapter giving the Commander-in-Chief clemency authority to grant a pardon, commutation of sentence, or the expungement of a disciplinary record. The Committee recommends adoption.

**Unknown**

Certified mail.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Any discussion? Okay.

[one rap, \*]

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

So, we now need to vote over all the ones that we did not specifically address. The whole Committee Report as amended. So, any discussion on the whole thing as amended?

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

Commander-in-Chief, just a point of order before we vote on this whole group of things. Under Proposal 10, back on page 72 about doing away with the funds and rolling them into the general fund, I have no problem with that part of it. But the dates are wrong. It says it's to be done, whatever money is in there on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 and merged into the fund on July 1, 2017. The date's gotta change to something after this Encampment votes for it.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

It can be done retroactively if the Encampment approves it.

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

Can you do it that way?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Yes.

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

Fine. For the record, Mark Hale, Past Department Commander, Georgia and South Carolina.

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

Thank you, Brother Mark. Any other discussions? Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Department of Chesapeake. Just a point of order for a question and a point of order for the Treasurer. Are there any Departments, if we passed the EIN ruling right now, are there any Departments present that are gonna be automatically suspended and not eligible to vote further in this Encampment?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

I don't think so. But I don't have my list. You're asking if there are any Departments who presently have their tax-exempt status automatically revoked by the IRS.

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

My question is, are there any Departments here in Encampment with us today that do not comply with the new EIN regulation and will automatically be suspended once the vote is cast?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

No.

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

Thank you, Brother.

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

Further discussion? All in favor of passing all these, as amended, raise cards. Opposed.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passed and done.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

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

Oh, no. I've got another forty-five minutes. We can do some awards. We'll take a ten-minute break. Come back, we'll give some awards. Finish up.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break)

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

All right. Brothers, please take your seats.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

I would ask that the Chief of Staff please come forward to the podium.

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

Chief of Staff here? Well, we're gonna give out some awards. Chief of Staff's gonna be reading things; meet me down by the flags to get awards.

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

He said Chief of Staff. I wasn't prepared for that. Are you set, Don? First award, Certificate of Recognition, goes to Garrard County Public Library, Department of Kentucky. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recognizes and thanks the Garrard County Public Library for the support of the Major James H. Bridgewater Camp #7, Department of Kentucky. Your flexibility and support of the Camp's efforts, preserving and perpetuating the sacrifices of our Civil War ancestors is deeply appreciated. Their employee's involvement with reporting Civil War veteran burial sites in disrepair, missing or incorrect information on the headstone or burial marker speaks volumes as to the involvement you have had with the local community. So, is there a representative? Nobody from Kentucky. All right.

The second one to Brother Bruce Austin, Major James H. Bridgewater Camp #7, Department of Kentucky. On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby thank and recognize Brother Bruce Austin, Major James H. Bridgewater Camp #7, Department of Kentucky, for consistently educating the public about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and for organizing and manning the Camp's recruiting and information station Civil War reenactments throughout Weston, Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, Georgia, and in his home state of Kentucky. Brother Austin's set a fine example for Brothers to follow. He is not be here as well.

Meritorious Service Award. The first one is to Michael P. Downs, Department of Tennessee. During his tenure as Department Commander, Brother Downs was chiefly responsible for the renewed vitality demonstrated in the continued steady growth of the Department. In both his years as Commander of the Department, he received a Grant Cup for the greatest percentage increase in new membership. The National awards given out during his tenure reflect his work. The McTeer Camp was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Most Outstanding Camp, and the Horace Greeley Award for outstanding website. The Sultana Camp was recognized with the Marshall Hope Award for the most outstanding newsletter. He supported the efforts of Brother Fidler and resulted in the establishment of the Davis Camp #10 in the United Kingdom which won the Best Camp Award. Brother Fidler received the Cornelius Whitehouse Award as the most outstanding Brother of the year. Brother Downs has made commitment to the hosting of the Central Regional Association meeting in 2016, the first in Tennessee. He was given a standing ovation at the end the meeting for his work, which he was praised as one of the best meetings the group had had in recent years. Is Brother Downs here? No. Somebody from the Department of Tennessee?

The second one, the Daniel Rittel, Department of Iowa. Brother Rittel was appointed Department of Iowa, Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer. He has enlisted the aid of the Iowa Department of Transportation, local town council, citizens, and Historic Highway 6 signs. His efforts resulted in the replacement of twenty-six faded GAR highway signs and installation of sixty new signs. Brother Rittel has participated in many town celebrations along Highway 6, marched in parades, set up displays, and gave lectures. He received a proclamation from the governor naming September 27, 2016, as Grand Army of the Republic Highway Day in honor of the GAR Sesquicentennial. September 27, 1947, was the day Highway 6 was named GAR Highway in Iowa. He maintains a page on the Department website and the Iowa GAR Highway Facebook page. He has produced the two inch GAR Highway badge to help bring the public awareness. His vehicle

displays on the vanity plates, GAR Highway. Is Brother Rittel, somebody from Iowa, gonna accept for him?

The next one is to Dave Daley, Department of Wisconsin. Brother Dave Daley has been instrumental in the fight with the city of Muskego, Wisconsin to reverse their policy avoiding the Luther Park Cemetery in Muskego revert to a natural prairie. This cemetery includes the graves of Union veterans Lieutenant Homer Clark and Private Jonathan Smiley. Daley's influence and association with well-known Milwaukee attorney Franklin Gimble gained his help with the Camp #15 file suit and he worked pro bono. On June 20, 2017, the city of Muskego started cleaning up the area at Luther Park. Brother Daley was instrumental in the media campaign and enlisting the local television and radio stations to interview Camp #15 Brothers to get our story out to the public. Work remains to get the written agreement for the defined areas to be maintained as well as what we agree to as proper and decent care.

### **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

All right. The next one will be awarded to Jeff Graf, Department of Wisconsin. PCC Graf initiated the campaign to have the city of Muskego, Wisconsin cleanup the Luther Park Cemetery through vigorous letter writing and phone campaign. The cemetery includes the graves of Union veterans Lieutenant Homer Clark and Private Jonathan Smiley. On June 20, 2017, the city of Muskego started cleaning up the area of the Luther Park Cemetery that are the direct vicinity of the majority of the gravestones that were previous obscured. PCC Graf's dogged and determination to see the graves of Lieutenant Clark and Private Smiley return to a honored and dignified final resting place is truly the work of the Order. Work remains to get a written agreement for the defined areas to be maintained as well as what we agree to as proper and decent care. So, is Brother Graf here?

### **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

And the final one, Brother Tom Gaard, member of the Grenville Dodge Camp 75, Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the Iowa Monuments Officer and maintains the Department of Iowa's website concerning monuments. During the past year; however, he has increased his efforts in the field of monument preservation and has submitted thirty-six Form 61's and seven Last Soldier Project Markers to the SUVCW Monuments Officer. Due to at least a part of his efforts, over four hundred monuments have been identified in the state of Iowa.

### **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

We're gonna move on to the Founder's Award. Nominated by Sherman Camp, Department of Ohio, this award is presented a maximum once per year to a nonmember group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War soldiers. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Council of Administration. The Founder's Award is presented to the American Veterans Heritage Center in Dayton, Ohio for numerous enduring and distinguished efforts that support the goals and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Projects and programs to inform and educate the public concerning the contributions of the U.S. Armed Forces and to preserve and share the history of the National Soldiers Home for Disabled Veteran

Soldiers, a facility established in 1867 by the federal government for the care and support of our Civil War Union veterans. Examples include restoring and making available the historic Home Chapel, Putnam Library, conducting the 13th Annual Patriot Freedom Festival, facilitating restoration of the grotto garden, and a place of peace and tranquility for veterans and hosting the Miami Valley Military History Museum and exhibits.

The next is the Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Linder Award. This award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members. That goes to the Department of Ohio with fifty-four.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

The next is the Under Forty Award. That one goes to the Department of New Jersey with ten.

**Encampment**

(applause, cheers and laughter)

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Our next award's the Marshall Hope Award for the Best Newsletter. At the Camp, it's Robert Finch Camp #14, Department of Michigan.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

And for the Department, it's *The March*, Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Next awards are gonna be the National Aide Award and there's a number of them. We're gonna have them all come up together and get a group picture. The first goes to Doug Fidler, McTeer Camp #39, Department of Tennessee; Jeff Graf, Colonel Heg Camp #15, Department of Wisconsin; Steve Flickinger, Sherman Camp #93, Department of Ohio; James Johnson, Ruger Camp #1, Department of North Carolina; Eric Richhart, Smith Camp #1, Department at Colorado; James P. McGuire, Governor Dryer Camp #7, Rhode Island; and David Rish, Jacob Camp #33, Department of Ohio.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

The next award was known as the B.F. Stevenson Award. This year we renamed it to the David R. Medert Award and that's for recruiting. And that goes to David Rish, Jacob Parrott Camp #33. He recruited thirteen new members.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

All right. The next is the Horace Greeley Award. And this is for the most outstanding website. And that goes to the Department of Iowa.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

We have some others for tomorrow. The last one for today is the U.S. Grant Award, Department with the greatest percentage increase in membership. That goes to the Department of Georgia, with an increase of 60%.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

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

Okay, we have a couple of announcements from the Secretary.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Security. One reminder, the SVR breakfast will be held in this room tomorrow morning starting at 7:00 o'clock. No tickets will be available at the door so if you haven't already got your reservation in, don't plan on attending. Delegates of the Department of Ohio, there will be a group picture right after closing in front of the flags. Thank you.

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

Okay. Anybody else have any announcements? Yes.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

One quick one. All those who are members of the Loyal Legion are asked tomorrow, first break, to assemble at the flags and we'll do the annual Loyal Legion members in attendance photo. Thank you.

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

Any other? Yes.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Yes, just want to let you know we have a silent auction going. A lot of people been asking about the Widow's Badge. If you come over, you'll see the price. You can bid up from whoever's bid before you. We do have the Widow Badge. I hope somebody takes it home today. We do have another one. It's an SVR, real nice medals. So, you can just sign up on the sheet for that. Thank you.

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

Okay. Any other announcements?

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**(recess)**

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

All right, Brothers, I would ask that you please take your seats. We're gonna get this started.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

I would ask for the Guide and the Color Bearer please check identification. Ensure Brothers belong. In the meantime, I'm gonna talk a little bit. If you notice the altar, now has two swords. This set up is also the way I have my room in school and I have a rug in the center of the room. Sometimes I tell the kids, if you guys want to fight, do it on the rug center stage. So today, if it gets heated, we have two swords and plenty of space right here in the center.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Also, I'd like to make an announcement. Will the members from the Department of New Jersey please see Past Commander-in-Chief Gene Mortorff?

**Unknown**

Oh, what'd we do wrong now?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Unknown**

I love you guys.

**Unknown**

Get a sword.

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

Another thing that's been really interesting for me in the past three years coming through the chairs and even longer, many of you might remember I was Patriotic Instructor for two years awhile back. I met a lot of Brothers during that time period that were taking Memorial University and it is amazing now, several years later, I'm seeing those same Brothers and they're in high positions in the Department and they're in positions in National. The same is the case as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and meeting and interacting with the Department level Junior Vices and now, we're Commanders together. So, it's been very interesting. I really highly want to encourage you to take Memorial University if you have any ideas about wanting to take Department and National position, or even not, just to know and learn a little bit more about the Order. I would like to call Brother Jim Houston. You want to talk about the Foundation.

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Thank you, Commander. As is usual, each year the Foundation gives a report to the Encampment. And I'd like to do that for this past year, which ended our fiscal year in June. The Foundation's annual meeting was held in last year in Springfield, Illinois, August the 12<sup>th</sup>. Ken L. Freshley and Robert E. Grimm were reelected to three-year terms as Directors. Officers for the 2016-2017 year were elected as follows: Chairman, Robert M. Petrovic; Vice Chairman, the

Honorable Henry Shaw Junior; and myself as Secretary/Treasurer. The Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Contribution Program is now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year and we are pleased to report that eighty-six individuals and organizations have participated. This program was established to add to endowment funds of the Foundation as well as to provide funds for current projects and activities. In the last year, nine individuals have become new Lincoln Fellows or increased their prior contributions. And I'd like to recognize those folks if they would just stand as I read 'em, if you're...if you're here. Dale Crandall, Jerome Orton, John Eger, Richard Davis, Robert Wolz, Rory Matter, Jim Floyd, and Tom Schmidt. Any of those here? Could we give them a hand of thanks?

**Encampment**

(applause).

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Also, I want to mention that in the last year or so, the Foundation has developed a relationship with Amazon, called the Amazon Smile Program and it is established to provide funds to the Foundation based on Amazon purchases, so you're all encouraged to sign up for this no-cost program when making purchases. You know Christmas is not that far away so, when you make those Amazon purchases, make sure you sign up under the Amazon Smile Program.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

A hundred and thirty-five days to Christmas, whoever's counting.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

The Foundation, through grants, continues to financially support projects related to Civil War history, particularly the preservation, restoration, and construction and erection of significant Civil War monuments and sites. The program is open to all organizations both within and outside the SUVCW. Two significant programs in the past year were restoration of buildings at the site of the former Civil War prison in Elmira, New York and working with and creation of historical markers at the GAR Memorial Hall in St. Cloud, Florida. Should your Camp or Department be considering a Civil War related project, consider applying for funds through the Foundation. We welcome contributions to the Foundation in any amount. The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization as established under 501(c)(3) of the United States Code, as such your gift is fully taxable for U.S. tax purposes should you itemize.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

And details for contributing can be found on the Foundation's website and in literature distributed at various SUVCW meetings. To supplement direct contributions, we continue to offer a broad line of SUVCW, SVR, GAR, and Civil War related merchandise. You can see it now as Bob has it laid out in the back. We thank you for your past support and hope for more in the continuing future. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

[three raps, \*\*\*]

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

Brothers, please join me in pledge to our Flag.

**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.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay, I see that Brother Orr is with us this morning. So, one of the first things I'd like to do is, Sir, you are out of Order.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

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

Boy, did that feel good. All right. We're gonna receive greetings at 9:30 from the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Until that point in time, I'm gonna go ahead and start on with our business. At this time I'd like to call Brother Kennedy up from the Encampment Committee for Officer's Reports and resolutions. When our guest gets here, we'll stop and then go back to this.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Good morning, Brothers.

**Encampment**

Good morning.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

We had a plethora of resolutions which thankfully most got taken care of yesterday. We have a few that we're gonna go through today. The first one is Section 1.2 of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Resolution #1, to the National Encampment. The Department of Colorado and Wyoming voted on June 17, 2017, the following resolution, "Whereas, the State of Idaho was granted as part of the Colorado/Wyoming in 2012 by the request of the Commander-in-Chief, as these Brothers had no Camp and were Members-at-Large; whereas, these brethren were gladly accepted by the Department and assigned to the Captain Lot Smith Camp #1 for education and for organizational purposes; whereas these Brothers were being visited by Camp Lot Smith #1 and efforts were being conducted to form two separate Camps in Idaho; whereas, the Grave Registration work was being conducted by members in Boise, Idaho, with the support of Captain Lot Smith Camp #1, Colorado Department Secretary, Eric Dan Richhart, the Past Department Commander; whereas, there was a monument restored in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and affording the recruit membership for a new Camp;

whereas, the C&R states Chapter 2, Departments, Article 1, Formation, Section 5, "Departments may petition to divide themselves into more than one Department organized if a superior majority,

2/3, of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization, and no resulting Departments shall have less than the required number of Camps for a Department and the remnant of the original Department should not have less than the required number of Camps for permanent status Department. If the Department does not concur, those Camps wishing to organize themselves into a new Department may appeal to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order.”

Section 6 of the same Article states, “In no case may a Camp secede from a Department.”; whereas the National Organization formed us, they were establishing a new Department of Columbia, which would include Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho and when told that we wanted to keep Idaho, we were informed that the Commander-in-Chief had already given permission to include Idaho in the new Department of Columbia.

The Colorado/Wyoming Department had no recourse and could not do anything about it. Therefore, the Department of Colorado/Wyoming contends that the removal of the Idaho from the Department was in violation of the C&R and request that the 136 National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan on the 10-13<sup>th</sup> August 2017 return the state of Idaho to Colorado/Wyoming Department and all brethren be reassigned back to the Camp Lot Smith Camp #1 for accounting and further efforts to form two Camps in Idaho.

The Committee reviewed this. Did some research with both the Department and the Commander-in-Chief at the time who made the decision. We do not concur.

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

Discussion?

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

I assume you’re working under ad seriatim, so I’m gonna object.

**Unknown**

Microphone, please.

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

Okay. So, Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania, I’m objecting to the Committee's decision.

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

Okay. So you’re opposed to the Committee’s decision.

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

All right. I’m assuming you're still under ad seriatim and you have been for all Committee reports?

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

That is correct.

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

And, we’re at the sound of the gavel. So, I'm objecting so we can discuss this. I would move you non-concurrence with the Committee.

**Several**

Second.

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

Rich, what is the rationale for that?

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

The rationale is that the C&R prohibits a Department from breaking up without the 2/3 consent of all the members of the Department. The Commander-in-Chief is bound by the C&R, the same as every other member of the Order. He cannot issue an order which is in conflict with the C&R. I think this is a case that was unknowingly made. It's not a valid order because it is in conflict with the C&R.

The State of Idaho rightfully should be returned to the Department of Colorado/Wyoming. Further having lived in Idaho for a number of years, Idaho is more aligned with Wyoming and Montana and Utah than it is with Washington and Oregon. Culturally and politically, it's a better fit. You know, I felt for years that the Department of Colorado and Wyoming should have changed their name to the Department of the Rockies but, that's their choice and that's their decision. I'm primarily objecting because, as I said, I think unknowingly a decision was made by the Commander-in-Chief, which is a violation of the Regulations.

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

Okay. Thank you, Brother Orr. Brother Barker.

**James M. Barker, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Jim Barker, Past Department Commander, Colorado/Wyoming. We also object to the Committee's recommendation. It is our feeling that the parts of the C&R that discuss formations of Departments and the splitting of Departments requires at least a vote of the Department. The Department of Colorado had no vote at the time this was discussed. We informed those that were organizing the Department of Columbia that we would bring it up at our Department Encampment and the action took place before our Department Encampment and we had no we had no say as to whether we agreed or disagreed with the action.

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

Okay. Thank you. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. At the risk of having the building fall down upon us, I agree with Brother Orr.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

There is a part of the C&R that does state that the Commander-in-Chief can delineate Departments. It doesn't say that he can change the Departments once it's already been delineated. So, in this case and I believe that as it was just an error and that Brother Orr is correct that it would take a majority or 2/3 majority vote of, Colorado, Wyoming, and Idaho to ask to be divided. That did not occur so, I believe it was out of order in accordance with the C&R. Somebody, check the roof.

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

Tad Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief. I was the Commander-in-Chief that issued the order that removed the State of Idaho from Colorado/Wyoming and gave it to the newly forming Department of the Columbia. I stand in opposition to Brother Orr's motion. I agree with the Committee's recommendation. I believe that Idaho has been well cared for by the Department of Columbia since they've received it. Not that Colorado/Wyoming was doing a poor job, but they are

being served well.

Columbia has established two divisions within the State of Idaho to hopefully form two Camps. Just so we're clear, this affects nine Brothers. There are nine brothers living in Idaho. So, it's not really a big deal, in my opinion. There are no Camps in Idaho currently. There were not any Camps in Idaho when the order was issued. I believe that the Commander-in-Chief does have the authority to set the boundaries for Departments and to say what areas are covered by those Departments. So, I stand in opposition. I stand by my order. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Tad. Jim.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. First of all to dispute one statement of Brother Campbell, anything this Encampment does that impacts any Brother is a big deal. I take that very seriously. I would like to know what the position of the Department of Columbia is and I'm wondering if anyone has bothered to contact any of these Brothers in Idaho to determine what their wishes are. Just to preserve the integrity of the building, I don't agree or disagree with Richard and Don.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

That's a very neutral statement to save us all. Right?

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

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

Brother Campbell.

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

Tad Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief. The Brothers within Idaho were contacted and offered three options as to their membership status. They could remain a member of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming or whatever Department they might belong to. They were offered to be a dual member of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming and Columbia. Or they were offered the option to transfer their membership to the Department of the Columbia.

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

Thank you. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

This is my last time up. How many were at the Encampment two years ago? Do you recall that there was a motion afoot to divide the Department of Pennsylvania? Do you recall that?

**Encampment**

Yes.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

If that were the fact, the Brothers who wanted to divide Pennsylvania could have just gone to

the Commander-in-Chief, and we would have a Department of Western Pennsylvania or Department of Allegheny and the Department of Pennsylvania and, the Brothers in Pennsylvania would not have any say in that. That's why I give credence to the objection of the Committee because the Commander-in-Chief, on a whim, could divide any Department that is currently in effect. So, in your considerations, think about that. The options that were given to the Brothers in Idaho were not consistent once again with the C&R because the C&R says it has to be a 2/3 majority vote of the Department as assigned. That's my last thing.

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

Okay. Any other discussion? Brother Barker.

**James M. Barker, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Jim Barker, Past Department Commander, Colorado/Wyoming. The way our Department read the C&R, all the provisions, it talked about forming the Department or splitting a Department was in that context, as far as the Commander-in-Chief being able to allocate territories, either territories that were at-Large forming Departments out of that or upon petition of a Department to split, which required that the super majority vote of the Department.

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

Thank you, Brother Barker. Any other discussion? Okay. The vote, a "yes" vote would give Idaho back to Colorado/ Wyoming. A "no" vote would leave it as it is, as part of the Department of Columbia. So, all Brothers in favor of giving Idaho back to Colorado, please raise your cards. All Brothers opposed to keeping it as it is. Okay.

[one rap, \*]

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

The "yes's" have it. Idaho's back to Colorado/Wyoming. Guard, do we have visitors?

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

Yes. Stand by please.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

(rhythmic clapping)

[one rap, \*]

**Caren Cleaveland, President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 to 1865**

Well, thank you so much for such a beautiful greeting. I do appreciate that. It is encouraging to see how many of my Brothers are here today. I want to thank you for inviting me and wish that you all have a successful meeting here today and prosper throughout the year. I have a little gift for you here Commander Don. I thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause).

[three raps, \*\*\*]

(rhythmic clapping)

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, as much as I hate to say this, could we move that microphone over to Brother Orr so he can be heard? God, I hate saying that.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl. For the record, I want to object to moving the microphone closer to Richard because when I talk...

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

You have further to walk? Well, you should be in good shape for that from yesterday.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**John K. Eger, National Guard**

Commander, we have a second guest. We have the Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Gordon Bury, Past Commander-in-Chief. Point of order. It's a point of order this time.

**John K. Eger, National Guard**

Commander, I...

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

...Can I stand by on that?

**John K. Eger, National Guard**

We've lost the Commander of the Confederate Veterans. But we sent out a search party, sir.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

All right. I thank the Guard. Brother Bury, go ahead.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

In that case, and this one is dedicated to Mr. Darby. A point of order. There was no response given to the representative of the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

You're right. There wasn't.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Right. That's not in decorum. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you. Well...

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

We've lost a Confederate. Way to go guys.

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

You had him and you lost him, huh?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Another Michigan claim to fame. Lost a Confederate.

**Unknown**

Brother Commander. As you know, I'm the guy pushing for this National Encampment to follow procedure. Each of our Provost should bring their guests to the altar; announce who they are, so that all we, the Brothers, know who we're welcoming and then they should be brought, with your permission, to your station. They shouldn't just automatically walk up there. So, you know, I'm hoping that we can restore tradition so I'm pushing for this. Thank you, Brother Commander.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**John K. Eger, National Guard**

Commander, the Commander of the Confederate Veterans of the Civil War has been found.

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

Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

(rhythmic clapping)

[one rap, \*]

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

Commander, I would like to congratulate you on your short-term escape. We did send out that search party pretty quick.

**Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans**

Yeah, he took me by the arm instead of having a gun to my back.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans**

So I felt pretty good about that. It is truly an honor and a pleasure to be here today. Commander Martin was at our reunion, what 2 ½ - 3 weeks ago. I'd like to tell y'all a story that I told to our congregation that was in attendance. In 1909, George Washington Gordon, everybody here's familiar with the Battle of Franklin? You always hear about the generals that were killed and the generals that were injured, and the one that was captured. Thank God he was captured. Cause if

not, I probably wouldn't be here today.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans**

But he was a Tennessee Commander for the United Confederate Veterans. He had the honor of, in Memphis, of welcoming a representative from the GAR to Memphis to bring greetings to the people there. I had that honor a hundred and some odd years later as Commander-in-Chief to do the same thing my ancestor did in the same town my ancestor did it. That was a huge honor to me, you know, being a historian, like everyone in here is. I would have a presentation to make. My wife did everything she was supposed to do. I didn't.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Thomas V. Strain, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans**

So, I'll have to do that tonight, Commander, with your permission. I would like to blame her, but I can't do that. Other than that, I would like to bring greetings from the 35,000 members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I would like to welcome each and every one of you July 18<sup>th</sup> of next year to come to Columbia, Tennessee. It's actually the 17<sup>th</sup>, I believe. That's a Wednesday. We'll be doing a ribbon cutting for the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. It's 26,000 square-foot facility that we're building right now to tell the story of the War and try to do away with some of the things that are being said today about not only Confederate Veterans but about all Veterans,

I read in North Carolina, they were trying to take down another monument. The state law says you can't do it. The best quote I saw was from a Representative that said, "You know, I fought in Vietnam. It was not a popular war. What's going to keep them from saying I want that statute removed too?" The point is, gentlemen, it's not going to stop. They're after all parts of history that are not popular in their view. We have to stop it. We have to come together as two organizations and say, "Dammit, enough's enough." When we're able to do that, like our ancestors did when they sent their grandsons to World War I. I think we can stop some of this that's going on and nip it in the bud. So, with that being said, I appreciate the hospitality y'all have shown thus far. I look forward to speaking with many of y'all later on today. Thank y'all.

**Encampment**

(applause).

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, \*]

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

And, Brothers, if you see Tom around during the day or this evening, I encourage you to talk with him. He's a very interesting individual. I was treated very, very well at their reunion. After I'd spoken, they knew who I was. I had many of their Brothers and Sisters come up and spoke with me. It was a very good time. I will say this, it was a bit daunting standing up in a crowd of six hundred people.

**Unknown**

(laughing).

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

So, it was a little bit different. Okay. Brother Kennedy, I'll turn it back over to you.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Thank you, sir. The next resolution is from the Department of New Jersey. We're at Section 1.3. I can't give you a page number. I'm sorry. Page 8, thank you. Civil War Monuments, resolution to National. The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Department of New Jersey SUVCW in their annual Encampment held at Toms River, New Jersey on June 10, 2017, for consideration by the National Encampment to be held in Michigan in August 2017. "Whereas we, the members of the Department of New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, strongly condemn the removal of any Union, Confederate, or historical monument, marker, or memorial; whereas we, the members of the Department of New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, urged the local Camps and the state Department monitor and be aware of any marker, monument, statue in jeopardy and notify the National Organization; whereas we, the members of the Department of New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, asked that our National Organization to protect and preserve all statures, monuments, markers of the Civil War to be preserved for future generations to view. Therefore, let it be resolved, the members of the Department of New Jersey Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby adopt this resolution to be sent to all members of the House and Senate as the basis for possible legislation to protect these historical markers. And we concur.

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

Any discussion?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Recommendations. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don W. Shaw, Past Department Commander. "I recommend that the website application have a notice inserted that in the event of an applicant knows the Camp he wishes to join the Order through, he is encouraged to approach the Camp and make application directly through that group. We concur.

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

Discussion. Then I would like to send it to Jamie.

**Unknown**

Really?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, Department Commander, Rhode Island, National Signals Officer, National Webmaster. Are we talking about the form or are we talking about just looking for clarification? Are we talking about changing something on the form or changing something on the website, Junior Vice Commander?

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

The recommendation was that a notice inserted that in the event of the applicant knows the

Camp he wishes to join so, it's at the website application. I assume there's going to be more clarity on that but either way.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

On the website. So, when you go to the application page, language needs to be inserted there that if you know your Camp, we encourage them to... Okay. Just needed the clarification. Thank you.

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

Okay. Any discussion? Then that will go directly to the Webmaster.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

The National Signals Officer and Webmaster has several recommendations. One, this is Section 2.2. One, engage a professional firm who can conduct the process of discovery in order to determine what our needs for a new website are so that we can make an informed decision regarding what we need when it comes time to get quotes for a new site. We concur.

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

Discussion?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I don't have an objection but a question. Will this process cost money? If so, how much and where would it come from?

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

Brother McGuire.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, Department of Rhode Island Commander, National Signals Officer, National Webmaster. I also echo that. I believe this will cost money. I do not know where it's going to come from. My intention today in front of this entire body is to just bring attention to the fact that we need an outside firm to come in and build us a professional website that will bring us up to where we need to be. When we look at our other Organizations out here, Sons of Confederate Veterans, for example, Civil War Trust, Sons of the American Revolution, you look at these websites, and you look at ours, we are lacking in a major way.

If you read my National Signals Officer report, I get into this in depth about what our website is capable of, what our future website should be capable of, how it can serve all of our constituencies, meaning our Brothers and our potential Brothers. Also, research and the idea of discovery is something that I think that with the right firm, they will do that automatically to find out what we need.

Some people ask me what that discovery means. It means doing outreach. It means doing outreach to all of our constituencies with our membership and our potential members and researches, et cetera to find out what we're using our site for, what is lacking, what sort of things we need to be.

What we have now can't be fixed, it's broken at the core. Okay? We've tried just putting lipstick on this pig over and over. I'm perfectly willing to withdraw this first recommendation, knowing that if we get the right firm to do it, this will be a part of what they do. But this is going to cost money. I'm with Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl. Where it's gonna come from. How much is it gonna be? This is stuff that needs to be figured out.

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

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I would move that this be sent back to the Signals and Communication Committee to ascertain the costs of such an item and for them to report to the C of A in Gettysburg. They, the C of A can then determine whether we have the money to pay for it and to move forward rather than you canceling your resolution.

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

Second.

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

Okay, Brothers, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Brother Orr.

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

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Brother Don, would you be willing to accept an amendment which would amount to creating a special committee to solicit bids with a cap of \$7,500.00?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I would say that would be up to the...to the Council of Administration when they can assign that.

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

Okay. But we can set a maximum amount that we're willing to pay. Jamie thinks we can probably get what we need for somewhere in that ballpark but we would go out so people know what we're talking about. It may be just a subcommittee of the Communications Technology Committee, if the Commander-in-Chief wants to kick it back there, to actually solicit bids on doing what we want. They'd have to write up a perspective or a request for proposal and then submit it to various firms that do this type of work, knowing that the cap we're willing to pay is \$7,500.00 to have it done.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I would accept the amendment for the \$7,500.00 cap, then to be reported to the C of A for their decision.

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

Okay.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

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

Okay. Any more discussion on the amendment to the motion?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Brother Don.

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

Yes.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

David McReynolds, National Treasurer. I think I agree that we need to go out for a request for proposals. However, I think this is one of several tasks that seem to be associated with our website. Another major one that I can think of off the top of my head is protecting it in the event of disasters, disaster recovery, that sort of thing. I think it would be best if somehow we could combine all of these needs into one, do one request for a proposal and receive bids back from the appropriate people.

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

Is that it?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Yeah.

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

Just throwing it out there for thought then? Or you want to change the motion or?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Well, I would hope that we could make that the motion or amend it to say that we would combine all of the needs for changes in the website into one.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Commander-in-Chief, Jim McGuire, National Signals Officer. I agree. But, right now, the discovery process would help us to determine what all those needs are. Any kind of web developer that comes in, will be tasked with meeting all these goals: security, all the things we do, also our databases that we want to build, et. cetera. Right now we're talking about finding out a way to find out what those things are, by reaching out.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Well, I think it should be clear that that's what we're doing. That we're trying to find out all of these issues and not.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Right. That's what this process of discovery is all about. I'm perfectly happy to share my thoughts on that and reach out to (indistinguishable) which I've already begun staring to.

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

Excuse me, Brother Orr, you receptive to that?

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

Commander-in-Chief, I'm on Jamie's Committee at least I was this past year. It's a two-step approach. What Brother Darby proposed and my amendment to Brother Darby's motion is step one. What Brother McReynolds is stating is step two. All that would be tasked to designing a new website. We're not gonna do that for \$7,500.00. You're looking \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 to have that done and that would include the emergency backup, which I know the Auditors want. For the time being, we can do a short and dirty backup just by having the host server mirror it. There's always another copy. We'd have to lose two servers in order not to have the backup. That can be done and not be a big expense but what you're talking about ultimately is the whole second part of

that: developing the website, securing it as far as being hacked, securing it for emergency recovery if we had to do that.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Right.

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

Okay.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Agree.

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

Brother Bury.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, Past Commander-in-Chief, Gordon Bury. I don't think we should be setting a cap at \$7,500.00 or a million dollars for an estimate because that's what needs to be brought forward to the Council to base their decision on. Number two, and comment to that and in agreement with Richard, yes, you're talking \$40,000.00, \$50,000.00, \$60,000.00, \$75,000.00 maybe. However, you also should be looking at what, remember 501(c)(3) is a charitable organization. With that status, you can get grants from other foundations, such as the Lincoln Foundation, and so forth. By including things, and I'm just gonna pick on the Lincoln Foundation for a moment. If we expand a series of pages around the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, for example, that would perhaps create an eligibility for funds from that so, we can expand, but we need to expand with this estimate based on what will generate incoming grants to us to expand our educational webpage. Something to consider.

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

That's a speaker against the amendment. Brother McGuire.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

I was gonna say, I tend to agree with Past Commander-in-Chief, setting a cap can be problematic when we're still looking for estimates. A discovery could come in at \$7,500.00; a discovery could come in at \$14,000. I don't know, but again, we won't know what we need unless we do something like this. That being said, I think that's a wonderful idea for later on, on how to possibly come up with great creative supplemental ways so that we don't necessarily have to lay out \$60,000 from the Sons of Union Veterans to build this website. We are that 501(c)(3) now. We should have these other educational things, which is also sort of part of the stuff I put in my report so, I oppose the cap at this time.

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

Okay. Brother.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

Dave Wildermuth, Department of Illinois, Junior Vice Commander of Hecker Camp. Two years ago I took the position. Since, I got something to the website on our application process, since I got the webmaster out here, I was gonna bring up under new business but it's our application fees.

The online you have two forms.

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

Brother, I would encourage you to bring that up later. It's not really germane.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

Under new business?

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

Discussion.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

That's fine.

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

Okay. Thank you. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Past Commander-in-Chief, before we run the marathon, we've got to learn to walk.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

This motion is just the first step in a twenty-six mile race. Whether it cost \$40,000.00, \$50,000.00, whatever, we still have to do step one for the \$7,500.00 or whatever it takes. That's what the C of A will have permission to move forward from. So, before we start looking at the finish line, let's get the first step out of the way.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Gordon Bury. In response, I agree. But my objection is, just throwing \$7,500.00 out there. We should have an idea by the Council of Administration, or if you're setting that as a Committee expense, are two different things. I would go along with the Council has the authority to spend up to \$7,500.00 at this point and then amend it as we progress to steps two, three, and four, but to give the Committee \$700.00 or \$7,500.00, no.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

No, it's not the Committee. It's the \$7,500.00 for the C of A.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Then I approve. Yes. Thank you for that clarification.

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

Brother Pahl will be the last one.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. By putting a cap on it, if the estimate comes back at \$7,800.00, this Encampment ties the hands of the Council by limiting what they can spend. I therefore move to amend the amendment to eliminate the cap.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

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

So, we have a motion, second, to amend the amendment. We will vote on that, so, what we're voting on, if the dollar amount is removed, then the original amendment is moot. Comment, Jamie, before we go to vote?

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

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. One of the reasons for setting the cap is so that the National Treasurer can budget for it. Otherwise, he has no idea what he needs to budget. And if it comes in under \$7,500.00, we can get the discovery done before the next Encampment. If it comes in over the \$7,500.00, the Council really has the latitude of amending the budget.

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

Not if the Encampment sets it.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, National Signals Officer. Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl just pointed out that not if we limit it here with this body. If we limit it to \$700.00 or \$7,500.00 with a vote of the Encampment, that's what we're stuck with.

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

Okay. So, I'm gonna take this to a vote at this point. We're voting on the amendment to the amendment so, what you're voting is if you vote "yes," then you are removing the dollar amount. No will not be setting a dollar amount. That's what we're voting on. So, "yes" means no dollar amount; "no" means \$7,500.00. Those in favor of removing the amount or the cap, please raise your cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Cap is removed. So, now we're back to the original amendment. I will ask Brother Orr to please read his amendment to Brother Darby's motion minus the cap.

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

That the incoming Commander-in-Chief either task the existing Communications and Technology Committee with or create a Special Committee to solicit bids to develop a request for proposal and solicit bids for doing the discovery portion of updating, modifying, and modernizing the website.

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

Brother Orr, I would ask if you could maybe write that down. Have somebody bring it up for him, please.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. Can we just say cost and et cetera? Otherwise you don't need to write all that information down.

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

Yeah, et cetera is fine.

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

Okay. Before we vote on this, I'll let Brother McGuire address it one more time.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

I just want you all to know that this is a step that we all know we need to take. Everything that I'm doing right now, I'm doing for the good of this Organization. We need to do this. I appreciate your support. I've talked to so many of you over the past couple years about this situation. I think that if we move forward on this, we're all gonna be better for it. It's gonna help our Organization, not only help our lives better as users, but it's gonna help us grow in so many ways. So, I just appreciate that as you think about considering the vote for discovery.

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

All right. So the vote is to approve Brother Orr's amendment to Brother Darby's motion. A "yes" would approve that. A "no" would be against that. All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passed. The original motion then we're voting on and what this will do, a "yes" vote will send it to the C of A, as amended. A "no" vote will not. So, all in favor of sending it to the C of A. Opposed, same sign. Passes.

[one rap, \*]

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Don, just a comment so that the Encampment knows. What I will do is include in the budget \$7,500.00 and then if we need to amend the budget, then we can do that at the Council of Administration meeting later on.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, National Signals Officer. Thank you, everyone.

**Encampment**

(Applause).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Continuing with the National Signals Officer. Number two, the Communications and Technology Committee did well by creating a social media policy. Committee should now develop a social media strategy to optimize management of the various information streams. The Committee should collaborate with marketing and promotions and vision to utilize social media information streams to advance the Son's public profile, campaigns, and agenda. We concur.

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

Discussion. Okay. So, It's gavel. That's right.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Number three, USMemorialDay.org should be redesigned and reimaged as a home base for

this Order's observance of the 150th anniversary of Memorial Day. We concur.

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

Discussion.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, National Signals Officer. I cannot stress enough how much this Organization needs to own the 150th anniversary of Memorial Day. Just by taking the site and reimaging it and just have it even be a source of history and resources for people to use on Memorial Day. Again, great for us. It's a good look.

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

Any other discussion?

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. Basically, you really only need to do is ask for an objection. If there's no objection, then the gavel can go down. There's no reason to people to come up to support so that would somehow expedite this.

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

Okay. Thank you. Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Section 2.3, the Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Sr. His recommendation is that all Camps and Departments forthwith are required to have an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer to carry on the duties and responsibilities of all the Camps and Departments regarding the fiscal responsibilities to their Brothers, the SUVCW, and the IRS. We moved to send this to the C&R.

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

Objection?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

The Assistant Quartermaster Program, George Shadman, recommendation number one. As the guy who has to process the awards, I like the one award per school per branch of service guideline unless there is a very unusual circumstance to vary from that. I have had schools that have requested as many as four or five awards this past year. Our Organization cannot afford to accommodate that kind of request, if all schools submitted multiple Form 7's. Thankfully, when I explained our guidelines, all have been understanding. Please keep this in the program. We would recommend to send this to P&P.

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

Objection?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Yeah. Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois. I have some involvement with the ROTC program on the individual level. An ROTC program may ask for two awards simply because there is a young man and the young woman who are equally deserving. For us to say that only one should get it is very much against current thinking. Number two, there might be two young women who should get it because of any number of reasons. I don't think that simply because of cost or simply because of convenience, we should deny a school from getting more than one.

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

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. Not everybody gets a trophy. Okay? There's one person. Two, there has to be something that splits these folks out. I disagree with the Chaplain. There's one best. You get one gold medal at the Olympics. You don't get two.

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

Brother Wheeler.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York and your Quartermaster. Brother Shadman and I have discussed this a lot. The one thing I think we have to remember is cost. I'm sorry, but we have to report to the I.R.S. That is what got us our (C)(3). It helped a lot. What we need to look at is taking care of one person per school. We must remember one thing. It's an award. It's a precious award. If you give it out more than one at each school, it is no longer a precious award. Thank you very much.

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

And I will have Brother Gates on the floor being the last one to speak. But this currently goes to Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, National Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Mark Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, formerly in charge of the P&P Committee. This item was brought up at the National Encampment two years ago. The P&P Committee did in fact investigate this. There was discussion on the C of A website and other things in the past year about this particular topic. I support sending it to the P&P but I would like to also say that as a teacher and a presenter, there are schools in rural areas in the county I live in that has three high schools but only one ROTC program. So, if we say schools, theoretically, because there are three high schools in that county, that person should be able to request three. I think P&P needs look at it and we need to determine are we talking about per ROTC program or are we talking about it per school. I support moving it to P&P.

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

Brother Day, would you please come up here? Brother, go ahead.

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

Steve Hackett, Department of Rhode Island, Department Treasurer. My Camp's been supporting a particular school, their ROTC program for a number of years and I know, last year we restricted just one award. Now, we used to give four ROTC medals. Now, I'm prior military. I spent

twenty years in uniform. I've been Company Commander twice. I was an Adjutant to Stockton in Washington so I know pretty much about the award system. Now, some schools give a number of awards and compared with ours, it's not as prestigious. I kind of look at this award in the scheme of things. For anyone who's spent some time in active duty, have an Air Force or Navy Achievement medal, Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit. It's a badge of honor. Now, I understand Brother Wheeler's concern for the cost, so one medal per school, I can understand that. But, I'd also like the ability as a Camp to purchase at my money, the Camp's money. Cause the school I worked at, we gave four. The Outstanding Cadet for the Freshman Year...

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

...Brother...

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

...Sophomore...

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

...Excuse me, but you're kind of going down another line. I'd like you to keep this comments to what is currently the topic, purchasing directly is different subject altogether.

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

Okay. I just want to get the point across. You know what I'm talking about.

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

Okay. I'm gonna give this to the Parliamentarian.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

Brother Commander, Kent Melcher, Parliamentarian. I move to amend the recommendation number one. Each place where it says "per school" should say "per ROTC program." If I have a second I'll speak to it.

**Unknown**

...Second...

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

There's a second. Just to take care of our Brother's Senior Vice Commander's suggestion, I think that would be a way to deal with this is just take care of it right now. Isn't that right? One per ROTC program?

**Mark R. Day, National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I don't know that was the spirit of what I wanted but, I would still prefer that this went to the P&P and that the P&P looked at this and made a determination and came back to the C of A because in the long run, the P&P is going to be responsible for changing the forms. It will ultimately impact on the Patriotic Instructor Program. It's gonna have a lot of other sort of subsidiary consequences so, I really would rather that this went to the P&P.

**Kent M. Melcher, National Parliamentarian**

I withdraw the amendment.

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

Brother Gates.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Brother Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary/Treasurer. I have made this award number of occasions to ROTC programs in our area. Unless the ROTC programs in other parts of the country are vastly different from Texas, and from my discussions with my Brothers in Tennessee, I understand they're not. When these awards are given, frequently, it takes all evening to give out all the awards. There are that may awards being presented. Frequently, there are at least a dozen to fifteen fraternal organizations, like ours, making presentations and awards. I see no reason to dilute the prestige of ours as being a single award by making multiple ones. Now, if Camps want to do that on their own and do their own fundraising, whatever, we're not talking about that. We're talking about what our National dues should support through the Quartermaster. I believe that the quantity of one per program is more than enough and is better for our Organization. Thank you, sir.

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

Thank you. Now, I will allow the Quartermaster to speak on this and his honor passed.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Okay. This is my second time.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Point of order.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

And I just want to say, I'm Danny Wheeler.

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

Wait. Wait. Wait. Do you have a point of order? Hold on, Danny.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Point of order.

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

Okay.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl. Per Robert's Rules of Order, and Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, when the Parliamentarian is sitting at the head table, in order to remain neutral and detached to make parliamentary rulings, the rules require him to not participate in debate. I would ask that you caution our Parliamentarian.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Brother Wheeler.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Okay. My second time up. And I just want to say.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Point of order. There was a point of order brought up that now the Commander-in-Chief has to rule whether it was well-taken or he's just gonna to blow Jim off.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

So, those are the two choices the Commander-in-Chief has. Was Jim's point of order well-taken or not.

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

As the amendment was already withdrawn, I'll take it as well-taken. And Brother Darby, yours is well-taken as well.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

And Brother Wheeler, would you like to speak?

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Yes, this is my fifth time.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

I'm sorry, Danny. You only get two.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Well, I just want to say, we got a lot of Camps out there that seem to think that we're against them when it comes to the ROTC program. All I've got to say is you can pick up as many medals as you're going to need to get to as many schools as you want. Just fill out a form for each one. That's all we ask. Thank you.

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

Brother, I'm gonna go ahead and shut this down. I apologize but we need to go ahead and go to vote. Okay? Yeah, so I'm not gonna take any more discussion. Sorry. We are back at the original vote. A "yes" vote sends this to the Programs and Policies Committee. All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. Passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Continuing with the Assistant National Quartermaster. Recommendation number two. On Form 7, please consider re-titling the section "cadet information" to "school information," since we are not asking for any information on the cadet, only the school. It is a bit confusing. Also at the top of the page, eliminate the part that says, "an individual Form 7 be submitted for each candidate. No exceptions." That goes against the guideline of one candidate per school per branch of service. We recommend sending to P&P.

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

Objection?

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Recommendation number three. I received many requests from schools for presenters from our Organization to come to graduations or banquets to personally hand out awards to the candidate who was receiving it. What an opportunity for our Organization. I must rely on information from the Department website that is linked on the National website. If there is no ROTC coordinator, I automatically go to the Department Commander. There is nothing more embarrassing than to have the school get back to me saying the information is not correct or the Department Commander is not responding. With that, please keep information on your Department website current. We concur.

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

Objection?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

The National Organization Expansion Officer, Loran T. Bures, Past Camp Commander. Section 2.5, sorry. Recommendation, if the National Encampment desires additional international camps be established, I recommend that the appropriate changes be made to the National regulations extending to the provision of General Order #8, twelve Brothers of the Order not served by the United States Postal Service. Having served three years as a National Camp-at-Large and a Camp Organizer, National Organizer, Expansion Officer, I wish my successor, a fruitful tenure for the next National Organization Expansion Officer. We recommend sending to C&R.

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

Objection.

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

I'm gonna rule this...

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

Commander-in-Chief.

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

I wanted to speak first.

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

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

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

Brother Orr.

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

I'm objecting.

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

Brother Orr. excuse me. I'm ruling this out of order.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Committee and Department recommendations. Number 3.6, the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund recommendation. Evaluate whether grant eligibility should be extended to include GAR Halls, historic GAR furniture, and decorations. If so, define specific criteria, standards, and restrictions for these items. We recommend sending to P&P.

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

First thing, the reason I ruled that out of order, this is the previous one. If you want changes to C&R those things should have been sent out before. It should have gone to the National Councilor, the Commander-in-Chief, and the C&R Committee for the record. Brother Pierson, on the current one.

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

On the current one, Brian Pierson, PDC, Georgia/South Carolina, Oklahoma, and chairman of the Committee. We discussed this yesterday. And the Committee was gonna prepare a report for the Council of Administration in November; however, we'll be happily to defer to P&P, cause that's less work for me.

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

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Point of order. Are you objecting to what the Committee decided?

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

I'm requesting clarification. And since we discussed it yesterday, is it still even moot today?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

So, the question that the Commander-in-Chief asked was are there objections?

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

Okay.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Are you objecting? That's a yes or no question.

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

Yes, I will object.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Okay. Thank you.

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

I'm gonna say as this was discussed and previously assigned at the C of A meeting, then I will leave it as assigned to that Committee.

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

Thank you.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

Recommendation from Hereditary Issues, Brother Ward. Recommendation one. Committee leadership, Brother James.

**Unknown**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Leo. What Section?

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

I don't have this listed. I apologize.

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

Commander-in-Chief?

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

Yes. Go ahead.

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

I've withdrawn all of these. All our recommendations were repackaged into the one for the funding. Everything is taken care of. These are all withdrawn.

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

And the funding was already approved at the C of A meeting.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Committee on Officers' Reports, Chairman**

And that concludes our report.

**Encampment**

(laughter, and applause).

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

Okay, Brothers. I'd like to take a fifteen minute break. Is this an announcement?

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes. Just a reminder, will every member of the Loyal Legion, during this recess and immediately, step up to the flags for the annual picture? Thank you very much.

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

Brother Davis has an announcement too. Stand by.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

One announcement. The Department of Michigan, there will be a photo op in front of the flags. Thank you.

[three raps\*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(Break)

[one rap\*]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Commander-in-Chief. May I make the National Chaplain's Award?

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

Yes, please make that award.

[one rap, \*]

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Every year, the National Chaplain with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief and at the recommendation of Camp Commanders and Department Commanders, makes an award. There is no limit to the award, until the Chaplain runs out of money.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

And this year, there's only been one request for the National Chaplain's Award. That is to Brother Chuck O'Dell, Antietam Camp #3, Department of the Chesapeake. He's been the Chaplain for twenty years. He's been a member the Order for seventy-five years. There is a certificate that says, "Your reward's going to be great in Heaven because you're not going to get very much here for what you do."

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

This Order recognizes the fact that Brother Chuck is done an outstanding job as Chaplain. Gentlemen, if you would, please rise and give him a round of applause.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

An announcement?

**Unknown**

Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, any of you that have pre-paid for banquet tickets, please pick them up at our next break. Thank you.

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

Bob Wolz, National Historian.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Robert J. Wolz, Past Department Commander of Ohio, Past Senior Vice Commander, Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, on and on and on. Anyway, my point is, if you have read my book, *Grand Army Men*, you know I am pushing that certain items belong to the National Organization. No Brother has the right to own a charter. I'm sorry. It was never personal property. It was property of the corporation. If you see it, you ought to say to them, "You, know, why don't you donate that to the National Organization?" We'll receive it and give you a receipt that we received it. You can write it off your taxes if you bought it, whatever.

Well, this summer I ran across something which I have no doubt in my mind belonged to the National Organization. This book, light little thing, is about seven years of our founding. This is the National newspaper. It was called *The National Reveille*. It's before *The Banner*. And it's from 1887 'till about 1890, '93, I guess. This has so much information on the organization of our Order so, I purchased it. I'm donating it to the National Headquarters but, before they get it, since Brother Demmy's eyes lighted up, I'm going to present it to Jimmy Pahl, as Editor of *The Banner*. That way, he'll have access to some of this that he can share through *The Banner* with all of you.

I wish all of you would do the same thing. I shouldn't be the only one buying stuff for the National Order. If you see it in an antique shop, if you see it someplace else and now that we are a 501(c)3, you can indeed write this stuff off as a donation. So, come on guys. Help me help keep the Order for what it was. By the way, just so you can see what it is... Here's the title page. Amazingly, there is a picture of our second Commander-in-Chief, which we never had his picture, but here it is. This is the kind of stuff that I think belongs to the Organization as a whole. I know Jimmy will keep it for us. Thanks guys.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

By the way, if you don't know what I'm talking about, buy the book. Danny doesn't want to carry 'em home, so please buy my book.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Unknown**

Commander-in-Chief, I would suggest that we all stand and give him a rousing cheer and applause for another one of his many contributions going into the tens of thousands of dollars over the years. To Mr. Wolz.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**Unknown**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hoorah!

**Unknown**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hoorah!

**Unknown**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hoorah!

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Editor of *The Banner*. Brother Wolz, on behalf of the National Organization, I thank you. It may take a little while for this to get to Brother Demmy because I would hope to, as I go through this, pull out excerpts for the current *Banner* to help illustrate our history and I think, I hope you guys would like to see that.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

The only comment I have to make, well first of all, thank you for the acknowledgment. That was not why I did it. Think of it this way. You love these things. You have it on your shelf at home. What happens when you die? Don't tell me you're not going to die. I got news for you, we're all getting closer to the end than to the beginning.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

So, the reality is you got it sitting on your shelf. When you pass, your favorite piece, oh this is Son's history. I'm gonna keep it forever. You're not gonna keep it forever. You're not gonna take it with you. Then your family's gonna say, "Oh, what's that old thing? It's gonna end up in the flea market or yard sale or pitched. For the sake of the Order, if you love this Order, please, let's keep this stuff safeguarded and send it to National. Take your tax write off. And let's keep our Order, the history of our Order, alive because we have done such great things. We just don't know it and, we're not telling our kids what we did. We're not telling the Nation what we did. So, it's so important we do this. Thank you.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Just one quick comment. Again, Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury, Ohio Department. To our distinguished Webmaster, there's something else to consider in your proposal. Through a library or other foundation, the scanning of that entire book and have it published on the web as a research document will do more to bring outside people and our own people into our website.

**Unknown**

Here. Here.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

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

Thank you. Brother Harrison.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Keith Harrison, Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan Department. I need to echo Brother Bury's comments. A lot of this stuff that we're getting in the Michigan GAR Memorial Hall and Museum now. The very first thing we're trying to get done is to get it scanned because if you lose that original and you don't have the information somewhere in electronic form, it's gone. It's gone forever. So, I need to echo the comments. Get that scanned as quick as possible. Then, use it.

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

Thank you, Keith. Brother Orr.

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

Commander-in-Chief, and I can tell you Jim Pahl's gonna object to this right away.

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

And who are you?

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

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. A number of years ago, we entered into an agreement with the Haith Trust to digitize all of the GAR records that were in their collection. I would move you that since that was done through the Department of Michigan, that Brother Pahl through whomever that Brother was, I don't remember his name, contact the Haith Trust. Offer to allow them to scan this into their online collection in exchange for them providing us with a digital copy that we can then burn CDs and the Quartermaster can sell them and we can also put them on to the website.

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

Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. Much to Richard's surprise, I'm not going to object. I agree with him. The Brother's name is Matt Adair from the Department of Michigan. He's employed at the Burton Historical Collection in Ann Arbor so he is well-placed to help make sure this gets done. I think that method will get it out to the Brothers in the quickest way. I will facilitate that and make it available to them as soon as possible. I second the motion.

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

Thank you.

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

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Y'all better run. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I actually agree with Rich and Jim, so the building should be down in about two minutes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Brother Jim, were you addressing this issue? All right. So we have a motion on the floor to have this scanned by the Haith Trust and have a copy given to us through that. All in favor, please raise your cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother Jamie.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, National Signals Officer and Webmaster, Department Commander of Rhode Island. Echoing the esteemed National Historian and Past Commander-in-Chief Bury, absolutely. Part of the master plan long-term goals here is to get so much of this great history onto our National website. We've talked about 501(c)(3). We've talked about our responsibility to our own Organization and out to the public and what we can make available. Those educational resources are historical documents. Absolutely, there's gonna be a place for all this. I want you guys to know that this is absolutely on my mind and gonna be a major part of the website moving forward.

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

Thank you, Brother McGuire. Brother Crane, as National Host Committee Chair, he's the National Encampment Committee Chair, has some words for us.

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

I just have three short things, Commander. One, next year, we're in Massachusetts next year, in Boston again. The second thing is, you know, we always like to get feedback from everyone. So, if everybody here could indulge me for a moment; use your right or left hands, I don't care, but I'm gonna ask you three quick questions. Who would like to pay \$149.00 a night and stay in a hotel for future Encampments? Would anybody here want to pay that much okay? Next, how about \$129.00 per night? Would anybody want to pay that much? Nothing's included, just the room. Just the room just like now. Doesn't matter what hotel.

We're trying to negotiate rates for future Encampments. You know, rates have gone up about 10% just this year alone. So, we have \$106, \$107 in Massachusetts next year. Then it jumps up and were looking at 2020. We're trying to keep things as economically as we can for everybody.

Last thing I have is I talked to some Commanders-in-Chiefs, Past Commanders-in-Chiefs about the possibility of doing training on Thursday afternoons for, like, Department Secretary-Treasurer's. I'm just wondering if any of those people would like to come to training? Maybe even Memorial University to get a certificate to go through their classes. We're trying to offer something there on Thursday afternoon where if somebody would like to come and go through some of the training from David McReynolds, National Treasurer, and may be learn how to fill out your forms correctly. Ask him any questions you want. Whatever or whoever the National Treasurer is. How many people

would be interested in that? Can you raise your hands so we get an idea? All right. Thank you. That's all. Thanks, Commander.

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

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief. I do have a question regarding the rates for the rooms. What did we pay here?

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

\$109.00.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

\$109.00. When you ask this question, are you also asking the membership whether the Site Committee would be empowered to have a contract for \$100.00 up to \$129.00 or? That's what I'm asking. I mean, right now, I think you have carte blanche to try and get the best deal you have. Is that correct?

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

That's correct.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Okay. So, you don't need a limit on what it takes to get rooms. Is that correct?

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

That's correct.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

All right. That's all I needed. Thanks.

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

Thank you, Brother Darby. Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, also instructor of tax law at Great Lakes Christian College. I'd like to remind the Brothers that now that we have the 501(c)(3) status, your expenses and coming to, attending, and going home from the Encampment are tax-deductible. You can deduct the amount of your room. You can deduct mileage to and from at \$0.14 a mile, or actual expense, whichever you choose to do. But, consult with your tax advisor. Keep your receipts. Because this is now deductible on your income tax.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Thank you, Brother Pahl. Brother Tucker.

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

Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts. I just want to

follow-up on Brother Jim Crane's statement. You know, we talked about rates. Everybody should understand if the rate goes too high for a lot of people to afford, what they're gonna do is go down the street to Motel 6 and come here for the meetings. When they do that, this Encampment suffers. The way that hotels work, for those of you that don't know, we get this meeting room from food and beverage minimums, for free. If we don't reach those minimums, we pay. The more people that attend banquets, breakfasts, the SVR breakfast, those kind of things, the better off we are. Works the same way with rooms. If we don't get enough rooms in the hotel, then they charge us for the Commander-in-Chief's room, National President's, all that. Your attending this Encampment helps this Organization. Your staying at this hotel helps this Organization. Partaking in our group meals helps the Organization. I just wanted to mention that. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother Kevin. Brother Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Bob Wolz, Past Department Commander of Ohio and in a way I'm reiterating this. When Jim asked who wants to pay \$129.00, there were some of us that put our hand up. Of course \$149.00, I would like to ask a question. Gee, who would like to stay for free? Of course it's gonna be everybody.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

So, we realize, gentlemen, I was here when the debates came that we should raise our dues from \$5.00. We finally said we're too damn cheap. We'll never grow. We'll never be able to do anything as long as we hang onto nickel and dimes. We live in 2017. Now we're talking about 2020. Maybe I'll be alive still then. Who knows? Guess what? Hotels are gonna cost us \$150.00 because that's the reality.

I understand that many of you are in fixed income. Guess what? I'm still working but it cost me money too. We just have to be realistic and not try to be the cheapest. Let's get what we need. If the Sons need a meeting room this big or a little bit bigger, hopefully even bigger, then you know, we may have to buy extra rooms. I mean, we may have to have people pay the extra money for rooms.

When the Auxiliary and the Ladies need a room, we shouldn't say, "Oh well," you know, "Gee, you only have fifteen people. It sucks to be you", because there was the day when we were the little Organization and they were helping fund us. So, as a package, we need to go forward. If it costs you an extra \$20.00 just as Jimmy Pahl just pointed out, write it off your taxes. Come on guys, don't be cheap. This is a great Organization and it's worth supporting. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Thank you, Brother Bob. I would like to ask that the Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Bob Grim, come up and give us a report from the Encampment C&R Committee.

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

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio, Chairman of the Encampment C&R Committee. We have received two items, both of them are from Brother Demmy. One of them deals with creating additional assistance for Camp Treasures and the other one deals with *The*

*Electronic Banner* for the international Camps. The Committee recommends assigning both of these issues to the standing C&R Committee.

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

Objection?

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay. Patriotic Instructor. Do you have a Patriotic Instruction prepared? Also understand you do have some awards that you can do too.

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

Jeff French, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake, National Patriotic Instructor. We're gonna talk today about patriotism, Americanism, and what that means. It means a lot of different things to everyone. To me, it means being an active citizen of this great country, believing and respecting the American Flag. This is one of the things that was passed on to me from the Past National Patriotic Instructors, *Citizenship in the Nation*. It's a nice little booklet. Pretty much, it explains some of the citizenship about our American democracy, the fundamental value and dignity of every individual, the right to equality before law without regard to the individual social status, the belief in the majority rule and minority rights, the need for compromise, the understanding that there are limitations to the federal government powers, the states and the people have more authority.

"As long as citizens continue to value these concepts, our government will exist. But, if citizens become complacent and take their rights and freedoms for granted, then our rights will be endangered." I like that statement because it summarizes basically what's in the C&R. We're about promoting patriotism, educating the public on Americanism, the importance of being proud of our country and for what it stands for. This is what we, as an Order, should be doing.

We should be more involved so when you do educational processes in the classrooms for eighth, ninth, or eleventh graders in the history, you need incorporate the importance of civic duty as a citizen and their right to vote and be involved in the voting process as part of citizenship. Look at the percentage. 42%, 48%-52% of registered voters vote. Americans are complacent about being involved as their duty as citizens to go and vote. That's part of citizenship. We need to be promoting citizenship.

**Unknown**

Amen.

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

Go out and vote. Give back to your community. Give back to your country. We're doing that as this Organization. This is one way we give back to our country. We need to promote the education of pride in the American Flag that a lot of us served honorably in the military to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. When I do education, I bring up the Constitution of the United States and I beg all of you to use that because, when we talk about the War of Rebellion, and you cannot talk about the Civil War without talking about the Confederate aspect of state's rights and the 10th Amendment. I go over the 10th Amendment with these students and the public at living history organizations and explain the 10th Amendment cause a lot of them are clueless, believe me. Then I explain how the Confederate states have violated the Constitution under Article 1 of the Constitution. This is important.

Relate the Constitution to our event of preserving history. Article 1 was upheld in the Supreme Court in 1868 by Justice Marshall and was confirmed by the late Justice Scalia. That no state has an

option to succeed from the Union. Period. Then, now, and in the future. It's based on the Constitution, so we need to promote and educate our young and the public on the Constitution of the United States. As part of the C&R that we're all tasked to do.

I love to talk about generals and battles too. Every time I turn on the TV and I read the newspaper, I see the attack on our freedom of speech. I see the attack on that Flag that I defended so valiantly and love, as many of you have as well. When I see that kind of uprising going on in our country, I asked myself and I ask all of you, are we doing what we're supposed to be doing, and preserving the history, and educating our public about citizenship, about this country, and being proud of this country? I would say, "No, we're not" or else, a lot of this would not be happening.

I challenge all of you, in this room to go back to your Departments and your Camps and be more active in education of the Constitution, the citizenship and civic duty for our country so we can bring back that pride in our country, that patriotism that make us the greatest country in the world. That beacon of light for all those who are oppressed by tyranny, and showed that the Republic that we have does work and is the only viable solution for mankind in this world. That's my instruction and challenge to y'all.

I do have three awards to give out for the Memorial University. If I may take the opportunity now. If the individuals are here, please come up one at a time. James L Floyd Junior from Department of Indiana. Congratulations.

**James M. Floyd, Jr., Department of Indiana**

Thank you very much. Gotcha.

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

And the University pin. There you are. Again, great job.

**James M. Floyd, Jr., Department of Indiana**

Thank you so much.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

I believe this Brother could only to be here yesterday, so if the Department Commander or whoever's reps the Department can come up. Brother Shane Milburn, Department of Ohio. You got anyone from the Department of Ohio to come up? Here's the pin, the certificate. Tell him thank you for a job well-done.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

The last one, same thing. If the individual's not here, if the Department can send up a representative. John Wilder, Department of Massachusetts.

**Unknown**

Not here.

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

Okay. Here, you give it to him then. Here's his pin.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Department of Massachusetts**

Thank you.

**Jeffrey French, National Patriotic Instructor**

Thank you. In closing, I want to thank a few people. When I took over, a lot of things were broken. I want to give recognition to some people that helped me a lot to get this back on track. I want to thank Past Commander-in-Chief Brother Mortorff; Past Commander-in-Chief Grim; current Commander-in-Chief, Don Martin; and Brother McReynolds, who also have helped me. All of you collectively, helped me get the continuity check, the points of contacts we needed to get the certificates, the pins, and the program back on track. Also, my distinguished Webmaster there, Brother McGuire, who helped me, I bother a lot to get this going. He's been a great help in getting this back on track too. I want to thank everyone very much as a team, a collective effort, to get the Memorial University and National Patriotic Instruction responsibilities back up and running.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

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

Brother French, I'd like to thank you very much for your efforts in doing this and getting that position back up to where it should be. I appreciate it. At this time, Brother Shaw, the Encampment Ritual and Ceremonies Committee. Do you have anything?

**Donald W. Shaw, Rituals and Ceremonies Committee, Chair**

Commander, Don Shaw, Chair of the Rituals and Ceremonies Committee. Brothers Davis and Pierson and I met on that. We did not hear anything that was referred to our Committee, so we are reporting that there is nothing to report.

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

Okay. Thank you.

**Donald W. Shaw, Rituals and Ceremonies Committee, Chair**

Thank you.

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

Is there anything from the National Council of Administration that has not been referred to Committee? Do we have anything? All right. So, I would like to go ahead and move on and open new business. Do we have any new business?

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

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. With having secured the 501(c)(3) change in status from the I.R.S., there is a whole world of opportunities it opens up for us. In order to take advantage of that, we need professional staff that know what they're doing.

We can't expect the National Treasurer to take on all of the additional work that will be

required in doing fundraising, in grant writing, and working with the attorneys in order to get the right language for inserting bequest in wills and things of that nature. To that end, I would move you that we create the position of Development Officer as a contracted position, similar to the National Executive Director, and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Special Committee to develop the responsibilities of the position; solicit applicants; and present at least one applicant to the Council of Administration for consideration by 30 June 2018; and that the Committee, following making its report at the August 2018 National Encampment, cease to exist.

**Unknown**

Second.

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

A motion and a second. Discussion? Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. Since I have the memory of a head of dead lettuce, I believe a issue similar to this was brought up at the C of A meeting. At that time I thought that Council passed on to the incoming Commander-in-Chief to do basically what Rich is asking with the exception of a deadline date. So, I would move the past action is already circumvented this.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Darby. I would remind him that this Encampment can override anything the Council of Administration did.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Past Commander-in-Chief, to Brother Orr, through you to Brother Orr. I'm not debating that. I'm just saying we have already taken action that. If this body wants to address that, fine. If not, then we've already done that.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I guess my point is I didn't know that that had been done. My point in setting a date is so that this doesn't just go on. To be perfectly frank, I had an exchange of emails with the Commander-in-Chief about this particular topic because it had appeared on the agenda for the Council of Administration a number of times. With the acquisition of 501(c)(3), as it had previously existed, it became moot.

From our conversations, from what he told me and I'm sure he knew from what I told him, that neither one of us wanted to see this just go by the wayside, and want to make sure that we move forward with it. So, the purpose in putting a drop dead date for the Committee to do their work is so that they don't come back and say next year, "Well, we need another six months." Because we know that'll happen. If we don't hold feet to the fire for this Committee, it's not gonna get done in a timely manner. It will just languish on and on.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

I did look up from the C of A meeting and we did have motions from a previous Committees that no longer exists to do some of these things and refer it back to that Committee. That's been on the books for a while but, things have changed. That Committee does not exist. We did take those motions out. What we referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief was on a different issue. I believe you're waiting on something else Brother Bury.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Once again, Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury, from the grand state of Ohio Department, I'm in favor of setting the date and here's why. That book that Robert just gave to the National Organization. What job description is there that he gets his tax deduction? What, for example, if that is a \$10,000.00 book or a \$500.00 book, we're responsible to give him a receipt with value. We need to have books of...

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

All we have to do is give him a receipt. If it's valued for more than \$500.00, he determines what the value is. I.R.S. changed the rules.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

When they're always changing rules, we also have to have book of acquisitions and de-acquisitions. Whose responsibility is that under the current? So, there is the time restraint to get things in place is my point. I say we support the motion setting the time limitations to accomplish this task.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. And Brother Orr, do you need that back when the Secretary's done?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I just wrote it on the back of a piece of paper. If Jonathan can't read my handwriting, we'll get together later to go over what I wrote there.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Bob Wolz, Past Department Commander, Past whatever, National Historian. I got to many titles. I thank Brother Bury for giving me \$10,000.00. The reality is, as a 501(c)(3), and I run one, I've run the President Truman Little White House Museum in Key West. Florida as a not-for-profit, we are not allowed to appraise. The only way we can give a value on a tax deduction is if you get a receipt. Like if I bought it for \$100.00, I can give you the receipt for \$100.00 or I can attach it to my tax receipts saying Bob Wolz gave a book X value. We don't know what it is but we'll accept the book. I'm not worrying about that.

Yes, we do need to develop an Officer. There is no question of it. I hired one finally this year at the Little White House after thirteen years cause I was trying to carry all those burdens of writing grants and begging for money and everything else. A Development Officer does so much for us. They do the research of maybe what's out there, at least they begin to do the research. They also, of course, keep track of sending receipts out. Yes, it's a ton of work. Anyway, we cannot write a receipt for anything. All we can do is say, "Thank you for book *The National Reveille* dates 1890 through 1895," whatever. I am not expecting a receipt as I kept the purchase price sticker. Anyway, thank you very much.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Bob. Any more discussion? All right. We'll move to a vote. I would ask if the Secretary could read the motion again?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Motion by National Secretary, Jonathan Davis. That a Development Officer be appointed and

that the incoming C in C appoint – I don't have it all written down yet.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Jonathan. Brother Jonathan.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, Brother Orr.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

See if I can do this from memory and if you want to, you can straighten out my chicken scratch so that it's readable for you. It's that we create the position of Development Officer as a contracted position and that this incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Special Committee tasked with developing the scope of responsibilities for the Development Officer and soliciting applicants with the aim of presenting at least one viable applicant to the Council of Administration for consideration by 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018. Since this is a Special Committee and it's required to have an end date, that following filing their report with the 2018 National Encampment the Committee cease to exist.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's a little different than you had before. But we'll get together afterwards.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, to you and through you to Brother Orr. A question of clarification on the word "contract employee," or "contract position" as opposed to "employee." You are saying, if I'm reading and interpreting this correctly, that we do this as an independent contractor. Therefore, they are not an employee of the Sons and we don't have to worry about taxes and all the other, there's the Bible open. So that is correct. Thank you.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Past Commander-in-Chief Bury. Yes, specifically why I said a "contracted position." The same as what we do the Executive Director. We have no employees because once we get involved with employees, you gotta pay the employer's share of Social Security. You've got to pay unemployment insurance. You've got to have Workmen's Compensation insurance and on and on and on. Having had to deal with that when I was working 100% of a person salary's what we considered for the administrative costs to do all of the insurance and everything else that the county had to cover.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion? All in favor of the motion please raise your cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother, more new business.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

Dave Wildermuth, Department of Illinois. First of all, I apologize for stepping up earlier and talking cause as webmaster and I'm just learning this Organization. I've only been here four years and two years I got become Junior Vice Commander of our Camp. I was unaware about the application process but I walked into a nightmare. I'm sure a lot of you have done that. It's my first

online application. I received it last National Encampment, a year ago.

This gentleman's application was passed down by our Department Junior Commander. There was a check involved. This gentleman joined in July which is the \$30.00 fee. He wrote a check for \$30.00. A lot of individual Camps charge a separate fee. I would like to move the P&P remove any mention of fees. You might want to mention some fees, but if a check shows up online that it is sent back to the individual until they're contacted by the local Camp for fees. I know, shaking of a heads here but, go a year, sitting with a man's check. If it is held for six months and it's not cashed and it comes back to the Camp, to the Department Commander whose been contacted by National on the website that complained about our Camp would do nothing.

It ends up this gentleman paid the \$30.00 fee. All he ever wanted was a certificate of ancestry saying he's a Sons of Union Veterans. When the dues was due again, he did not pay. I thought it because of the check. After hours of talking to this gentleman, he just wanted a certificate. All right? I can tell you what our Camp said, but we ended up getting him a certificate. We're paying the \$6.50 to give him that certificate. I think you can mention about some fees but, when it comes down to money being transferred, you say it starts at the Camp and works the way up. We send our money up to the Department, then they forward it on. I think there should be nothing mentioned that they sent a check in or anything like that until they're contacted.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

So Brother, did you have the motion to go with this then? Are you making a motion?

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

I'd like to bring it to go to P&P because they're gonna be doing some things to the application. The process of getting this done right the right way.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Can you give us a specific language then of what you see recommended to the P&P?

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

On the application, especially the online one, if you go to the website, you pull up forms. You got a printable form. Right? If you go to join, there's another form. The online form? It talks about the prorated fee. If you look at it, it gets kind of confusing, at least to me it did. When I joined and took over the J.V., I got pamphlets they give out and everywhere we do, I put my recruitment. I'm very big with the recruitment and stuff. A lot of times, I talk to people out in the open, which I like to talk and babble on. I don't have my business card with me. I tell them just go to the National website. Cause I tried to explain to go to our website. Who remembers Colonel Hecker Camp?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, what we need though is a specific...

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

...Okay. My motion is to pass this on to P&P to remove or substitute the end that no money should be forwarded with the application. Maybe just the information until you're contacted by that Camp you're assigned to or Camp-at-Large, whatever that fee is.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

So if I may, in essence then, you would like to see that the application fee not be submitted with National but submitted to the Camp directly.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

Correct, sir.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

...and we need a second with that.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

I have a second. Jonathan, does that... Okay. Brother Harry.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois, National Committee on Communications and Technology, and the Department Junior Vice Commander who handed Brother Wildermuth that application. Our Order has two applications for membership Form 4 and Form 60.

Form 60 doesn't appear... Sorry. I stand corrected. Form 60, last I checked, doesn't even appear in the list of forms in the Forms and Governance tab of the National website. It only appears through a click here link on the join the SUVCW page. My understanding is that Form 60 is simply designed for At-Large-Membership. It's not actually the form designed to accept someone into a local Camp.

That's an issue that the P&P does in fact need to look at. Do we want to continue propagating this Form 60 to go through the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's office, down to the Department Junior Vice Commander, down to the Camp Junior Vice Commander to be handed over to the Camp Secretary, up to the Department Secretary, up to the National Secretary?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Harry, you're kind of deviating a little bit from the motion. It's the same general ballpark, but when you need to keep the comments directed towards the motion or amend it.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

I would like to amend the motion that Form 3 and Form 60 both be reviewed for necessity by the Programs and Policy Committee, and that their specific uses be better outlined.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So we have a amendment to the motion...

**Unknown**

...Second...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

...and a second. Someone want to address the amendment to the motion? Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Having been the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I'll let Brother Shaw speak for himself, that is one of the big issues. A lot of people just don't understand the purposes or the fact that we have two forms. The one form is intended to give credit to a Brother who brings a Brother indirectly through a Camp as a reference. There is a place on that Form 3 for that person to put his name so that he'll get credit for it, which goes back to the awards that we present.

We have the form that's online that was created specifically as a pdf fillable form so that we would be able to have something online as an online presence. In the last two years or so, three years, there have been many people who've commented on this. I just think that there is a lack of

understanding about why we have two forms. The one form is definitely there for the Camps to use, that's the Form 3. The online is meant to have a totally different purpose.

I support the idea that we need to have the P&P review those forms. I would amend the motion to include that the P&P would look at the forms to make them more compatible and having the same sort of information available on both including the... But one point that needs to be made is when we come to Juniors, and this becomes an issue, the Form 3 is specifically set up to have a witness signature block for a parent. The Form 60 is not.

If we have Juniors applying online because our process is kind of ambiguous and we don't require any kind of notarized signatures or anything on these forms, we could have a problem if somebody signed off on a Junior and it was not really the parent. We could run into trouble. So, one of the issues that we have is that we really need to have both forms. Maybe we need to clarify that and get some sort of notice or instruction out to the membership, but we need to have a way. While we don't have a policy on this, it's my belief that Juniors should only be taken in through the Camps as Camps are the final check on membership. The Form 3, we really need to keep both forms but they do need to be much more compatible.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Day, I heard you used the word "amend." Are you amending the amendment with anything?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I would like to amend it to say, and I don't remember the exact amendment we were working with, so you got to bear with me. My point would be that we would direct the P&P to review both the Form 3 and the Form 60 to bring them into compatibility. I don't know where I stand personally on the the money. I'll leave that to the body to decide.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Would you be willing to withdraw that until after the vote of the current amendment and motion and place that as a motion separately?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I would.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Cause it's going a little bit of a different direction. Okay. I'll give one more discussion before voting.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

Dave Wildermuth, Department of Illinois. My mention was the money, the financial. When a check is written...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

...Right...

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

...this...I didn't mention, this man wrote the check to National. All right? My Department Secretary says he couldn't give it to Treasurer. That's why the check went back to National. I don't know where it went and why it took so long to get cashed. That's not my problem on that because I'm not a banker, whatever.

My problem is, when you talk about fees, these people write a check immediately. They want to

join. They don't understand there might be other fees so, my problem is the money part of it more than anything. I know we have a form here, you click here you go there. I know this one's for Camp, whatever. When people online look at our website, they'll see forms. They'll pull this one up. Then they see one over here. Join, I'll go there. That might be the confusing part on them forms.

My problem is money being handled down cause our Camp has to pay the stuff up and go up. The Camps who do charge extra fee for a certificate, I didn't get a certificate. No one else got a certificate. Now everybody wants a certificate. You got fifty members in your Camp. Count the numbers. \$6.50? How many guys got money that you want to use it for memorials?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, again this...The certificates are one again purchased separately.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

(Indistinguishable) the money situation. That's all I'm talking about.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Last one.

**Charles J. Heagy, Department of New Jersey**

Brother Commander, Charles Jeffrey Heagy, Past Department Commander, New Jersey. I support Brother Wildermuth there. I just wanted to share a limited experience. We have a Camp in New Jersey. I was the original Commander. I'm currently Senior Vice Commander. We've been in existence about ten years. I would say we've had 1/2 a dozen experiences in that short window involving - and what struck me was Brother Wildermuth's terminology of that - the individual just wanted a certificate verifying membership. We've had individuals like that. They really don't have any intention of becoming part of the fraternity. Also there is a significant delay, sometimes as much as a year, and again a person writing a check, there's resentment that builds up during that period of time. I've had to handle some of those issues myself so, I just want to share that experience. This is one Camp, small to medium-size. We've had a number of negative experiences. Please be aware of that and, you know, what can be done to facilitate. Thank you, sir.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Excuse me, Brother. I want to limit this and go to the vote on the amendment. So, could you please read the amendment to the motion?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That Forms 3 and 60 be reviewed by the P&P; that on the applications, remove or substitute the application fee not received 'till the applicant is accepted by the Camp.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So that's the motion. So, a "yes" approves that amendment to the motion. So, please show your cards. A "no" vote is against the amendment. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, could you please read the motion, as amended? Or do you want to take a couple of minutes to put that together?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That Forms 3 and 60 be reviewed by the P&P; that on the applications remove or substitute that “application fee be not received ‘till the applicant is accepted by the Camp”.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Orr.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It's to remove any reference to submitting a check with the Form 60 is what it amounts to.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I believe the Brother didn't mention it that way.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

The Brother mentioned that the check be sent to the Camp, not to National. After National processes...

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...But that the check not be sent in until the Camp...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

...had processed...

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...approves the application. Right.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Is that what we're now gonna vote on?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, with the accompanying amendment that was added.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

From a historical context point of view. When we first started doing this and put this on, the Camps and the Departments were told they must accept that payment. There were to be no additional fees for online application. That had to be the amount they accepted for the first three months, six months, nine months, or year that the applicant belonged to the Camp. That was an action by the National Encampment. It is yet to be overturned so that is still the law of the land.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

So, you are speaking...

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...There should not be any additional fees being charged to these applicants.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

So, you are in opposition of this motion, then.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, I'm definitely in opposition of it. Yes.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Bury.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

He just said it.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you. Brother Harry? I don't know who was next. Were you next?

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

Well, it was my original motion. Dave Wildermuth, Department of Illinois. We're saying check. I'm saying any fee. First of all, and if National wants to say this is the charge, the guy sends the charge in to the Camp. The Camp accepts that, that's fine. I have no problem with that. It's just something going out. It's written to National and they gotta go through the thing and it takes six months process. All right? I don't care what you're talking about, the past, whatever. It's just something needs to be adjusted on that please.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Where's the Department of California? Where are they at?

**Unknown**

Can't hear you.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I said where is the Department of California? Let me tell you, when I was Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I would send something to the Department of California, and based on the letter, the three days that it took for the letter to get from Ohio to the Department of California, they had a member in the Camp and he'd already been visited by one of the Camp members that he was in. Part of this six-month thing is an internal Department issue, not a National issue. Right now, National, as Brother Orr came out, there are no additional charges. You accept what this body has said will be the charge for online, and I think it's what, \$35.00 or something like that. I can't remember. But anyway, every year we vote on that. That's the way it is. Wherever this additional charges came up, that's in direct violation of the vote of this body.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

(Indistinguishable)...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Dave, you've used your two. This is your response.

**David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois**

This is my final response. I am not questioning the additional fees. We accept what it is. The payment of going through the first application...individual writing a check to somebody that don't need to cash it, which was National, took the process of getting it.

I'm talking about, the Camp should be telling them what their fees are when it comes up. If they come and say the National line says that's a fee, I have a problem, not a problem with that. Okay?

Problem is, just clarify, is the deal with the check the process if it's a payment comes in, if they pay cash, whatever they do. I don't want to go in that process but this is going on about other things. I think it needs to talk about the money part of it.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother, you have...Thank you.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...Brother Commander...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

...Brother Bury, you've spoke twice on this already, so I'm gonna go to Brother Harry.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. Just a clarification, the National Secretary did not read the amended motion as I amended it. The amendment not only added the numbers of those orders...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

...Brother Harry, if you're gonna repeat it, would you slow down so...

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois**

...Sure. My amendment not only added the numbers of the forms, Forms 3 and 60, but also that while the Program and Policy Committee was evaluating the form itself, they would also evaluate the necessity of each form and clarify their respective uses.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Harry. All right. I'm gonna take two more from the floor, Brother Day being the final.

**Mark R. Day, National Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I just want to give the point of information. If you vote to take the check or the payments off, I'm not sure that the process will really be any quicker because as those applications have to go to the National Junior Vice, and the National Junior vice has to then work through his side of that paperwork and then forward the application on to the Department Junior Vice and then the Department Junior Vice is responsible for ensuring that it goes to the Camp.

I don't think that you're going to see any movement on getting the member into the Organization any faster. In fact, if you vote that the person is supposed to actually just send his check to the Camp, his check will might arrive six months before his paperwork does. There are also Camps that only meet four times a year. Those Camps, if they're doing it right in their voting on whether to accept the member, you have a three month delay built-in automatically. I'm not sure that whatever the vote is that you take, I'm not sure it's going to expedite the actual process.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Day. Brother Teller, you're the last one from the floor.

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. I say that an applicant that sends his check with the application is serious. An applicant that sends an application and no check, I don't think he's quite as serious.

Secondly, I think that the Camp, when they get any application like that, should contact that person immediately and start talking to him and give him a contact, that you're working the application and if he's got any questions, tell him when the meeting is and if he wants to attend the meeting, he can come to the meetings or any events. They should contact him immediately when they get their hands on application.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. That is in opposition to the amended motion. So, we are now voting. A "yes" vote would approve the motion. A "no" vote is to disapprove the motion. All in favor of the motion, the amended motion. All opposed, same sign. Motion fails.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Day, I believe, had the next...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Are these announcements? Points of order? Or more new business?

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Actually, a point of order.

**Gordon R. Bury, II, Past Commander-in-Chief**

As a bank corporate officer of thirty-five years, I must tell you that if you're holding checks for over six months, you're not fulfilling your fiduciary responsibility. Checks must be deposited within six months and cleared through the Federal Reserve or they won't go through the Federal Reserve. Whoever is doing all the forwarding should be under their responsibility of receiving that check and to forward it on to another payee, should be informing the applicant that your check has been forwarded and a replacement check will be requested. That would be if I didn't share any responsibility of whoever handling those funds.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Are we moving on to? I want to move more to new business...

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I just want to make one point. And this may be something that does need to be looked at. If the check is simply made out to SUVCW, any Camp can deposit it. If it's made out National Organization, it can't. So, the wording on how the check is to be made out may be the problem.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

So, both are well-taken. Brother Day, you have a motion.

**Mark R. Day, National Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I would make the motion that the P&P Committee be directed to bring the Form 3 and the

Form 60 into compatibility of similar style and form.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion. Being no discussion, we'll move to a vote. You heard the amendment. All in favor, please raise your voting cards. Opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Ward.

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, I bring up a new and different topic, one that will...

**Encampment**

(cheers, laughter, and applause)

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

It does involve our corporate history. This is in the context of the Hereditary Issues Committee. It was brought to my attention very shortly before this Encampment, that some decades ago... How long ago? Well, about the time that Ancestry.com was a small company and had a competitor. That long ago. Apparently, this body, this Organization, contracted with somebody that would accept lineage and ancestor records and compile them in some manner. I don't know anything about this. Our Committee needs to know if that was done. What lessons were learned in that process. If those records are still available, we'd like to inspect them. It could help us not make mistakes, frankly, and give us some guidance as to what to do moving forward. Does anybody here have knowledge...?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. That was when Family Tree Maker was an independent organization.

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Right. I was told it was not Family Tree Maker.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

??? m off again a year and half ago. They turned them loose because they didn't want to be in the genealogy software. They just want everything to be in your online database.

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Right.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The original was with Family Tree Maker.

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Okay.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It was completely voluntary. What you submitted, as far as your lineage, it basically was your name and your ancestors' names. It was very similar to what you will find in the DAR lineage books where there is no contact information whatsoever. You know, if you've seen the DAR, this is the applicant, the parent, parent, parent.

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Right.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Back to the Revolutionary War ancestor. When I raised the issue about the privacy, it was identifying someone that they could be contacted or even allowing contact through a database.

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Okay. So, a separate issue is the data still available? That's what I'm after.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

As far as I know, no. When Ancestry took them over, it just went by the wayside. You had...

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

...Okay.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

There used to be a link and it... Keith, where you at? The link was off of the website when Keith was the Webmaster. I don't know if we still have copies of that, that we could find the old link and perhaps see...

**James G. Ward, Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

...I think I can get the link...

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...if it's still active.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, excuse me, gentlemen. If not a motion involved with this, I would ask that this discussion take place outside of the floor of the Encampment. Any Brothers can address Brother Ward, please do so. I appreciate that. Any other new business? No more new business? I'm gonna give some awards. Would the Chief of Staff please approach? Chief of Staff here? Okay, good.

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

We'll pick up from yesterday. The next award's gonna be the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award for the most outstanding Camp. That's Custer Camp #17, Department of New Jersey. Custer Camp has distinguished itself through its work within its community. Blankets, socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, underwear, toothpaste, toothbrushes were donated to Menlo Park Veterans Home, then sponsored a Christmas party. Money was collected for Christmas presents in conjunction with elementary schools and Boy Scouts. Wounded military personnel in Landstuhl, Germany Army Hospital was sent over 125 Christmas cards. Wounded warriors were supported, in particular United States Marine Corps. The Camp also donated to the Red Bank Food Bank, Woman's Club of Matawan, and to children of the lunch break program. The cleanup and battlefield

tour was sponsored at Gettysburg. These accomplishments reflect great credit on themselves and the SUVCW.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

We're gonna move on to the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for outstanding Brother of the year. This year we have two. We're gonna start with the Danny L. Wheeler, Sydney Camp #41, Department of New York. For outstanding continues performance as National Quartermaster.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Stand up, Danny.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Unknown (Chaplain?)**

...Those of you who do not know it, Brother Wheeler received his original Quartermaster Commission from U.S. Grant.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Unknown**

We love you, Danny.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Okay. The second Brother to receive this award will be Eugene G. Mortorff, Garfield Camp 1, Department of Chesapeake.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Mortorff stepped in and assisted Executive Director in time of need.

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

The next award for Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. We have one, two, three, four, five, six of these. We'll call them up one at a time.

First one goes to Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts, He's receiving it for superior performance and accomplishments of the ideas and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 2007-2017. Brother Dexter Bishop of the Department of Massachusetts helped to organize and has been the president of 25 years of the G. Lander Civil War

Roundtable. He's a charter member of Camp #5.

He went to English Latin High School officials... He went to the English High School officials to enlist the aid of students to help flag graves at Pine Grove Cemetery. They continue to do so and attend the Memorial Day Ceremonies. He was instrumental in the 5/10/10 reduction of Lincoln Foyer at Lynn High School.

Starting in 2011 and continually to present each year during the week of Memorial Day both Lynn English and Lynn Classic High School allow Civil War reenactors to present programs to the class of students. There is also an assembly of a speaker, amateur Civil War historians present a Saturday in-service to teach teachers at both schools of Civil War history in conjunction with the work... weeklong events. The Wednesday after Memorial Day, there is a History Bee among schools with a \$500.00 prize. The winning school getting it for the History Department. From 2012-2016, he organized the living history on Lynn Common following school presentations. In 2012-2013, he organized bus tours in conjunction with the living history. Dexter was the driving force to get more Civil War history taught in the Lynn school system.

In 2010, Dexter talked to the superintendent of Chelsea Soldiers Home to allow monthly programs of the Civil War to be presented to the residents. In 2013, he was allowed to establish a Camp at the Soldiers Home. This year, the superintendent allowed him to start a Civil War Roundtable at the same Home. In 2016, he was also worked with Project New Hope Association of Baptist Churches and the Department to sponsor a dinner and raise \$3000.00 for Project New Hope, which assist veterans and their families with PTSD, TBI, military sexual trauma, et. cetera.

The actions, abilities, initiative, and dedication of Brother Dexter reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

### **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Okay. Next, Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois. It's for superior performance in the accomplishment of the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 2005 until the present.

Brother Terry Ray Dyer, PDC of the Department of Illinois formed a Camp in Rockford, Illinois in October 2005, planning and recruiting for one year. The first meeting of the John A. Logan Camp #26 was held on October 26, and the charter presented at the 126<sup>th</sup> National Encampment. He held the rank of Camp Commander from then until 2009. In 2009, he organized the Rockford Zouaves SVR Unit, which is an important face of our Order in the Rockford area.

As Department Commander, he reenergized the sleepy Department, cutting costs where possible, encouraging and getting participation from all Camps and Brothers. Under his leadership, the Department Eagle Scout Program went from failing to awarding over five hundred per year.

He is an active lecturer, having given more than 140 lectures on the Civil War. He is a former docent and current tour guide of the Rockford Memorial Hall where he's recorded the names of 4,678 veterans from the Spanish and Civil Wars with bronze tablets. He heads the effort to build Memorial Plaza for the GAR Founder, Benjamin F. Stephenson, at his grave in Petersburg, Illinois. Brother Dyer was also instrumental in the formation of the Mary Logan Auxiliary #20 and the founding of the General E.F. Dutton Camp #49 of Sycamore, Illinois.

In 2016, Brother Dyer was diagnosed with Stage 3 pancreatic cancer. While battling his best, I can't talk now. His passion and energy for our Order never waned. He still stands as an active advocate for the Order and a Brother of highest regard.

His actions, abilities, initiative, and dedication of Brother Terry Dyer reflects great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Next is Nick Kroop, Department of Illinois. This is for superior performance in accomplishment of the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the period 1989 – present.

Brother Kaup helped the Department of Illinois, joining the order in 1989, he was one of the men who helped reorganize the Department of Illinois when it had dropped out of existence several decades ago. He was instrumental in starting Custer Camp #1, Sheridan Camp #2, and is working on the formation of a new Camp on the north side of Chicago, that would be Camp 6165. When he is finished, he has everything in place to begin a new Camp on the south side of Chicago. He was instrumental in the last two National Encampment held in Springfield, Illinois.

He chaired the placement of 228 headstones and restored the Rock of Chickamauga Memorial at Rose Hill Cemetery. He received the Abraham Lincoln Award for doing it. He was the Eagle Scout Advisor for the GAR Woods and has attended numerous Eagle Scout Courts. He served two terms as Department Commander, six terms Camp Commander of Custer Camp #1. He was the Central Region President of the Allied Orders, National Graves Registration, and National Color Bearer. He chaired the Vicksburg Commemorative Weekend, when the Illinois Monument was rededicated.

He is an active member of the Illinois Light Artillery Battery L, and received the SVR Silver Star. When the National Chaplain was unable to drive due a vehicle accident, he contacted him, provided a ride to the Department of Illinois Encampment. He is quite a man, whose accomplishes tremendous things.

The actions, abilities, initiative, and dedication reflect great credit upon himself, the Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Next is the Brother David McReynolds, Department of Tennessee. For superior performance and accomplishments of the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 1 June 2014 until 15 May 2017.

Brother David Reynolds of the Department of Tennessee has shown what it means to live the ideals of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. Working unselfishly to instill a new spirit within his home Camp, he has worked to lead the Camp by example, doing more, not less, as Commander, to not only the growing membership, but also to grow the Camp's contribution back to the principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As a result, the Camp was recognized with the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award.

Believing the value of communication is a tool to engage members, he personally took on the roles of both Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. He made the newsletter a monthly publication. He turned a single page into a fully functional website and he was recognized at the National level with the Horace Greeley Award. The same time he completed Memorial University courses, became a life member, and a Abraham Lincoln Fellow.

In 2015, he was elected Junior Vice Commander of the Department. He helped the Department to continue to grow by performing the duties of JVC in an exceptional manner, rapidly distributing applications received from National. This work helped the Department sustain high percentage growth which led the Department to win the Grant Cup on multiple occasions. His peers recently elected him Department Commander.

At the National Encampment in August 2016, he was elected National Treasurer. His

perseverance as the National Treasurer has brought forth the fruit of the labors of prior Treasurers in the Order, obtaining the long-awaited 50(c)(3) tax status. His knowledge in the accounting profession has again provided the much needed insight for the Council of Administration to be successful stewards of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother David McReynolds reflect great credit upon him, the Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brothers, we do have two more. But at this time, we're gonna go to lunch.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander, I have two announcements.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Following the break, Department of Rhode Island members, please meet at the flags for a photo op. Department of California and Pacific, please meet at the flags for a photo op.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

And could I see Faron Taylor, please?

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break)

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brothers. I would please ask that you take your seats. Brothers, please take your seats.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

The Secretary has an announcement.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Would the Treasurer or the Commander for the Austin Blair Camp #7 here in Jackson, Michigan please come to the front? I have their checkbook.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Walt.

**Walter E. Busch, Registration Committee**

Commander, Walt Busch, with the Registration Committee.

**Walter E. Busch, Registration Committee**

The heads of the Illinois, Georgia/South Carolina, and Chesapeake. We show alternates on all your delegations. Michigan as well, but we weren't worried about them otherwise. If you three Commanders or whoever can come back, we can switch your alternates to delegates.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Can you repeat the three Departments again, Walt, please?

**Walter E. Busch, Registration Committee**

Illinois, Georgia/South Carolina, and Chesapeake.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Okay. I'd like to continue with the awards at this point. So, I ask the Chief of Staff Norris, please come forward.

**Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Ed Norris, Chief of Staff. We're gonna continue with the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

The next one goes to Past Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer, Department of Missouri. This is for his superior performance in the accomplishments of the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 2013 until 2017.

Brother Donald Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, from the Department of Missouri, visited Vicksburg National Military Park, 2013. Noticing the state of despair of the Missouri Monument dedicated to the Missouri soldiers from both sides of the battle who fought there, did return to the Department to Missouri for the purpose of forming a Committee to fix this historical monument.

Past Commander-in-Chief Palmer was appointed chairman of the Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee, and by his vision, leadership, began a campaign that lobbied the state legislation for funding and in the process bringing continuous positive media attention to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Through diligence, funding was allocated by the National Park Service. The project having been made a priority due to no small part to the attention brought by the PCinC's Committee.

Brother Don then set the Committee to work on planning a spectacular rededication ceremony commemorating, in part, the 100th anniversary of the original dedication of the monument. This event, coordinated with the National Park Service and the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War, included participation by U.S. Congresswoman, State legislators, and the retired Brigadier General Parker Hills. His Committee prepared special ribbons for the occasion and the commemorative challenge coins.

The May 27, 2017, rededication of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg National Military Park was a significant event made possible by the idea formulated by PCinC Donald Palmer and his action on that idea brought the selection and guidance of the Committee of Brothers from the Department of Missouri. The event was a high profile success which reflects the credit upon our Order and the quality of its leaders.

The actions, abilities, initiative, and dedication to Brother Donald Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, reflect the great credit upon him, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

The last one, but certainly not least, is Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio. He's made significant contributions to the Order during his twenty years as a member. At the Department level, he has served on numerous Committees; helping to rewrite Department bylaws; plan mid-winter meetings and Department Encampments; and rarely missed the Department Encampment.

At the National level, he has served on several Committees and has attended almost every National Encampment during the past twenty years. Currently, he is the chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and a member of the Lincoln Tomb Committee. He is the deputy SVR Commander, he has served as chairman of the SVR awards board, but performs outstanding work in making preparations for the annual SVR Remembrance Observance in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

In July 2010, the Remembrance Day Parade was in jeopardy of not occurring due to the issues surrounding the Borough of Gettysburg and the SUVCW. As the leadership of the Order needed a Brother to take care of the situation, Brother Shaw volunteered. He drove to Gettysburg from Ohio, met with city officials, and within thirty days the problems had been resolved. He did this because he saw that there was a need. It should also be noted that Brother Shaw did this on his own dime and asked for nothing in return.

He still performs the duties of the Woolson Monument GAR ceremony, SVR military parade, and annual Military Ball. Each event requires an astonishing amount of work in preparation. The Woolson GAR Monument requires a permit, ordering wreaths for the various organization presentations, contracting the public address system, obtaining a band, printing programs for the event, and numerous behind the scenes duties.

The parade requires coordination with the Gettysburg police and government officials to obtain permits, canvassing local merchants for the annual donation of \$1,000.00 to help pay for the parade permit, working with the local school officials to use school grounds as a parade staging area, obtaining port-a-potties, work with the Boy Scouts to replace refuse containers along the parade route, and dealing with inquiries from parade participants.

The Military Ball is organized by Henry. This entails obtaining a dance band, finding a dance instructor, printing dance cards, working with hotel officials and volunteers to set up the dance hall, selling all the dance tickets and maintaining a dance financial records. He generally makes at least one or two extra trips to Gettysburg each year, relating to Remembrance Day. Henry travels to all these events at his own expense.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Shaw reflect great credit upon himself, the Department of Ohio, and the Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

All right. And finally, I think these are the last. We have the Elmer Bud Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. We have five Brothers who are gonna be awarded this year.

First is Bob Wolz, Philip Treim Camp #43, Department of Ohio. Bob joined the SUV in September 1962, and joined Camp 43 Salem, Ohio. He was elected Department of Ohio Commander at the age of twenty-one in 1968 and 1972. He started the Ohio Department Permanent Fund with \$100.00.

While National Patriotic Instructor in 1970, he raised the most money the Office has ever collected, \$1,500.00 plus. He served as National Chaplain in 1971. Bob was elected twice to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 1972 and 1973; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1974 and '75.

At age 29, he was told he was too young to be CinC. From 1981 to 1983, Bob served as *The Banner* Editor. Bob has been the National Historian since 2000 and wrote the book *Grand Army Men*. PCinC Strahl once said that Bob's fingerprints were all over the Order.

### **Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Next, Lee Stone, from Lincoln Cushing Camp #2, Department of Chesapeake. Lee is an outstanding member of the Organization and member of this community, spending countless hours assisting veterans. Department of Maryland Commander in 1992, he has been the Secretary/Treasurer of the Lincoln Cushing Camp of over 125 members for at least 10 years.

Concerning the work Lee has done as the Washington D.C. Representative PCinC's have described him as: "Mr. Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War, much like the Lone Ranger". "He is truly a gentleman and can gently nudge me in the right direction at any time." "A great aid is always in charge, but never noticed. Can't say enough about him." "Very interested in the Order and he always impressed to me with his actions." "He had everything arranged, down to the last detail. I just showed up at the appointed time and he did the rest."

Brother Lee consistently goes above and beyond at his own personal expense, putting the needs of our leaders ahead of his own.

### **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Next up is Danny Wheeler, Sydney Camp #41, Department of New York. PCinC Danny Wheeler joined the SUVCW on January 12, 1984, and organized the Sydney Camp #41 in Ithaca in 1988. He has always felt his greatest contribution was sharing his knowledge of the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic with local schools and through his lecturing and writing on the subject.

He organized and restored nine monuments in the Ithaca area, designated and erected a new monument in the city's DeWitt Park. His interest and knowledge of monument restoration resulted in the publication of the book by the Department of New York on the Grand Army of the Republic Monuments for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Army of Republic in New York. He completed the work on a World War I Monument just before Memorial Day 1999.

### **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

All right. Next is Richard D. Orr, Davis Camp, "no number", Department of Pennsylvania. Past Commander-in-Chief Orr joined Davis Camp in Pittsburgh on April 11, 1981, as a life member. An Eagle Scout, he's maintained a long interest in the Boy Scouts of America.

His first National Encampment was in 1982 in Portland, Maine. Elected Commander-in-Chief in 1997, he continued to serve the National Order as a member or chairman of numerous Committees. He has served as National Counsel to several Commanders-in-Chief and was National Treasurer for many years. Currently he serves on the National Committee of Constitution and Regulations and the National Committee on Communication and Technology as the Facebook Coordinator.

Of the thirty-six National Encampments since 1981, Past Commander-in-Chief Orr has attended thirty-four.

## **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Edward J. Norris, Chief of Staff**

Unfortunately, our last recipient could not attend. It's Past Commander-in-Chief Edward James Krieser, Lincoln Camp #2, Department of Missouri.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1981. He also started Civil War reenacting with the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry at the same time. While serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, Ed was wounded on two separate occasions and received the Purple Heart Medal.

Since being Commander-in-Chief, Ed has served on numerous Committees and made certificates and arranged the purchase of streamers, plaques, and trophies for the many National Encampments. He served on the Military Affairs Committee and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Military District Commander, and is now the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District Commander.

He was actively involved in the planning of 1999 Encampment to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the last GAR Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has served as Editor of *The Proceedings* currently and in past years.

He is an active nonvoting member of the Council of Administration, attending many of the Council of Administration meetings in nearly every National Encampment in the past twenty-six years.

## **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Ed. I'll be sending Brother Krieser's award to him. I've already notified him of the award. I sent him an email, I believe it was Thursday so, he already knows. One thing I want to comment on. I understand that the citations for the Meritorious Service with Star went really long. This is the first year we've been required to read the citation at the National Encampment. It is something that might be looked at in the future as to maybe condensing them to what's on the certificate or something.

I'm just throwing that out. But, yeah, we are required to read the citations. I'd like to go ahead and open up for nominations for Offices. This is not the voting time. This is merely the nominations. So, as we go through the Departments and see if they have anyone to nominate. We're now doing specifically for the Commander-in-Chief.

### **Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. Nominations for the Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

### **Dean A. Enderlin, Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of the Chesapeake.

### **Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Okay. The Department of Chesapeake.

### **W. Faron Taylor, Department of the Chesapeake**

Commander, Faron Taylor, Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake. It is my

honor to defer to Past Commander-in-Chief Gene Mortorff for the Department of the Chesapeake.

### **Eugene G. Mortorff, Past Commander-in-Chief**

My Brothers, I come before you today, having the distinct honor to place in nomination a man I deeply admire and respect. Having come to know him over these many years, I would like to share with you a few poignant facets of his life that has brought him to this point where he stands on the threshold of attaining the highest office this humble Order can bestow.

Born in Rhinebeck, New York on May 28, 1952, he is the descendent of Private Richard Morton Loun of Company F, 150 New York Volunteer Infantry. Private Loun first saw the elephant on Culp's Hill during the Battle of Gettysburg, as part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Corps. Private Loun and his regiment was thereafter transferred to the Army of the Cumberland in the Western Theater and participated in the Battle of Chattanooga, Sherman's March on Atlanta and March to the Sea, and onto the Battle of Bentonville.

Following in his great-great-grandfather's footsteps, our Brother volunteered for military service in the United States Navy in 1971. Rising to the rank of Master Chief of Operation Specialist E-9. If you know what an E-9 is, that's a Master Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. It doesn't get more important than that. Over the course of his almost twenty-four year career in the Navy, he saw duty off the coast of Lebanon. During the first Persian Gulf War, he was assigned to the USS Wisconsin, which provided command-and-control for tomahawk cruise missile operations.

After retiring from the United States Navy in 1994, our Brother started a second career in the field of education. From 1995 until just two months ago, he was a high school teacher in Virginia's Bedford County school system. In addition to teaching government along with the United States and world history to grades 9-12, he served as the social studies department chair for over ten years at Liberty High School.

Our Brother's obligation to the Order mirrors his commitment to his country and his community. After becoming a member of the SUVCW's Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp in Roanoke, Virginia in 1997, he transferred to and became a charter member of Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 in Lynchburg. Soon afterwards, he attended his first National Encampment in Harrisburg. Having met so many Brothers from across the country, he felt a keen kinship for the Order and the values that he had expressed. Since that time, he has served his home Camp as Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Commander.

As a note, he was awarded the Richard Schlenker Award for Meritorious Service. In the Department of Chesapeake, he served with distinction in corresponding positions all while remaining true to the responsibility of his home Camp. On the National scene, he has served on very important Committees and has chaired our Promotions and Marketing Programs and Policies and the non-associated organization's Grant Committees. Brothers, you also know him from his recent service as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and as our current Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Over the years, he has worked at the grassroots level, hoping to preserve our battlefields and helping place monuments and markers all for the education of the public with a close eye to ensure the legacy of the sacrifice of Union Soldiers, our ancestors, are passed down to future generations.

My Brothers, with his history, his service, his commitment to the future of our Order, I have the great honor and privilege to place into nomination for the office of Commander-in-Chief, our Brother and our dear friend, Mark R. Day.

### **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Day, if elected, will you serve?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I will.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you hold any other offices?

**Mark R. Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Camp Historian, at the time.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

*There were no further nominations for Commander-in-Chief.*

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. The next one is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Orr, go ahead.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. I move you that where there is no opposition, the National Secretary be instructed to cast a single vote in favor of the lone nominated candidate for this office and all subsequent offices.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

A motion and a second. All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Congratulations, Brother Day.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Go Navy!

**Encampment**

(laughter and sheers)

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

I'd like to open the floor for nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

For the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

California and Pacific defers to the Department of Michigan.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

The Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Michigan.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Just don't want the new Commander-in-Chief behind me. James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan, here to make the nomination for the office Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I could bore you with all the technical details of how this candidate is the Past Commander of the Crapo Camp #145 in Flint, Michigan; Past Department Commander of the Department of Michigan; the man that I chose to be my National Counselor when I was Commander-in-Chief. You need a man for this office who knows how to stretch resources to the very end, with the limited resources that you give him to make maximum use. It's like renting a camel to go make that long trip across the desert. You gotta make sure he's got sufficient water to make it all the way and the way to do that is brick him. You pick up two bricks and he's at that last swish of water, you slap his balls together he goes swoosh.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And he gets that last bit of water. And you'd ask, wouldn't that hurt? The answer is not if you keep your thumbs up.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

This man knows how to stretch resources. He knows how to call on other Brothers for assistance. He is a prime candidate and like I said, the man I chose to be my National Counselor when I was Commander-in-Chief. I place into nomination Past Michigan Department Commander, Don Shaw, our current Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Shaw, if elected, will you serve?

**Donald W. Shaw, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir, I will.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you hold any other positions?

**Donald W. Shaw, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir. I'm the Senior Vice Commander for Crapo Camp #145 in Flint, Michigan.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

*There were no other nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.*

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Secretary.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

The vote is cast.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations, Brother Shaw.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Open up nominations for the position Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Nominations for the Department or the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to Department of Massachusetts.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Massachusetts.

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

Daniel Murray, Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts. It is my honor and privilege to place before you the name of Edward J. Norris for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I've known him a number of years. I consider him a personal friend. He's as honest as the day is long. He helped straighten out the finances for the Department of Massachusetts ten years ago when our Treasurer died at the time. The finances were a real mess. He's done a great job with those. He's been the Department Commander twice. He was our Treasure for five years. He's now our current Treasurer. He's Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Military District. like I said, I place in nomination Edward J. Norris.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Commander. Brother Norris, if elected, will you serve?

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

I will.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

What other positions do you hold?

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

Department Treasurer.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Department Treasurer. Thank you.

*There were no other nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.*

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Secretary.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

The Secretary has cast the vote.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations, Brother Norris.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Norris, what is the remaining time on your C of A position?

**Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration**

One year.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, we have two seats open for Council of Administration. We have the one year left on Brother Norris' seat, and we have a full three-year seat.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

So, let's do these together, or do you want to take them separately?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Have to be separate.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Have to do separate because of the length. We'll do the three year seat for Council of Administration first.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Massachusetts.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of California defers to the Department of Massachusetts.

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

Commander, Daniel Murray, Department Commander for Massachusetts. It gives me great pleasure; this man is a personal friend of mine. I've known him a number of years. He's done everything he can to help the Order. He's been a member of the Order for 25 plus years. He's a Past Department Commander. He's served every office at the Department level except for Treasurer. I had to think about that one. He's been the National Civil War Memorials Officer.

He organized the 2005 National Encampment in Brooklyn, Massachusetts. He's also been the driving force behind bringing the 2018 National Encampment to Massachusetts. He's helped with the Lynn GAR Hall and all the work that goes on there. He's always done anything that I've asked of him as Department Commander or when I was Treasurer or Secretary and he was Commander. Anything I've asked of him and it was possible for him to do, he's done.

The last thing I'd like to say is he was instrumental for the last three years before last December, the Department set aside money and purchased, I believe it was 45 or 50 battle flags, replicas of the Massachusetts battle flags. They received permission from the statehouse to have a return of the flag ceremony like was done in 1866, where they brought all the flags in the statehouse and put them in the Hall of Flags. If it hadn't been for Kevin working with us in the veterans organizations that wouldn't have been possible. I would like to place an nomination, it is my honor and privilege to place the name of Kevin P. Tucker for National Council.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Brother Tucker, if elected, will you serve?

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

Yes, I will.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

What other positions do you hold?

**Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee**

Department Council.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake** Department of the Chesapeake passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming** Colorado and Wyoming passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of the Columbia.

**Department of Columbia** Department of Columbia passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Connecticut.  
**Department of Connecticut** Connecticut passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Florida.  
**Department of Florida** Florida passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Georgia and South Carolina.  
**Department of Georgia and South Carolina** Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Illinois.  
**Department of Illinois** Department of Illinois passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Indiana.  
**Department of Indiana** Department of Indiana passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Iowa.  
**Department of Iowa** Iowa passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Kansas.  
**Department of Kansas** Kansas passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Kentucky.  
**Department of Kentucky** Department of Kentucky passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Michigan.  
**Department of Michigan** Department of Michigan passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Missouri.  
**Department of Missouri** Missouri passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Nebraska.  
**Department of Nebraska** Department of Nebraska passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New Hampshire.  
**Department of New Hampshire** New Hampshire passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New Jersey.  
**Department of New Jersey** Department of New Jersey, home of the (indistinguishable), passes.

**Encampment** (laughter).

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New York.  
**Department of New York** New York passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Ohio.  
**Department of Ohio** Department of Ohio passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Oklahoma.  
**Department of Oklahoma** Oklahoma passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Pennsylvania.  
**Department of Pennsylvania** Department of Pennsylvania passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Rhode Island.  
**Department of Rhode Island** Department of Rhode Island passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of the Southwest.  
**Department of the Southwest** Southwest passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Tennessee.  
**Department of Tennessee** Department of Tennessee, with Mississippi and Alabama, passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Texas.  
**Department of Texas** Department of Texas passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin** Department of Wisconsin passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large** National Membership-at-Large passes.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Secretary.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Secretary casts the one vote.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations, Brother Tucker.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Taking nominations for the seat on Council of Administration for one year. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to Department of Michigan.

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief, Gary Gibson, Past Department Commander of Michigan, member of the Council of Administration 1999-2001. I stand here before you today with the blessing of the Department of Illinois. And you may be asking yourself, "Why is he doing that?"

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Well, I'll tell you. Brothers, I intended to come here to introduce you to a Brother who you probably most of you had never heard of. But, Commander Don beat me to that before lunch today when he awarded Nick Kaup, from the Department of Illinois, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. You stole my thunder, Don. However, I will do a little recap.

Now, again, you may be wondering why is Michigan nominating Nick Kaup? Nick joined the Order in 1989. The closest Camp for him to join was my Camp in Kalamazoo, Michigan. So, Nick could've joined as a Member-at-Large at that time, but he chose to join a Camp. Now that should tell you right away that he was not going to sit on the sidelines and do nothing. He wanted to get involved.

Nick lives in suburbs of Chicago. He immediately went home and began to organize or reorganize Custer Camp #1 in the Chicago area. He became his first Camp Commander. He served two terms. Not resting on his laurels, he also organized Sheridan Camp #2; became the Camp Commander; served two terms. He then went on to serve in several offices in the Department of Illinois.

Most importantly, he became Department Commander at a critical time. The Department of

Illinois was having some issues, some serious organizational problems. Nick stepped in and he took care of that. He reorganized the Department of Illinois. He is now, as you heard earlier, organized a third Camp. He is now the Camp Commander. You see a pattern here?

I have known Nick for many years. I was very fortunate to be able to help him in his endeavors in Illinois. I am very proud to call him Brother and more importantly, my friend. We would like to place the nomination of the name, Brother Nick Kaup. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Kaup, if elected, will you serve?

**Nicholas H. Kaup, Department of Illinois**

I will.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

What other positions do you hold?

**Nicholas H. Kaup, Department of Illinois**

(Indistinguishable) Council and (indistinguishable).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Commander, the Department of the Chesapeake defers to the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Department of the Chesapeake defers to the Department of Georgia/South Carolina.

**Mark A. Hale, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Mark Hale, Past Department Commander, Georgia and South Carolina, home of the National champion, Clemson Tigers.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark A. Hale, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

And it is my pleasure and my honor to nominate Brian C. Pierson, Past Department Commander, for re-election to the Council of Administration. Brian has served for the past three years on the Council of Administration. He's the Past Department Commander of Georgia and South Carolina serving during the time that we had the National Encampment as our Encampment chairman.

He has been on the Special Committee for the SUVCW Bench at the Stevenson Memorial. He's been the chair of the Monuments Grant Committee. He's been the chair of the Vision and Strategic

Planning Committee. He's a member of the National Military Affairs Committee. He's a Past Camp Commander of Charles Devens Camp #10, Columbia, South Carolina. He's a dual member of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina and of Oklahoma.

Some of his accomplishments. He's updated the Ritual and Ceremonials. He created the SUVCW recruiting brochure. He proposed and designed the Eagle Scout patch. He initiated the Flag Certificate program. He proposed and designed the Mary Edwards Walker Award. He assisted the National Patriotic Instructor in rewriting the Patriotic Instructor's handbook. And he's led the SUVCW Monument in Panama City, Panama.

Professionally, he's a retiree after twenty-eight years in the Air Force where he had served not only in Panama, the Persian Gulf, Kosovo, and Iraq. He's been married for twenty-eight years and has four sons, all of which who are in the SUVCW. His youngest, Noah, is here with us this weekend. So, it is my great pleasure to nominate Brian Pierson for Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you Brother Hale. Brother Pierson, if elected, will you serve?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

I will.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

What other jobs or other positions do you hold?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Department Counselor for Oklahoma and newsletter Editor for South Carolina (indistinguishable).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming** Colorado and Wyoming passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of the Columbia.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Columbia passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Connecticut.

**Department of Connecticut** Connecticut passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida** Florida passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois** Department of Illinois passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana** Department of Indiana passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa** Iowa passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas** Kansas passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Kentucky.  
**Department of Kentucky** Department of Kentucky passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Massachusetts.  
**Department of Massachusetts** Department of Massachusetts passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Missouri.  
**Department of Missouri** Missouri passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Skipped Department of Michigan.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Nebraska.  
**Department of Nebraska** Department of Nebraska passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New Hampshire.  
**Department of New Hampshire** New Hampshire passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New Jersey.  
**Department of New Jersey** Department of New Jersey passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of New York.  
**Department of New York** New York passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of North Carolina.  
**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief** North Carolina is absent.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Ohio.  
**Department of Ohio** Department of Ohio passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Oklahoma.  
**Department of Oklahoma** Department of Oklahoma passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Pennsylvania.  
**Department of Pennsylvania** Pennsylvania, home of the Big 10 Champion, Penn State Nittany Lions, passes.  
**Unknown** (clapping).  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Rhode Island.  
**Department of Rhode Island** Rhode Island passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of the Southwest.  
**Department of the Southwest** Southwest passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Tennessee.  
**Department of Tennessee** Department of Tennessee, with Alabama and Mississippi, passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Texas.  
**Department of Texas** Department of Texas passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** Department of Wisconsin.  
**Department of Wisconsin** Department of Wisconsin passes.  
**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary** National Membership-at-Large.  
**National Membership-at-Large** National Membership-at-Large passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's the roll call of Departments for nominations for the one year seat on Council of Administration.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, I will give you about twelve minutes to discuss in your Departments. We can do

discussions. We will seal the door after the break. Is that correct? Reconvening fifteen after the hour.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break)

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

I would like to call the Credentials Committee Chair, Joe Hall.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. How we're gonna do this is, I'm gonna call each Department. When I call your Department, whoever's the head of the delegation, please stand. I'm gonna read some figures to you. You either concur with those figures or you don't. If you don't, I need to know why. Okay? Then we'll give you the total. California and Pacific. You should have two PCinC's, one Department Commander, nine delegates. That will give you total of twelve.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. It's not registered; it's who's in the room right now.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

That's why I'm asking whether they concur with the figure or not.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, but asking if they concur is not the same as asking if that's the same number of people that are in the room.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

California and Pacific, is that the same number of people in the room?

**Department of California and Pacific**

12 are here.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Michigan, you may want to get started now.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

They're allotted twenty-five. California Pacific and twelve are here. Chesapeake's allotted thirty-eight. Where is Chesapeake? I have two PCinC's, one Department Commander, seven Past Department Commanders, four delegates, for a total of Fourteen.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake concurs.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Colorado and Wyoming is allotted thirteen. Where's Colorado and Wyoming? I have two Past Department Commanders, one delegate, for a total of three.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Those totals are correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Columbia, allotted nine. I have one delegate. Department of Connecticut, allotted fourteen. I have one Past Department Commander.

**Department of Connecticut**

Let me count, yes one.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Florida, allotted 13. I have one Past Department Commander, one delegate, for a total of two.

**Department of Florida**

Concur.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina, allotted eleven. Where they at? I have one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, three delegates, for total seven.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

One correction, sir. We have one who is absent so we have six delegates in the room. One left early.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Which one?

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Brother Brad Quinlin.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you. So, that's a total of six.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Illinois is allotted twenty-four. I have one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, eight delegates, and one alternate. That's for a total of, for delegation for voting purposes, thirteen. We called Illinois up to change their alternates. They didn't come.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Indiana. I have twenty-two allowed, five Past Department Commanders, seven delegates for a total of twelve.

**Department of Indiana**

One correction. We have one Department Commander and four Past Department Commanders.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Still twelve.

**Department of Indiana**

Yes.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you. Department of Iowa, sixteen allotted. They have one delegate and three alternates.

**Department of Iowa**

Correction, one Past Department Commander and three delegates

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

That would be because I put them in the wrong boxes. I just slid them over one. You have four.

**Department of Iowa**

Correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Kansas, allotted eighteen. I have one Pass Department Commander, two delegates, and three alternates. Is that correct?

**Department of Kansas**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

So, for a total of three. Department of Kentucky, twelve votes allowed. I have one delegate. Is that correct?

**Department of Kentucky**

Correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Maine, nothing. Department of Massachusetts, fifteen allowed. I have one Department Commander, three Pass Department Commanders, three delegates. Is that correct? That's a total of seven. Department of Michigan, you're allowed thirty-five. Two PCinC's, one Department Commander, ten Past Department Commanders, twenty delegates, and thirty-six alternates. Is that correct?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, how many delegates are they allowed?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

They're allowed, for a total count...

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

No, it's not total. Past Commander-in-Chiefs, the Past Department Commanders, and the sitting Department Commander don't count towards the number of delegates they're allotted.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

They're allowed twenty delegates.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I thought he said thirty something?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Yeah, that's a total of everything added up. That's what they're allowed for DC, PDC's, PCinC's, and everything else.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, so they're...

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

...That's the total that they can actually have, the whole (indistinguishable)that's here...

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...All right. So, they're allowed twenty delegates.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

They're allowed twenty delegates.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

They got one delegate and the rest are alternates.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

No. They've got twenty delegates. So, Michigan, one more time, two PCinC's, one Department Commander, ten Past Department Commanders, twenty delegates, and thirty-six alternates.

**Department of Michigan**

I thought we had two PCinC's, one DC, eight PDC's and fourteen delegates in the room.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

So, that's a total of twenty-five. Department of Missouri is allotted twenty-five. They have one PCinC, three Past Department Commanders, three delegates, and that's it. So, that's a total of seven.

**Department of Missouri**

That is correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Nebraska allotted twelve. I show one Past Department Commander. Department of New Hampshire, allotted twelve. I show one Past Department Commander.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of New Jersey, allotted twenty-nine. I show three Past Department Commanders and two delegates for a total of five.

**Department of New Jersey**

We are one delegate short.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

So, a total of four.

**Department of New Jersey**

Yes, sir.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

New York, allotted thirty-two. I show one PCinC, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander for a total of three.

**Department of New York**

That would be correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you. Department of North Carolina, nothing. Department of Ohio, allotted forty-eight. I show four PCinC's, one Department Commander, seven Past Department Commanders, ten delegates for a total of twenty-three.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Twenty-two.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Twenty-three. Seventeen, eighteen...

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

...Ten and eight is eighteen, (indistinguishable)

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

...Yeah, and add the CinC, you got twenty-three.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Ten, seven, and four is twenty-two with a Department Commander and a CinC.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

You have four PinCs.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

I got one CinC, the guy up here.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

You got seven PDCs.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

And the CinC?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Oh, okay.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

You know, this guy.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah, the one you've been talking to all year.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

This one here? Twenty-three.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I'm trying to forget.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

And that was with his shoes taken off.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I don't think short people deserve to live.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Oklahoma, allotted fifteen. Oh, did Ohio concur with that?

**Department of Ohio**

No.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

I'm sorry.

**Department of Ohio**

No, we have nineteen.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

You have nineteen. Who's missing?

**Department of Ohio**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Two left?

**Unknown**

That should have been two delegates left.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Yep. All right, so, that's twenty-one. Twenty-three minus two is twenty-one. So, do you have nineteen or twenty-one?

**Department of Ohio**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

So, four delegates left?

**Department of Ohio**

Correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Okay. Department of Oklahoma, allotted fifteen. I show one delegate. Pennsylvania, allotted fifty. I show one PCinC, and four delegates for a total of five. Rhode Island, I show their allotted fourteen. I show PCinC, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, and two delegates, for a total of five.

**Department of Rhode Island**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Southwest, allotted seven. I show one Department Commander. Department of Tennessee, allotted twenty-one. I show one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, four delegates for a total of six.

**Department of Tennessee**

Yes

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department at Texas, allotted twenty. I show one Past Department Commander, one delegate, for a total of two.

**Department of Texas**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Department of Vermont, zero. Department of Wisconsin's allotted twenty-one. I show one PCinC, one Department Commander, two Past Department Commander, six delegates, and one

junior. Juniors count for the vote? No, so that's a total of ten. Members-at-Large, allotted one. I show delegate. Adam, you here?

**Unknown**

What about Wisconsin?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

I thought I just did Wisconsin.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

You said that was Vermont.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

I said Vermont, zero. And then I read off Wisconsin, one PCinC, one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, six delegates, and one Junior. Without the Junior, it's ten.

**Department of Wisconsin**

We only have nine.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Who left?

**Department of Wisconsin**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

All right. You're down one delegate. Wisconsin has nine. Members-at-large. I show one.

**Adam W. Gaines, Membership-at-Large**

I'm here.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

All Camps-at-Large Camps is zero.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Through you to Brother Joe. Could you repeat Illinois again please?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Illinois. I have twenty-two allotted. They have one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, eight delegates, and one alternate. Alternate doesn't count so that gives them a total of twelve.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. How many delegates are they permitted?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Delegates? Potential delegates are ten.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the alternate be seated and allowed to vote since they have not filled their delegate allotment.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

How about the rest of (indistinguishable)?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Pardon me?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

There's other Departments in the same boat.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Will all the Departments in the same boat, one a time tell me who you are. Illinois. So, Illinois would be fourteen. Who's next?

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

(Indistinguishable) declare that delegate.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Well, that's what I thought but Richard Orr, PCINC said...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

It was my understanding that those alternates had to be declared as delegates prior to this evolution, not now. So, I mean, we've held everyone else forever to that standard. If there were more people and the alternates weren't switched over to delegates, then they didn't get to play.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

And we did call them up and they didn't come.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

But the Encampment itself can vote to allow them to vote.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Are you making a motion?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I already did.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

We're in discussion?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Brothers, I would object to Brother Orr's position on simply the fact of precedents, that we have never done that in the past. We have always held the Brothers that you are to make the declaration of alternates to delegates prior to this evolution, and I would move that it's no good.

**Walter E. Busch, Registration Committee**

Commander.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Walt.

**Walter E. Busch, Registration Committee**

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, Missouri. I spoke to Illinois. They could only account for nine people. I'd like to actually see them stand up and have a physical count.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers from Illinois, please stand up. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

I counted eleven.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Did you get these two? I'm showing thirteen. Anybody got anything different?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm gonna agree with Brother Rich Orr and disagree with Brother Don Darby. Traditionally, we've always allowed, automatically, the delegates, if the

Department delegation is not complete, to be moved up. This is a very normal motion. We've done it many times before.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Yes, Brother.

**Department of Wisconsin**

We had a number wrong here on our count...

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

...Stand by on that. We're doing on Illinois right now, so...Let's go to vote. Brothers of Illinois, you can sit down. All in favor of seating the alternates If it makes up the full delegation, please raise your voting cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Motion carries.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Excuse me for coming back at you but you told us before we had...

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

...Hold on one second. Illinois has thirteen in the room. They're allowed thirteen. Yes, Brother.

**Department of Wisconsin**

You allotted us ten. We can only find nine. We found the tenth man. He's here.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Which Department?

**Department of Wisconsin**

Wisconsin.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Which chair was he under?

**Department of Wisconsin**

Pardon?

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Which chair was he under?

**Department of Wisconsin**

He was standing behind the tall fellows.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Thank you. Wisconsin has ten.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Microphone, please.

**Donald E. Darby, National Counselor**

Stand up while you're there.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Keith and I see eye to eye.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Go ahead, Brother.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. Correct me if I'm wrong. We have four alternates in the room, so we would have a total of twenty-five, we would have a total of twenty-nine.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

What Department?

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Michigan.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Yep.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's what I said. Department of Michigan, Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Yep. So you can switch them over.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Twenty-nine.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Twenty-nine. Thank you, sir.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

Anybody else? Going once, going twice, sold.

[one rap, \*]

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Credentials Committee**

There's a total of 174 votes in this room. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Secretary, please call the roll call.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Roll call for votes. Department of California and Pacific.

**Unknown**

Commander, are we allowed to caucus first?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

You had a chance to caucus already. That's what the fifteen minutes were for.

**Department of California and Pacific**

California and Pacific delegation, we cast all of our votes for Brother Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's twelve votes for Brian Pierson. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Commander, the Department of the Chesapeake casts its entire fourteen voting delegation for Brother Brian Pierson.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

That's fourteen votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado and Wyoming passes.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Colorado and Wyoming casts three votes for Brother Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is three votes for Brother Brian Pierson. Department of the Columbia.

**Department of Columbia**

Department of the Columbia (indistinguishable).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

For who?

**Department of Columbia**

Pierson

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brian Pierson. Department of Connecticut.

**Department of Connecticut**

One vote for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brian Pearson. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Florida votes one vote for Pierson; one vote for Kaup.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Nick Kaup; one vote for Brian Pierson. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts all of our six votes for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Georgia and South Carolina votes six votes for Brian Pierson. Department in Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois votes eleven votes for Kaup and two for Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's eleven votes for Nick Kaup; two votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana casts twelve votes for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's twelve votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Iowa casts all four votes for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's four votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Kansas votes all three for Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky casts its one vote for Brian Pierson

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brian Pierson. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts casts seven votes for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's seven votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Twenty-one votes for Kaup; eight votes for Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's twenty-one votes for Nick Kaup; eight votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri, including Arkansas, casts all seven votes for Brother Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is seven votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska (indistinguishable).

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brian Pierson. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire, one for Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brian Pierson. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey, two votes for Kaup; two votes for Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is two votes for Nick Kaup; two votes for Brian Pierson. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

(Indistinguishable) casts three votes for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is three votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

The great state of Ohio casts fourteen votes for Brian Pierson; three votes for Nick Kaup; and two passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is fourteen votes...rename...redo those numbers again please.

**Department of Ohio**

Fourteen for Brian Pierson; three for Nick Kaup; and two passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is three votes for Nick Kaup; fourteen votes for Brian Pierson, with two passes.  
Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma, the home of Brian Pierson...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Department of Oklahoma**

...home of the Oklahoma Sooners, home of the (indistinguishable) Riverhawks (indistinguishable), we proudly cast our one vote for Brian.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brian Pierson. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Department of Pennsylvania unanimously casts our five votes for Brother Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is five votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Five votes for Brother Brian Pierson

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is five votes for Brian Pierson. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest casts its one vote for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brian Pierson. Department at Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Sir, the Department of Tennessee, with Alabama and Mississippi, vote five votes for Brother Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Excuse me. On the number of votes, you're allowed six. Department at Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Sir? I'm sorry.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee. On your allowed votes, you said you had six individuals for voting?

**Department of Tennessee**

Yes, sir. I don't know where Brother Simms is. I did ask him to be here to come forward. I do not know what his vote is, sir. Sorry. I cannot report it. Unless he's here.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

So, I would go with what they caucused and what they have. If the Brother's not showing.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

So, that's five votes for Brian Pierson; one pass.

**Department of Tennessee**

I guess it's a pass. Thank you, sir.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas casts both its votes for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's two votes for Brian Pierson. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Wisconsin casts five votes for Nick Kaup; five votes for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is five votes for Nick Kaup; five votes for Brian Pierson. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Brian Pierson.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brian Pierson. Commander-in-Chief, the Brother to fill that one-year seat is Brian Pierson.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations, Brother Pierson.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

See, we'll now move to the installation of Officers.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I have a couple of motions.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I make a motion that the Encampment discharge the Encampment Committees, with the exception of the Credentials Committee, which will be allowed two weeks to file a post Encampment report.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

A second?

**Several**

Second.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Favors? Cards? Opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I make the motion that the National Secretary be instructed to write letters of thanks to the hotel, the Host Committee, and host city.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Second?

**Several**

Second.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

All in favor. Opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I move that the recordings are transcribed and approved by the outgoing and incoming Commander-in-Chief; that it become the official proceedings of this Encampment.

**Unknown**

Second.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Point of order.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Assistant National Counselor, Blue Book. That is already provided for in National Regulations so this Encampment doesn't have to vote on that. It's in the National Regs as of about the last two or three years.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

That is well received.

[one rap, \*]

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

The third motion?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah, the third one.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is all.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Anything else? All right. If anyone found a wallet, would you please bring it up here? Also, if you found a Past Department Commander badge, would you please bring it up here?

**Unknown**

Or a black cell phone.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Or a black... Seriously?

**Unknown**

He's serious.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Or a black cell phone. And Brothers, you can unsecure the doors. Brother Day, have you selected an Installation Officer.

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

I have. It is Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson. I would ask that you take a few

moments of recess so that we can retrieve my wife from the Auxiliary, so that she can present for my installation.

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

So at, how many minutes?

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

Five minutes?

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Five minutes.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break)

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Would the Chaplain please open the Bible. Okay.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

I've got one announcement. National Encampment Site Committee will be meeting in the room right over to the side, Regency I. They'll be meeting right after this Encampment. I'd also like to thank Department of Michigan Host Committee for this fantastic Encampment.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

I've been told that there were 225.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief**

At the conclusion of the Encampment, all those going on the Sunday tour, please meet with Keith Harrison outside the meeting room in the lobby and I'll hand it over to the Installation Officer.

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief Martin, 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 discharge your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interest in the welfare of the Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left.

[one rap, \*]

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so, the Guide will hand your list to the Secretary. Secretary, call the role of the Officers Elect and Staff Appointees who as their names were called, will please rise.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald W. Shaw; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edward J Norris; National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis; National Treasurer, David McReynolds; National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler; Council of Administration Member, Michael A. Paquette; Council of Administration Member, Paul Davis; Council of Administration Member, Frederick Lynch; Council of Administration Member, Kevin Tucker; Council of Administration Member, Brian C. Pierson; Council of Administration Member and immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin; *Banner* Editor, James B. Pahl; National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire; Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Senior; National Aid-de-Camp, Kevin Martin; National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski; National Chief of Staff, Faron Taylor; National Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, National Color Bearer, Brian D. McManus; National Counselor, Leo Kennedy; Assistant National Counselor, Donald E. Darby; Assistant National Blue Book, James B. Pahl; National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James Lyon; National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko; National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin; National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail; National Guard, John K. Eger; National Guide, Greg Carter; National Historian, Robert Wolz; National Liaison to Cathedral in the Pines, Perley E. Mellor; National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffrey C. Burden; National Membership-at-Large, Alan L. Russ; Parliamentarian, Kent M. Melcher; National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French; National Legislation Officer, Daniel R. Earl; Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond; Washington D.C. Representative, Lee D. Stone; National Webmaster, James P. McGuire; National or Assistant National Webmaster, Ken L. Freshley; Assistant National Webmaster Quartermaster Store, Ken 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 Treasurer #1, James B. Pahl; Assistant National Treasurer... (laughing), he has way too many jobs, #2, Treasurer #2, D. Michael Beard; Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs; Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max L. Newman; and National... Assistant National Quartermaster, George Shadman. And that's the roll call of Elected and Appointed Officers.

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

Thank you, Secretary.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

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.

Seeing none...

[one rap, \*]

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

...take your seats. Brother Bob, act as Guide and present the Brothers before the Altar for installation. Officers, you have been selected for 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 the 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? If yes, answer I am.

**Officers (in unison)**

I am.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

You will each raise your right hand and place your left hand on the Bible. If you cannot reach the Bible, place your left hand on the person ahead of you and then repeat after me, using your name where I use mine. I, Andrew Johnson...

**Officers (in unison)**

I (officers' names)...

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

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, \*]

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

Guide, will you please conduct the Officers to their respective stations, acting Officers vacating.

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

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, earnest, and conscientious 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, \*\*\*]

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

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 into which they are being 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, \*]

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

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 filial heritage it represents. Next, I will place in your care the Ritual of the Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulation 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 the principles, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive the gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap, as you know, brings the Encampment to order and seats the people when standing. Two raps brings your Officers to attention. And three raps calls up the entire congregation. And now, by virtue of the authority invested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this National Organization legally elected and installed, and qualified to enter upon discharge of their several duties, for the term ending August 2018, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed. Now, I am pleased that your lovely wife is here and she will present you with the Badge of office.

**Unknown**

Stick it straight in.

**Andrew M. Johnson, Installing Officer**

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, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Thank you very much. I got it right here. At this time, we will have the Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge presented and to our very successful, my very good friend, by his son. If you would be so kind, sir, as to place this medal upon your father. They are difficult. Good. Turn around.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Please be seated. Well, you've done it. You've put me up here.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

And I want you to know that I think it's an interesting thing, that the past three Commanders-in-Chief for this Order for the last three years will be school teachers. One of my favorite things was if you all are aware of the movie or the story of *Hamlet* by Shakespeare, there are only two things left at the end, two people who have to tell the story, the schoolteacher and the soldier. I am pleased that all of us have been, teachers and we're all soldiers so, you have been led for by an amazing group of people. And you didn't even know that you are being instructed because that's what we do. True, Don?

**Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's true.

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Those of you who have the pleasure of knowing me well, know that I am not a man of few words, but I will try to be brief. It's just part of my personality, unfortunately. It's with a very humble heart that I stand here today before you as your Commander-in-Chief. You have given me a great honor and I will do my utmost to be faithful in my duties and to be worth the confidence that you have placed in me.

Rest assured that our great Order's promotion and success will be my primary concern and number one priority. We are the inheritors of a mission. The mission that we inherited was to preserve and to inculcate the history of our forefathers and that is our primary goal. Earlier today, my friend, Jeff, spoke very eloquently to that very point in his Patriotic Instructor's message. If we will not take up the cause and if we will not be the ones who will go forth and inculcate, teach, and ensure that the things that this country stands for are preserved, then we should look at ourselves in the mirror with shame.

I will seek to move the SUVCW forward. We've talked often about this is the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We need to work hard to bring ourselves into the 21<sup>st</sup> century without forgetting the traditions as Brother Wolz has so eloquently, over this weekend, pointed out. I hope that we will continue to use this format. This is the way our ancestors met and I think it's appropriate that we will meet the same.

As for my hopes and beliefs and dreams for this Organization, I hope that we will be able to become more visible to society in general. But to become more visible will mean that we, each of us in this room and all of the Brothers across this country, which I hope you will pass on to them, have

to become active in promoting our visibility. We have to go out and get people to notice us. People are not going to notice us if we just hope and wish for it. We must step out and be proactive in that goal.

I sincerely hope that we will be able to improve the intra-communications, how we talk to each other, how we communicate with each other and to that end, I'm going to look to possibly create or investigate through Brother Jamie, the use of Skype in order that we might be able to have communications between the CinC and the Department Commanders and come up with some sort of regular way of doing that and I would hope that anyone who would succeed me would continue with that same goal. We must work on telling each other what's going all over this country.

As I went around to National Encampments, what I heard was, "Nobody tells us what's going on. We're just supposed to figure it out." We need to, from the top down, and from the Department to the Camps, communicate effectively what it is we're doing. So, one of my other things that I'm looking to do, is talk with the Council of Administration on it. What are good at is sending out general orders, but we are not good at communicating what it is we want you to do when we tell you something to do. So I think that we will try to look at is having a system of notices so that when we have a new document, such as the Patriotic Instructors form, we can issue a notice that will actually tell you what it is we want you to do and why we are asking you to do it.

I also really want to try to work on, as a separate part of communications... I'm a firm believer in fraternity, charity, and loyalty. I am encouraged by what has gone on here this weekend because I've been to many Encampments, and this was without a doubt one of the most civil. We treated each other like Brothers. And we had no arguments. And look what we did. We were done two hours before we had to be.

### **Encampment**

(laughter).

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

I will also try to work to develop stronger ties and relationships with the other Allied Orders. While I know that there are significant issues that exist between us and the other Allied Orders over issues old and new, I feel that it is imperative that if we are going to live up to fraternity, charity, and loyalty, that we need to be open to trying to improve our relationships amongst all of the people who have the same goal, to honor, inculcate, and protect our ancestors' history, so that is going to be another aspect of it.

I want to thank a couple of people in particular before, I told you I'm wordy. I'm sorry. I would like Steve Hammond to stand up for a second. Brothers, I would not be here today, standing here, if it were not for the Brotherly love and the selfless commitment made by Steve Hammond to take a young, you know, figuratively...

### **Encampment**

...(laughter)...

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

...a young man who showed up at his first National Encampment in Harrisburg and to take that young man by the hand and show him the ropes; to show him that there was a sense of that Brotherly loyalty. He ensured that I knew what to do. I walked in that Encampment. You must understand, my Camp was formed in March. I got a phone call from my Camp Commander, "Will you go to the Department Encampment? I can't go." Of course, I'll go. And when I went there, I had the privilege of meeting Brother Darby. And his first impression was very favorable.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Second one was the truth.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

But while I'm at that Department Encampment, I still don't know what I'm doing. I'm just following the motions. At the end of that Encampment, somebody walks up, he says, "You're a delegate at the National convention?"

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

And I'm like, "What?"

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

So I went to Harrisburg. I walked in the door of that hotel. I was lost. He found me. He made it work for me and it became real. I thought on it and I said, you know, this Organization really is something I want to be involved in. I had been a member for some time but now I am and was at that point, fully engaged. I thank Steve Hammond for doing that for me. I'd like Gene Mortorff to stand up for a second.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Gene once told me that when my Camp was forming down in Lynchburg, Virginia, that the Department of the Chesapeake, the Department of Maryland at that time, wasn't really sure that this was going to be a good idea. They were kind of tentative about the idea of having a bunch of guys that live that far below the Mason-Dixon Line be involved in this Organization and they were...so they were a little bit tentative but, you know, Gene is the reason why I moved up. If Gene had not saw something in me and appointed me Patriotic Instructor at the Department, I wouldn't be here today. I owe a great deal to Gene, for putting me on the path to the place I am standing right now. So, thank you, Gene.

Course, I need to thank one other person for their patience, perseverance, and I will warn them now that there will probably be some times that we will not be able to be together because I will be doing the business, and she will suffer through that. Because my wife, when I go away, my wife locks the house up and she goes upstairs and she leaves the lights on. I'll be doing a lot of that going away, so I wanted you to know that I don't mind if the electric bill is very high.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

You do what you need to, honey. Thank you. Thank you for everything that you allow me to do because if you, without you and your support, I could not do this.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

As far as schedule, I want to make myself available to attend things. I'm retired. I have two cars. I will alternate them to keep the mileage down...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

...or I will take some of the money that you graciously provide and get a rental car, whatever. But I want to attend things. Faron Taylor, will you stand up? Faron Taylor is the Chief of Staff. I would like you to work through Faron Taylor. Faron is a "dot the *I*," "cross the *t*" guy. I am a rather pragmatic and sometimes slightly scatterbrained and need somebody like Faron. I want you to work through Faron, but I want you to send me invitations. I want to be aware of what you're doing. I've already been invited to Chicago. I had an imitation to go to London, and I wasn't even a Commander-in-Chief, but I need you to work through Faron. Everybody sees him. You know what he looks like. All right? So, we're gonna work through Faron.

We're gonna have a good year. We're gonna have a great year. When the year is over, we're gonna have a better, bigger, stronger SUVVCW but remember what I said, no one man standing right here, makes that happen. It takes you. and you, and him. It takes Freshley. It takes Danny. It even takes Larry back there.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Larry and I are friends, so he doesn't mind I picked on him, but we need to be proactive. We passed several resolutions here. We need to go out and be committed to the things that we've said and done here. With that, I thank you. Once again, I cannot think of a greater honor in my entire life than what you have bestowed upon me today and I appreciate it more than you will ever know.

One little point that I was told by the photographers and Jim Crane once, as soon as we're done here and we have closed, all the Officers that have been elected and appointed will need to report out here in the hallway for a group photograph. Are there any other motions? Any other announcements or anything we need?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Sir.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Since you've already committed to go to the Pennsylvania Department Encampment next year in Williamsport, I really want to...

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

... Williamsport?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, I'm going.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I just want to forewarn your wife that Bowser is only twelve miles down the road.

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, yes.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And I'm sure we will arrange a side trip for you.

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

For those that don't know, I am a model railroading enthusiast, Norfolk Southern at the moment. But really more of a historical in the Norfolk and Western but they do know me in Pennsylvania.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you for that, Rich. I will look forward to that. With that then, if there are no other announcements, I will move us to close. There being no further business to come before the National Encampment, we will proceed to close.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

You will give attention while the National Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations. Parade rest.

**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. And when our mission on earth has ended, take us to a better world. If you agree with me, say Amen.

**Encampment (in unison)**

Amen.

**Mark R. Day, 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 organization which we

represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties, and exhibit toward each other an  
broken fraternity, charity, and loyalty. A tender charity is important. Color Bearer, attend to the Altar  
and the Station Banners. Attention. I now declare the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the National  
Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

**[one rap, \*]**

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

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## Commander in Chief Martin Speeches.

### 2016 National Encampment following Installation Aug 13, 2016

My Brothers,

It is truly you who make this organization what it is and once again I thank you for the trust and confidence you continue to show me.

While we must continue our mission of education and preserving the history and legacy of the boys in Blue, we need to also need to do the same for **OUR ORDER**. We need to promote the **SUVCW** and educate the public to **OUR** works and projects. **WE MUST** complete **OUR PROJECTS** and not just create new ones

-All Camps or the Departments must complete a history of their Camps.

-Camps and Department 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 Own Department of Ohio has located the last Soldier in all of our 88 counties. These appear on the Ohio website. We are **ACTIVELY** placing the Last Soldier markers on the Brothers graves." This and Camp Histories are close to my heart as I have written my Camp history and as Camp Commander I started the process in which graves of 4 counties in our area were marked.

-Our historical records on microfiche needed to be converted to a PDF format. We need to keep our records current with the technology or we risk losing it. I intend to create an **ACTION** Committee with the purpose of seeing this project through to completion before the end of my term.

#### Here are 12 KEYS to our Success

1. **We are and should remain a Camp up organization.** Success begins in our camps. Communication must go up, not just come down. Tell national what you are doing and also your community. Do all you do well do well.
2. **Handle things at the lowest level,** because if national has to handle it a lot of people are going to be unhappy.
3. **ANNOUNCE, ADVERTISE, PROMOTE.**
4. **Add Patriotic Instruction** to your Camp and Department meetings. There are over 100 Patriotic instructions on the SUVCW website ALONE. CPI's are most welcome to use their own as well.
5. **Patriotic Instructors file your reports.** This is a record of what we as an organization are doing. If the only thing your Camp does is have meetings and celebrate Memorial Day, fine, do it very well and let us know. **COMMANDERS** make sure it gets done.
6. **Enroll in Memorial University.**

The Redesign Committee and the National Patriotic Instructor plans to finishing their work this year. Watch for it. As JVCinC contacting the Departments, it was fascinating to see familiar names from Memorial University in National Positions and the Department chairs.

**7. What's the book say?**

Brothers,

read and know the Constitution and Regulations. It is easily accessible on line and has a very detailed table of contents. The answers are there. If you ask me a question don't be surprised to hear me say "what's the C&R say" or respond with a suggestion of where YOU can find the answer.

**8. Become familiar with the National Web Page, the solution is probably there.**

The Adopt a school program, flag information, lesson plans, historical audio, documents, teaching aides, dedication/rededication ceremonies, the Last Veteran Project, the ROTC / JROTC Award, Eagle Scout Program, recruiting, forms, encampment proceeding, contact information for National Officers, National Committees and Department Officers, need I go on?

I now wish to read you this 3 Page letter. (pause) No, never mind. (pause).  
Remember those 2 feelings? Ah yes, the **dread and the great relief**

**9. Remember KISS.** Keep It Short and Simple, military guys know it as Keep It Simple Stupid. Personally, I tend to lose interest after 2 paragraphs and may miss key point altogether.

**10. Find the niche for each member of your Camp** that gets them excited, interested and keeps them coming back. It has been exciting to have a Brother tell me about an individual in their Camps who was interested in a position.

**11. Keep in mind the following about ideas:**

**Ideas** are things for others to do. **Everybody** thinks **Somebody** will do it when in fact **Nobody** is the one that does what **Anybody** could have done.

**Good ideas** come with the originator to head the committee.

**Great ideas**, have the solutions with the originator ready to implement them.

**Gripes & complaints** are fine, they may make you feel better, but there it ends.

**If you have an idea**, be ready to head the committee, or track down the information and get back to me.

**12. Ask yourself the following questions:**

**"How Will We Pay for it."** That question is coming. Guaranteed.

**And finally: "How is this good for the order?"**

Brothers, with your help I look forward to a good year. Thank you.

## Woolson Monument, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. 19 Nov 2016

Why are we here to remember Albert Woolson? After all he was just a drummer boy who never saw action and served less than one year. Whereas Corporal Horatio D. Chapman of the 20th Connecticut Volunteers experienced the following:

*... the dead in some places were piled upon each other, and the groans and moans of the wounded were truly saddening to hear. Some were just alive and gasping, but unconscious. Others were mortally wounded and were conscious of the fact that they could not live long; and there were others wounded, how bad they could not tell, whether mortal or otherwise, and so it was they would linger on some longer and some for a shorter time-without the sight or consolation of wife, mother, sister or friend. But such is war and we are getting used to it and can look on scenes of war, carnage and suffering with but very little feeling and without a shudder."*

Albert Woolson did not have this type of experience. Nor was he with Joshua Chamberlain who described the end of the first day's fighting at Fredericksburg as follows:

*"But out of that silence rose new sounds more appalling still; a strange ventriloquism, of which you could not locate the source, a smothered moan, as if a thousand discords were flowing together into a key-note weird, unearthly, terrible to hear and bear, yet startling with its nearness; the writhing concord broken by cries for help, some begging for a drop of water, some calling on God for pity; and some on friendly hands to finish what the enemy had so horribly begun; some with delirious, dreamy voices murmuring loved names, as if the dearest were bending over them; and underneath, all the time, the deep bass note from closed lips too hopeless, or too heroic to articulate their agony...It seemed best to bestow myself between two dead men among the many left there by earlier assaults, and to draw another crosswise for a pillow out of the trampled, blood-soaked sod, pulling the flap of his coat over my face to fend off the chilling winds, and still more chilling, the deep, many voiced moan that overspread the field."*

The combat soldier experiences various traumatic stressors such as: witnessing death or dismemberment, handling dead bodies, traumatic loss of comrades, realizing imminent death, killing others and being helpless to prevent others' deaths. If you survived your war you still had to face a formidable foe: The Aftermath.

- Countless veterans left the war with diseases, wounds, destitution, and mental disorders.
- Many wounded soldiers were referred to as having the *Old Soldier's Disease*, a term applied to soldiers addicted to pain killers.
- Hearing loss was common.
- There was no shell shock, battle fatigue, or (PTSD) to help explain mysterious conditions.
- Tens-of-thousands veterans were homeless. They either had no home to return to or a disability prevented him from enjoying life's basic tasks and responsibilities.
- Union veterans did not receive VA benefits and assistance.

Corporal Charles Morey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vermont wrote: “*Society will not own the rude soldier when he comes back, but turn a cold shoulder to him, because he has become hardened by scenes of bloodshed and carnage.*” *I tell you, dear sister, there are feelings, tender feelings, down deep in the soldier’s breast, which when moved will prove that all that s good is not quite dead.*”

Albert Woolson did not see combat, however, he served and was willing to. He did not go untouched by the war because like so many he lost his father to wounds incurred at Shiloh.

The GAR started as an organization for Veterans to network, maintain connections with each other, and became an advocate for these Veterans. Albert Woolson as the last member of the GAR and last Union Veteran of the Civil War also died the last living soldier advocate and representative of the Boys in Blue. That is why we remember Albert Henry Woolson.

Today we the Allied Orders represent those soldiers who saw the elephant. Let us assure that we do so in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

### **Lincoln Tomb Speech, Springfield, Illinois. 15 Apr 2017**

Joshua Speed was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln, a skeptic when both were young men. He later published a small volume called *Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln*, which includes a story from 1864 when he visited Lincoln in Washington:

*I have often been asked what were Mr. Lincon’s religious opinions. When I knew him, in early life, he was a skeptic. He had tried hard to be a believer, but his reason could not grasp and solve the great problem of redmption as taught. He was very cautious never to give experection to any thought or sentiment that sould grate harshly upon a Christian’s ear. For a sincere Christian, he had great respect. He often said that the most ambitious man might live to see every hope fail; but, no Christian could live to see his fail, because fullfillment could only come when life ended. But this was a subject we never discussed.*

*The only evidence I have of any change, was in the summer before he was killed. I was invited out to the Soldier’s Home to spend the ngiht. As I entered the room, near night, he was sitting near a window intently reading his Bible.*

*Approaching him I said, “I am gad to see you so prfitably engaged. “*

*“Yes,” said he, “I am profitably engaged.”*

*“Well,” said I, “if you have recovered from your skepticism, I am sorry to say that I have not.”*

*Looking me earnestly in the face and placing his hand on my shoulder, he said, “You are wrong, Speed. Take all of this book upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a happier and better man.”*

From The American Patriot’s Bible, 2009, Abraham Lincoln of Skepticism, p.1401

## **Grant Tomb Speech, New York City 30 Apr 2017**

I am fond of quotes, so as we assemble here at General Grant's final resting place I would like to share some of his as they pertain to the tenants of the Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

### **Fraternity**

*"I have made it a rule of my life to trust a man long after other people gave him up, but I don't see how I can ever trust any human being again."*

*"The friend in my adversity I shall always cherish most. I can better trust those who helped to relieve the gloom of my dark hours than those who are so ready to enjoy with me the sunshine of my prosperity."*

*"Grant stood by me when I was crazy, and I stood by him when he was drunk, and now we stand by each other."* Sorry but I could not resist throwing in this one by Sherman.

### **Charity**

*"The war is over, the Rebels are our countrymen again, and the best sign of rejoicing after the victory will be to abstain from all demonstrations in the field."*

*"I propose to receive the surrender of the Army of N. Va. on the following terms, The arms, artillery and public property to be parked and stacked, and turned over to the officer appointed by me to receive them. This will not embrace the side-arms of the officers, nor their private horses or baggage. This done, each officer and man will be allowed to return to their homes, not to be disturbed by United States authority so long as they observe their paroles and the laws in force where they may reside."*

### **Loyalty**

*"The distant rear of an army engaged in battle is not the best place from which to judge correctly what is going on in front."*

*"I leave comparisons to history, claiming only that I have acted in every instance from a conscientious desire to do what was right, constitutional, within the law, and for the very best interests of the whole people. Failures have been errors of judgment, not of intent."*

*"I appreciate the fact, and am proud of it, that the attentions I am receiving are intended more for our country than for me personally."*

Finally the quote you probably wish I had started with:

*"I rise only to say that I do not intend to say anything. I thank you for your hearty welcomes and good cheers."*

## **Memorial Day, Tanner Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery. 30 May 2017**

A mere 13 miles from my home is an Ohio State park where my Grandfather worked while serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps. The park contains a single head stone.

The stone is for a Union Soldier who while on his way home in autumn of 1864, was found staggering with a delirious fever. A local woman who had lost her son and brother in law earlier tried to nurse the soldier back to health but he died without ever telling his name or his story.

This Memorial Day, as we remember our ancestors and their comrades and/or gather at monuments, memorials, cemeteries, and parades throughout our Nation, let us not forget those soldiers in graves North and South, marked and unmarked: Unknown.

## **Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion, Memphis, Tennessee. 20 July 2017**

I thank CinC Strain, Executive Director Landree and the Sons of Confederate Veterans for the opportunity to speak today and for your hospitality.

*"Several common interests transcend the differences of our Orders. These include a deep respect for all soldiers who fought during our AMERICAN Civil War, a strong desire to ensure that they and what they fought for are never forgotten, a need to ensure that their graves and memorials are maintained and a desire to ensure that the history of our United States is related to successive generations as it actually happened rather than in terms of what is currently in vogue or politically correct."*

*This Excerpt is from a presentation by Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 1995.*

His statement remains true over 20 years later. The disturbing part is that what is vogue and politically correct is running rampant and "revisionist" history is extremely prevalent today.

The SUVCW has been called upon to explain our position regarding the flying of the flags of the confederacy as well as the destruction of various monuments and the renaming of battlefields to parks. Of the statements I have put forward, no one has replied to my comments. I suspect that the real reason the SUVCW is asked our view is to try to support their agenda and to put us conflict with the efforts of the SCV.

Our ancestors fought, bled, died and many are buried on the same ground. ALL are American soldiers! We need to stop the revision of our true history, the removal of our countries monuments and the perversion of our symbols. That is what totalitarian regimes do.

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## National Encampment Report

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## 1 Preface

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, and Department reports to the National Encampment for their August 11-12, 2017 meeting in Lansing, Michigan. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

If anyone wants one or more of the original reports please contact Ed Norris, National Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin, at [norris.ed@comcast.net](mailto:norris.ed@comcast.net). The reports can be forwarded via email.

## 2 Resolutions

### 2.1 National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flag Policy (2017): Brad Schall, PCinC

Our resolution is designed to be an organizational response.

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors and marines who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity.

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War STRONGLY oppose the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups.  
WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, STRONGLY oppose the defacement or destruction of any Civil War Monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, do support the flying of all U.S. Flags and C.S.A. flags at our Nation's Civil War historical sites.

THEREFOR, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.

**Previous -- General Orders No. 14, Series 1999-2000, Danny L. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
DISPLAY OF BATTLE FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERACY  
119TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
LANSING, MICHIGAN AUGUST 19, 2000

A resolution in support of the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemn the use of the confederate battle flag, as well as the flag of the United States, by any and all hate groups, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War support the flying of the confederate battle flag as a historical piece of this nation's history, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being "politically correct," and

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers and sailors who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with the confederate veterans under both flags in those bonds of Fraternal Friendship, pledge our support and admiration for those gallant soldiers and of their respective flags;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 119th Annual National Encampment hereby adopt this resolution. Dated in Lansing, Michigan, on this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two thousand.

## **2.2 Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

### **RESOLUTION #1 TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

The Department of CO/WY voted on June 17, 2017 the following Resolution:

Whereas, The State of Idaho was granted as a part of the Colorado Wyoming in 2012 by the request of the CinC as these Brothers had no Camp and were members-at-large.

Whereas, These Brethren were gladly accepted by the Department and assigned to Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 for organizational proposes.

Whereas, These brothers were being visited by Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 and efforts were being conducted to form 2 separate Camps in Idaho.

Whereas, Grave Registration work was being conducted by members in Boise, Idaho with support of Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 and the Colorado Wyoming Department Secretary Eric Dan Richhart PDC.

Whereas, there was a monument restored in Idaho Falls, Idaho and effort made to recruit membership for a new camp

Whereas, The C&R states: Chapter II Departments Article 1 Formation, Section 5

"Departments may petition to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of Camps for a

Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of Camps for a permanent status Department.

If the Department does not concur, those Camps wishing to organize themselves into a new Department, may appeal to the Commander in Chief. The Commander in Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order."

SECTION 6 of the same Article states "IN NO CASE MAY A CAMP SECEDE FROM A DEPARTMENT."

Whereas, the National Organization informed us that they were establishing the new Dept. of Columbia which would include Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho and when told that we wanted to keep Idaho we were informed that the CinC had already given permission to include Idaho in the new Department of Columbia. The Colorado Wyoming Department had no recourse and could not do anything about it.

Therefore, the Department of CO/WY contends that the removal of Idaho from the Department was in violation of the C&R and requests that the 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment held in Lansing Michigan 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017 return the State of Idaho to the Colorado Wyoming Department and all Brethren be reassigned back to Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 for accounting and further efforts to form 2 Camps in Idaho.

### **2.3 Department of New Jersey**

#### **DUAL MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION TO NATIONAL**

The following resolution was passed by the Department of New Jersey, SUVCW, in their annual encampment held at Toms River, NJ on June 10, 2017, for consideration by the National Encampment to be held in Michigan in August 2017.

Be it Resolved that CHAPTER 1. Camps, ARTICLE II. 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 joins as a dual member (he pays national per capita assessment only for his primary or home camp). Dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new Camp.

Attest,  
Dr David G. Martin, Sec/Treas, Dept of NJ, SUVCW

#### **CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS RESOLUTION TO NATIONAL**

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Department of New Jersey, SUVCW, in their annual encampment held at Toms River, NJ on June 10, 2017, for consideration by the National Encampment to be held in Michigan in August 2017.

Whereas, we the members of the Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the removal of any Union, Confederate or historical monument marker or memorial;

Whereas, we the members of the Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War urge that local camps and their state Department monitor and be aware of any marker, memorial or statue in jeopardy notify the National Organization;

Whereas, we the members of the Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ask that our National Organization protect and preserve all statues, monuments and markers of the Civil War to be preserved for future generations to view;

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby adopt this resolution to be sent to all members of the House and Senate as the basis for possible legislation to protect these historical monuments.

Attest,  
Dr. David G. Martin, Sec/Treas, Dept of NJ SUVCW

### **3 Recommendations**

#### **3.1 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Donald W. Shaw, PDC**

I recommend that the We site application have a notice inserted that in the event the applicant knows the camp he wishes to join the Order through, that he is encouraged to approach the Camp and make application directly through that group.

#### **3.2 National Signals Officer & Webmaster: James P. McGuire, DC**

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) Engage a professional firm who can conduct the process of “discovery” in order to determine what our needs for a new website are, so that we can make an informed decision regarding what we need when it comes time to get quotes for a new site.
- 2) The Communications and Technology Committee did well by creating the social media policy. The committee should now develop a social media strategy to optimize management of the various information streams. The committee should collaborate with Marketing and Promotions and Vision to utilize social media information streams to advance the Sons public profile, campaigns and agenda.
- 3) USMemorialDay.org should be redesigned and reimagined as “home base” for this Order’s observance of the 150th Anniversary of Memorial Day.

#### **3.3 Executive Director: David W. Demmy, Sr.**

My recommendation is that all camps and all departments forthwith are required to have an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer to carry on the duties and responsibilities of all Camps and departments regarding the fiscal responsibilities to their Brothers, the SUVCW and IRS.

### **3.4 Assistant National Quartermaster: George Shadman**

Recommendation #1: As the guy who has to process the awards I like the “one award per school per branch of service” guideline unless there is a very unusual circumstance to vary from that. I have had schools that have requested as many as four or five awards this past year. Our organization could not afford to accommodate that kind of request if all the schools submitted multiple Form 7s. Thankfully when I explain our guidelines all have been understanding. Please keep this in the program.

Recommendation #2: On the Form #7 please consider re-titling the section “Cadet Information” to “School Information” since we are not asking for any information on the cadet only on the school and it is a bit confusing. Also at the top of the page eliminate the part that says “An individual Form 7 must be submitted for each Cadet-No exceptions” That goes against the guideline of one cadet per school per branch of service.

Recommendation #3: I receive many requests from schools for presenters from our organization to come to graduations or banquets to personally hand out our awards to the cadet who is receiving it. What an opportunity for our organization! I must rely on information on the department website that is linked on the national website. If there is no ROTC coordinator I automatically go to the department commander. There is nothing more embarrassing than to have the school get back to me saying the information is not correct or department commander is not responding. With that, please keep the information on your department website current.

### **3.5 National Organization Expansion Officer: Loran T. Bures, PCC**

Recommendation:

If the National Encampment desires additional international camps be established, I recommend that the appropriate changes be made to the National Regulations extending the provision of General Order #8 to all Brothers of the Order not served by the United States Postal Service.

Having served three years as the National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer/ National Organization Expansion Officer, I wish my successor a fruitful tenure as the next National Organization Expansion Officer.

### **3.6 National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund: Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

**Recommendation:** Evaluate whether grant eligibility should be expanded to include GAR halls, historical GAR furniture and decorations, and if so, define specific criteria, standards and restrictions for these items.

### **3.7 National Committee on Vision and Planning: Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

**Recommendations:**

- Revamp the recruiting and retention program and develop a strategy to reduce drops. We appear to be recruiting, but not retaining members.
- National Signals Officer and Comm & Technology Committee continue to develop a national IT plan that includes social media, mobile devices & You Tube, QR codes

- Extend our advertising campaign to social media.
- Continue to update the web site as required. Consider a National Chaplain page and update the PI page to be a “patriotism clearing house.”
- Assist Departments and Camps in school engagement, perhaps with a standardized kit similar to what the SAR uses.
- The Battle Flag Preservation program needs to develop a vision, strategy, goals and objectives.
- Establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign this responsibility to an existing committee. (There is a link to the Civil War Trust on the Education page of the National Website.)
- Marketing & Promotion Committee evaluate and report the effectiveness of the strategy.
- Evaluate these initiatives by the November COA meeting to determine if they are achievable.

### **3.8 Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance: Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the CofA make the spring meeting in Springfield the weekend of the Lincoln Tomb program a permanent meeting just like the winter one Remembrance Day weekend. This will show the support of the National Organization and encourage more members to participate in the Lincoln Tomb Observance. This is needed because the attendance every year is getting smaller and smaller.

### **3.9 National Committee on GAR Records: Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

Recommendation 1. That a new GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2017-2022) be approved as outlined below.

1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website ([www.GARrecords.org](http://www.GARrecords.org)) and online GAR Records Catalog.

2) Continue to expand the GAR Records website content to include:

Separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts, including but not limited to meeting locations, dates of muster and disbandment, details of consolidation with other posts, and any other noteworthy facts.

- Links to other SUVCW web pages (Camps and Departments) containing GAR Records information.
- Links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections.
- Relevant bibliographic references.

3) Continue to encourage and assist SUVCW Departments and Camps in developing and/or expanding their respective GAR Records programs. Support actions to include:

- Preparation of a handbook to provide guidance in searching for and cataloging GAR records.
- Providing personal guidance, as needed, to Department GAR Records Officers and other individuals when needed.

4) Expand public awareness and involvement in the GAR Records Program. Actions to include: Creation and/or participation in an online forum or message board that is specific to the topic of GAR records.

- Encouraging local libraries, museums, genealogical and historical societies, veterans' organizations, and other holders of GAR records collections to index and publish the contents of their collections.
- Support efforts (both within the SUVCW and external to our organization) to digitize and make publicly available collections of GAR records.

### **3.10 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021): James Ward, PDC**

- I. **Recommendation #1:** While National Encampment 2016 extended the National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues to National Encampment 2021, members continue to serve at the pleasure of the Commander-In-Chief. The committee recommends the incoming Commander-In-Chief reappoint Brother Ward as chairman. The committee further recommends no other Committee Members/Aides be appointed/re-appointed until a later date.
- II. **Recommendation #2:** Each Department provide to the Chairman, National Special Committee On Hereditary Issues, Post Office Box 542103, Merritt Island, Florida 32954-2103, and/or [jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com](mailto:jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com) (1) contact information for a Department Brother on this topic, and (2) have Camp Secretaries provide current Camp rosters to Chairman Ward, in particular distinguishing between regular (hereditary ) Members and Associate Members. Where available, also provide Union Veteran Ancestors of regular members, including name, enlistment date and place, discharge type, date and place, units served, action seen, and references where available.
- III. **Recommendation #3:** Brothers with data compiling, storing, accessing and archiving expertise and experience provide a resume to Chairman Ward, National Special Committee On Hereditary Issues, Post Office Box 542103, Merritt Island, Florida 32954-2103, and/or [jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com](mailto:jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com).
- IV. **Recommendation #4:** Brothers with web site creation or contracting experience, both for desktop searchable database displays and mobile searchable database displays, as well as web security, provide a resume to Chairman Ward National Special Committee On Hereditary Issues, Post Office Box 542103, Merritt Island, Florida 32954-2103, and/or [jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com](mailto:jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com).

### **3.11 Department of Colorado and Wyoming: Garry W. Brewer, DC**

Recommendation: The Camp & Department Patriotic Instructor's report form on the National Website should be converted to a "fill-in" form.

### **3.12 Department of Missouri: Randal A. Burd Jr., DC Recommendations**

- 1.) That the Assistant Quartermaster of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be directed to send all the ROTC awardees' names, schools attending, and dates of presentation submitted by camps to the Department ROTC officer for record keeping, as these are submitted directly to National from the camps, often leaving the Department without a record of the event.

## **4 National Elected Officer Reports**

### **4.1 Commander-in-Chief: Donald L. Martin, CinC**

1. Negotiated contract Termination Agreement with Love Place Photography. 18-26 Aug 16
2. Ensured payment for photographic servicers at 2016 Lincoln Tomb.
3. Approved payment for photographic services of PCinC Steve Michaels for National Encampment.
4. Hired PCInC Ken Freshley as National Photographer
5. Worked with Graves Committee Chair concerning attempted hacks to Graves Database. 18-23 Aug16
6. Coordinated with Departments of Rhode Island and Massachusetts for SUVCW National representation by PCinC Perley Mellor at the Memorial Service for Pvt. Jewett B. Williams whose remains were moved from Washington State to the State of Maine. 14 Aug to 17 Sep 16
7. General Order #3, Encampment attire. 24 Aug 16.
8. Approved contract with PCinC Freshley to redesign the Quarter Master on-line Store, 27 Aug 16
9. General Order #4. Reflects the collected data, discussed issues, and evaluation of input concerning Memorial Day and the 2016 Encampment vote concerning it. 25-30 Aug 16
10. Sent letter to Tony M. Sanders, Chairman, Board of Supervisors protesting land development within the boundaries of the Battle of Gettysburg, PA. 29 Aug 16
11. Negotiating contract for our National Headquarters in Harrisburg, PA.
12. CofA discussing the Banner shipping rates to Brothers in International Camp and permits them to request an electronic Banner in lieu of the hard copy.
13. General Order #5 Appointed Robert E. Grim Commanding Officer Sons of Veterans Reserve. 26 Sep 16
14. General Order #6 Legislation Watch 12 Sep 16
15. General Order #7 Real Sons Death 12 Oct 16
16. General Order #8 Banner to International Camps. 13 Oct 16
17. Suggested wording for Ancestor Certificate, approved. 7 Nov 16
18. General Order #9 Brother Suspended pending hearing council ruling. 8 Nov 16
19. Denied appeal of a Department hearing council that was filed to late. 6 Nov 16
20. Fall CofA meeting reports will be electronic copy, not hard copy Nov. 16
21. Redesigned Quartermaster online store opened. 21 Nov 16
22. Letter of Reprimand issued concerning a Brother's actions. 23 Nov 16
23. Fraud, Harassment, Whistleblower, and Nepotism Policies sent to Programs and Policies 26 Nov 16
24. Harassment Policy reviewed and posted on web site. 28 Nov 16
25. Signed new contract for our National Headquarters in Harrisburg, PA. 2 Dec 2016

26. History Committee to examine contributions of others beside Stephenson in creating the GAR. 14 Dec 16
27. Ruling concerning voting for new member applications must be at a Camp meeting. 14 Dec 16
28. General Order 10, in Memory of PCinC Charles Kuhn 16 Dec 16
29. General Order 11, Camp and Department Bylaws will have provisions for Brothers under 18. 3 Jan 17
30. Letter sent to Ensign John Davis Camp 10, London, England celebrating their first year. 6 Jan 17
31. Ruling concerning use of word "May" Chapter I, Article I, Section 1, "Camps may be named" 8 Jan 17
32. Developed corrections to the inconsistencies in FORM 50. 8 Jan 17
33. Appointed PCinC Gene Mortorff Assistant Executive Director 11 Jan 17
34. General Order 12 Inconsistencies with Form 50 8 Jan 17
35. National Patriotic Instructor Handbook approved. Jan 17
36. General Order 13 Patriotic Instructor Reports 27 Jan 17
37. National should only fund a National Officer visit to either Dept. Encampment or Mid Winer. 30 Jan 17
38. General Order 14 No "Virtual Camps" 1 Feb 17
39. Donation from special projects fund for Julius Kroehl Memorials in Panama 1 Feb 17
40. Curtis King Camp No. 37, Department of Iowa Charter. Date of ranking: 5 Feb 17
41. National Organization ONLY received 501c3 status. 8 Feb 17
42. General Order 15 Replacement Charter Gen. McPherson Camp #1, Dept. of Missouri. Issued 15 Feb 17
43. Denied Dept. request for filing of Forms, worked with treasure to get forms in 23 Feb 17
44. Helped resolve the issue of two life members with same number late Feb.
45. Requested the P&P Committee to select a digital template to print membership cards 27 Feb 17
46. Assisted National treasurer in gaining IRS 501c3 information 20-28 Feb 17
47. General Order No. 16: C&R and General Order Consolidation 5 Mar 17
48. General Order No. 17: Passing of Real Daughter Rachel Perine 8 Mar 17
49. Signed Form 55 Creating the General Winfield Scott #73, Department of New Jersey. 8 Mar 17
50. Denied request from Sons of Spanish American War Veterans to speak at Encampment. 9 Mar 17
51. Spring CofA meeting reports will be electronic copy, not hard copy 10 Mar 17
52. General Order No. 18: Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson
53. Approval of SUVCW Whistleblowers Policy. 20 Mar 17
54. Approval of SUVCW Conflict of Interest Policy. 20 Mar 17
55. Approval of SUVCW Nepotism Policy. 20 Mar 17
56. Approval of SUVCW Social Media Policy. 20 Mar 17
57. Approval Capitalization of Assets Policy 23 Mar 17
58. Approval of Fillable PDF Template for Printing National SUVCW Membership Cards 23 Mar 17.
59. Pugh & Company, P.C. ("Pugh") CPAS Knoxville, TN selected as SUVCW Auditing Firm 25 Mar 17

60. Dept. WI Last Union Veteran Grave Medallion Approved by CofA 25 Mar 2015
61. General Order No. 19: SUVCW and Personal Views 26 Mar 2017
62. Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award presented to Auxiliary PNP Diane Mellor. 22 Apr 17
63. BF Stephenson Award for recruiting renamed the David R. Medert Award. 25 Apr17
64. SUVCW to be added to Veteran Administration directory of Veterans Services Organizations. 27 Apr 17
65. Heg Camp #15, Dept. WI lawsuit over Muskego Cemetery continuance allowed by CofA. 27 Apr 17
66. Old Glory Camp No. 6165, Department of Illinois Charter. Date of ranking: 3 May 17
67. Received appeal to National Encampment from Kenneth Tuma. 5 May 17
68. Signed the Engagement Letter for the SUVCW audit. 15 May 17
69. IRS denied the SVCW 501c3 group exemption 15 May 17
70. Sgt. Charles Huxford Camp No. 63, Department of Connecticut Charter. Date of ranking: 15 May 17
71. Revised SUVCW Awards and Recognition Policy approved. 22 May 17
72. Policies on procedures for cash disbursements and procedures for handling changes to the terms of contracts approved 25 May 17.
73. Schedules for reviewing the SUVCW Policies, Forms & Publications approved. 25 May 17
74. G O 20 Memorial Day Message 25 May 17
75. Letters sent expressing SUVCW Battlefield Policy connected to Nash Farm Battlefield, GA 30 May 17
76. GO 21 National Battlefields Policy 31 May 17
77. Researched and discovered that National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 are not recognized by the GAR to be a member of the Allied Orders. 4 Jun 17
78. Columbus CofA Meeting minutes held March 25, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio approved. 5 Jun 17
79. GO 22 Award Nomination Deadlines 8 June 2017.
80. GO 23 General Henry B. Banning Camp #207, Dept. OH Charter Revoked 8 Jun 17.
81. Responded to Palm Beach Post, FL concerning Confederate Monuments and SUVCW policy. 15 Jun 17.
82. GO 24 Department of Vermont Reinstated 15 June 2017.
83. GO 25 Thomas E. Bowman Camp #12, Dept. CO/WY Charter Revoked 18 Jun 17.
84. Approved Charter for Thomas West Sherman Camp no. 1, Department of Rhode Island. 20 Jun 17.

#### Commander In Chief Travel Schedule

##### 2016

1. September 17, Lincoln Statue Dedication, Dayton, OH
2. October 9, 150th Anniversary of the Founding of GAR Dinner, Groton, MA
3. November 19, Remembrance Day Parade & Council of Administration Meeting, Gettysburg, PA

##### 2017

4. January 14, Department of Kansas Encampment, Lawrence, KS
5. January 21, Testimonial for CinC, Columbus, OH
6. February 4, Department of Wisconsin Encampment, Wauwatosa, WI

7. February 12, Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative, Washington, DC
8. February 18, Department of Florida Encampment, St. Cloud, FL
9. March 25, Council of Administration Meeting, Columbus, OH
10. April 1, Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas Encampment, Fremont, NE
11. April 7-8, Department of Rhode Island Encampment, Providence, RI
12. April 15, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, MA
13. April 21-22, Department of Massachusetts Encampment, Dedham, MA
14. April 30, General Ulysses S. Grant Birthday Ceremony, New York, NY
15. May 29, National Memorial Day, Arlington, VA
16. May 30, Traditional Memorial Day Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns, Arlington Cemetery, VA
17. June 3, Department of Kentucky Encampment, West Point, KY
18. June 10, Department of Ohio Encampment, Columbus, OH
19. June 17 Department of Colorado/Wyoming Encampment, Salt Lake City, UT
20. June 23-24, Department of Texas Encampment, Sachse, TX
21. July 19-20, Sons Confederate Veterans Re-Union, Memphis, TN
22. July 22, Department of Chesapeake Bivouac. Clarksville, MD
23. August 10-13, 136th National Encampment, Lansing, MI

#### **4.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief: Mark R. Day, PDC**

See the following Report on the Activities of the SVCinC during the period August 2016 and August 2017

1. On the 9th and 10th of September, I attended a USCT Grave Marker Dedication in Dalanagha, GA in support of the Department of GA's Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3.
2. On the 18th of September, I represented the CinC at a Medal of Honor program put on by the Department of the Chesapeake's Harris Camp in Lexington Park, Maryland
3. On the 8th and 9th of October, I traveled to attend the Testimonial Luncheon for the newly elected Pennsylvania Department Commander, John Franz. I also had the pleasure of visiting with PCinC Mortorff during that trip.
4. On October 22nd, I accompanied the Brothers of my home camp, Taylor-Wilson #10, on a trip to locate and place flags on the graves of 8 recently identified Union soldiers in Appomattox and Prince Edward Counties.
5. On the 18th and 19th of November, I attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg
6. On the 11th of December, I attended annual National Park ceremonies at the Irish Brigade Monument in Fredericksburg, VA. Following the ceremony, I had the pleasure of eating lunch with the brothers of the Irish Brigade Camp # 4 from Fredericksburg, VA which is part of the Department of the Chesapeake.
7. On the 23rd of December my wife Barbara and I attended the Funeral of PCinC Charlies Kuhn in Gettysburg, PA.

8. On the of January I attended the Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 meeting in Lynchburg, VA
9. On the 14th of January, I had been scheduled to attend the Meade Camp, Department of the Chesapeake and at their request and with the assent of Department Commander install their officers. Unfortunately the weather prevented my attendance
10. On the 17th of January, I attended the Chamberlain Camp #20, Department of the Chesapeake and at their request, with the assent of the Department Commander install their officers for the year 2017.
12. On the 12th of February, I attended the annual Lincoln birthday celebrations, which are held at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC
- 13 On the 2nd of March, I attended the Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 meeting
14. On the 3-5th of March, I attended the Department of Tennessee's Annual Encampment, which was held in Murfreesboro, TN as the National Representative and installed their officers for 2017.
15. On the 7th of April, I attended the Annual Encampment of the Department of Rhode Island
16. On the 15th of April, I served as the master of ceremonies for the Lincoln Death Day tomb ceremonies and the Lincoln Death Day Luncheon in Springfield, Illinois.
17. On the 22nd of April, I represented the CinC at the Annual Encampment of the Department of the Chesapeake in Front Royal, Virginia.
18. On the 5th and 6th of May, I represented the CinC at the Annual Encampment of the Department of New York in Ithaca, NY
19. On the 3rd of June, I represented the CinC at the Annual Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin.
20. On the 22nd -25th of June, I represented the CinC at the Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department in Pittsburgh, PA
21. On the 21st and 22nd of July, I attended a Department of the Chesapeake Bivouac, in Clarksville, Maryland.

### **4.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Donald W. Shaw, PDC**

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels this last year, I have also been busy with Junior Vice Commander in Chief duties at a National level. I have monitored and participated in the discussions regarding questions coming before the Council. Further, I have cast votes on the issues put to the Council for discussion and decision.

I have attended various dedications and events promoting the Order and honoring the service of our Civil War ancestors. I continue to serve as Co chair of the Michigan Host Committee for the 2017 National Encampment.

I have processed in these last eleven months, 201 applications for membership sent in to the Order. Most of these have already been sent on to the Department Junior Vice Commanders for assignment to camps. Some had problems as regards missing signature or no check attached. Those matters were referred back to the applicant and in most cases, the error was corrected and the entire application package sent on to the Department. A few were not eligible due to degree of relationship to the soldier. These were invited to join the Order as associates.

Additionally I have fielded various emails and telephone calls with questions regarding membership. Some of these required intervention to be sure the new member was well settled into his camp. Usually, with the help of the Department or Camp official, we were able to take care of the members concern.

An ongoing problem noted during the year was the length of time it took to get a member to a camp and to have him formally elected to membership. In this day of instant response to requests, our system of having the member elected at the local level, is time consuming to the point that some people get anxious about the status of their membership applications. In my initial letter to the applicant, I explain the process and that it will take time to accomplish which, I believe, helps to address this problem. It would also help to move things along more quickly if an applicant who knew which camp he wished to join, applied directly to that camp. Our current online application does not point that out as an option. It should.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the Web site application have a notice inserted that in the event the applicant knows the camp he wishes to join the Order through, that he is encouraged to approach the Camp and make application directly through that group.

### **4.4 National Secretary: Jonathan C. Davis, PDC**

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings:

Council of Administration meeting, Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, March 25, 2017.

### MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.

The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since March 2017. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below.

- **Motion 13 Motion Passed March 14, 2017**

A motion by Brother Mark Day, seconded by Brother Edward Norris to approve the new and or revised policies on Whistleblowers, Conflict of Interest, Nepotism, which respond to the deficiencies identified by the auditors and the recommendations made by the National Treasurer, as well as the new policy on Social Media.

- **Motion 14 Motion Passed March 23, 2017**

Motion by Brother Mark Day, seconded by Brother Edward Norris to approve the Capitalization of Assets policy previously sent out, which responds to a deficiency identified by the auditors and the recommendation made by the National Treasurer.

- **Motion 15 Motion Passed March 23, 2017**

Motion by Brother Mark Day, seconded by Brother Edward Norris to approve the PDF template for producing membership cards on the card stock sold in the Quartermaster Store and the instruction sheet that goes with it.

- **Motion 16 Motion Passed April 6, 2017**

Motion by Brother Mark Day, seconded by Brother Donald Shaw to approve the revised Form 3. This revision adds a requirement that a Parent or Guardian sign as witness on the application of any member under the age of 18.

- **Motion 17 Motion Passed April 6, 2017**

Motion by Brother Mark Day, seconded by Brother Donald Shaw to approve the revised Form 9. The changes are necessary to bring the fees shown on the Form 9 into alignment with the fees stated in the C&R.

- **Motion 18 Motion Passed April 6, 2017**

Motion by Brother Mark Day, seconded by Brother Donald Shaw to approve the motion that all previous payments for Life Membership were made and received in good faith, and that no retroactive collection or refunds will be made.

- **Motion 19 Motion Passed April 6, 2017**

Motion by Brother Mark Day, seconded by Brother Donald Shaw to approve the revised Form 35. This revision was done to accommodate a change that was requested by the National Executive Director.

- **Motion 20 Motion Passed April 19, 2017**

Motion by Brother Mike Paquette, seconded by Brother Edward Norris that the Order's Lifetime Achievement award be named in honor of PCinC Elmer "Bud" Atkinson with the provision that we have Sister Atkinson's approval to do so. (This approval has been granted).

- **Motion 21 Motion Passed April 23, 2017**

Motion by Brother Fredric Lynch, seconded by Brother Donald Shaw that the organization to facilitate completing and submitting to the VA the form required for the SUVCW to be included in the Department of Veterans Affairs' directory of recognized Veterans Services Organizations.

- **Motion 22 Motion Passed April 23, 2017**

Motion by Brother Lynch, seconded by Brother Norris that Distinguished Brother David R. Medert, his memory, and his contributions deserve high honor and memorialization within

our Order. I propose that the existing B.F. Stephenson Award be renamed the "David R. Medert Award".

- **Motion 23 Motion Passed April 23, 2017**

Motion by Brother Day, seconded by Brother Pierson to approve the revised Form 5.

- **Special 1 Passed April 26, 2017**

Approval to allow the Col. Hans C. Heg Camp #15, Dept. of Wisconsin lawsuit over Muskego Cemetery to continue.

- **Motion 24 Motion Passed May 21, 2017**

Motion by Brother Day, seconded by Brother P. Davis to approve the revised Form 35.

- **Motion 25 Motion Passed May 21, 2017**

Motion by Brother Day, seconded by Brother Pierson to approve the revised SUVCW Awards and Recognition Policy.

- **Motion 26 Motion Passed May 24, 2017**

Motion by Brother Day, seconded by Brother Pierson to adopt the schedules for reviewing the SUVCW Policies and for reviewing the Forms and Publications of the SUVCW. By adopting these schedules we will establish reasonable timelines and guidelines for the P&P Committee to follow in the performance of their duties; while still allowing the CinC, CofA, or National Encampment to direct the P&P to revise these policies, forms, and publications when necessary.

- **Motion 27 Motion Passed May 24, 2017**

Motion by Brother Day, seconded by Brother McReynolds to approve the policies on procedures for cash disbursements and procedures for handling changes to the terms of contracts.

- **Motion 28 Motion Passed June 2, 2017**

Approval of the Columbus CofA Meeting minutes held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio.

#### CAMP CHARTERS.

One new application for permission to form a new camp was received since March 2017:

- Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54, Department of Massachusetts. Expires March 19, 2018
- Richard J. Clark Camp No. 210, Department of New York. Expires May 6, 2018
- Camp Lilly Camp No. 6, Department of Missouri. Expires May 22, 2018
- Florence Burke/William Haste Camp No. 37, Department of Massachusetts. Expires June 10, 2018

The following charters have been issued by CinC Donald Martin since March, 2017:

- (2017-04) Old Glory Camp No. 6165, Department of Illinois. Date of ranking: May 3, 2017.

- (2017-05) Sgt. Charles Huxford Camp No. 63, Department of Connecticut. Date of ranking: May 15, 2017.
- (2017-06) General Thomas West Sherman Camp No. 1, Department of Rhode Island. Date of ranking: June 20, 2017.

#### NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

April 28, 2017 - Represented National during the Department of Oklahoma Encampment Meeting in Tulsa.

June 3, 2017 - Represented National during the Department of Missouri Encampment Meeting in Branson.

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Have not yet received the National Encampment Proceedings for 2015 or 2016 for printing and distribution.

### **4.5 National Treasurer: David McReynolds, DC**

I can say without reservation that this year has been very busy without any substantive break.

Following is a summary of the many activities, accomplishments and work yet to be done:

1. Immediately upon becoming Treasurer, I established a process whereby I could receive and approve invoices for payment and forward an electronic copy to Assistant Treasurer Jim Pahl, PCinC to write and mail the checks. This step was necessary to keep us current with our vendors during the transition from the old Treasurer to the new Treasurer. This process continued from the middle of August to the first of October when I had determined what banking relationships were needed both locally and in existing banks for me to conduct business. I established a primary banking relationship with CBBC Bank in Maryville, TN, a bank who has the highest possible ratings by the various bank rating agencies.
2. By early September, I had contacted all the various banks that we had been doing business with and started the process to change signatories and addresses. With some banks, this was a relatively straightforward and easy process. For others, it was a process that involved sending material via snail mail to current signatories (usually the Assistant Treasurers) that had a lead time of about one week between mail stops and then back to the bank. This process worked for many of the banks but took about six weeks to complete (mid-October). And finally, there were two banks who could not seem to get and keep the changes made which took continuous phone calls and data transmittals to fix. And with the banks who had multiple accounts, changes were made to some accounts but not all accounts. However, by early December all changes to accounts with all banks and investment companies were complete except for some address changes that continued to pop up throughout the first six months of 2017. These processes were an unneeded distraction that took valuable time away from other, more important projects during the start-up period.
3. During this early start-up period, I also reviewed and made minor adjustments to the budget which was approved at the CofA meeting in November. I also compiled comparative consolidated financial statements for the first three months ended September 30, 2016 with explanatory notes for the meeting.

4. By the November CoA meeting, the audit had been completed, the 990 filed and the 1023 application for 501(c)3 tax status was complete and filed. All this work was done during my first two months in office. At this meeting, I brought several recommendations for policy changes made by our auditor. Those changes were referred to the P&P Committee of which I am a member. The members of the committee worked hard on those policy changes, brought them to the CoA for approval, and they are now posted on the National Web Site. These policies were intended to improve internal control and to protect individuals and included policies on the Capitalization of Assets, Whistleblower Protections, Conflicts of Interest, Nepotism, Cash Disbursements, and the Payment of Contracts.
5. Before the 1023 application was filed, in tandem with our outside Accountant and tax adviser, I took it upon myself to test EIN numbers of our subordinate units (camps, departments, military units and districts) against the IRS database for small non-for-profit entities. Too many turned up as having their tax status revoked for failure to file their 990N tax returns for 3 years in a row (out of the first 50 tested, 10 were delinquent). With this information, I decided not to seek 501(c)3 status for the group but just for the National Organization. After a series of telephone conversations with our Accountant and with the Agent reviewing our application, we received a favorable determination on February 8, 2017 confirming 501(c)3 tax status for the National Organization.
6. It is the consensus opinion of all those who worked on our 1023 application that if we had included a request to change the Group Exemption, the entire application would have been denied. With hindsight, that was probably one of the best decisions made during the first 90 days of my tenure as National Treasurer.
7. Also, early in my tenure, I received by mail a delinquency notice from the State of Oregon regarding keeping our tax-exempt registrations current. This contact was made through the State Attorney General's Office and threatened large fines and penalties. I was able to resolve this one issue and avoid the fine but we discovered that in 2013, the National Organization had filed registrations in most states to allow it to solicit donations in anticipation of obtaining 501(c)3 tax status. Once obtained, these registrations must be kept current and up to date. We engaged, via contract, Labyrinth, Inc., to assure that we were up to date in our filings. We have had to pay some late filing fees for the years in between our original filings and the present time. We intend to continue our contractual relationship with Labyrinth because the process is difficult, time consuming and somewhat confusing. Each state approaches the certifications in their own, unique way and the fees and documentation required vary state by state.
8. Immediately after receiving the positive tax news for the National Organization, I filed, in collaboration with our outside Accountant, a Group Exemption Application to attempt to move our subordinate units from 501(c)4 tax status to 501(c)3 tax status. The preparation for this application had started prior to our receipt of the approval of 501(c)3 status for the National Organization. I appreciate everyone's assistance in making certain that we had, in writing, a request from every subordinate unit to be part of this group exemption. We also asked that the due date for the Form 11 be moved up to February 28, 2017 so that we would have the most up to date information for each unit when we filed the application. Form 11 is how the subordinate units, by Department and now Military District, communicate the proper EINs for every entity in the SUVCW and the most current contact information. We then take these forms, consolidate the information into

one Excel workbook and send to the IRS to identify who is in our group and who has been added or deleted from the prior year's filing. We filed a very complete application for the Group Exemption and responded to a set of detailed questions from the Agent who was reviewing the application during the process. Despite our efforts, the group application was denied by the IRS. The reasons given by the IRS were: (1) too many subordinate units had delinquent tax status and the overwhelming majority had not corrected those delinquencies, (2) too many subordinate units had their own tax status, having filed their own Form 1023 or Form 1024 which had been approved by the IRS, and (3) the first two findings show that the central organization does not have adequate control over the subordinates.

9. With the denial, I immediately filed an update for 2017 to our OLD group exemption under 501(c)4 for those subordinate units who had remained in good standing.
10. With all of the confusion centered around our efforts to change tax status, we tried very hard to communicate with our department commanders and secretaries. At first, when our group application was being considered, we asked for a moratorium on other filings. Immediately upon learning our application was denied, we started a communication process to lift the moratorium that included e-mails to the departments and a posting on the National web site. In addition to that, I answered, in a timely manner, over 300 inquiries regarding tax issues from individuals, camp and department officers, and members of the CoA. Many of these questions required research before responding. I had very long e-mail strings going simultaneously during this time.
11. I have drafted changes to the C&R (which were approved by the C&R Committee) to help us through the findings that came out of the Group Exemption application process. We want to provide pathways for camps to return to "compliant" status. And, we want to provide clear instruction for who has the ultimate responsibility for tax issues within the Camp and the Department or Military District.
12. I provided input to the C&R Committee on changes that would consolidate several Funds into the General Fund. This consolidation is possible with the National Organization achieving 501(c)3 tax status and will simplify the bookkeeping processes monthly. I support these changes.
13. During the year, I have also undertaken other steps to improve Internal Control. First, I asked for an individual in my local area to become an Assistant Treasurer. This allows a second set of eyes to review the books and an individual to sign checks promptly when made out to the Treasurer. Second, I bring the bank statements and reconciliations on our primary checking account to each CoA meeting for review and comment. This mitigates some of the risk of having only one individual involved in the cash disbursement process. Third, we have established a workable way to assure what is received by National HQ is mailed to the Treasurer and that the monetary receipts match. Fourth, we ask for approval of invoices by a second party, usually by e-mail, but sometimes on the invoices themselves. The QM is doing an excellent job indicating his receipt on bills for the QM inventory and related expenses. The same goes for the ROTC program with the Assistant QM preparing detailed reports. Also, the Banner Editor approves invoices for payment via e-mail. I have also asked for a second approval on other items by the CinC from time to time even when the C&R may allow me to act alone.
14. A set of detailed financial statements were sent to the CoA for the six months ended December 31, 2016 and for the seven months ended January 31, 2017, which were

attached to and made a part of the minutes for the March 2017 CoA meeting. Also, detailed statements were sent out via e-mail to the CoA for the nine months ending March 31, 2017 for review and comment. And attached to this report is an addendum containing consolidated financial statements (pre-audit) for the year ended June 30, 2017 with comparisons to last year and the consolidated budgets for the years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2018 (proposed) with comments by the Treasurer.

15. I am currently working on and hope to present at the National Encampment a draft of an online Treasurer's Handbook that will give direction on many issues to Treasurers at various levels in our organizations. There will be heavy emphasis on tax issues.
16. While performing all the duties above, I was also heavily involved in the SUVCW at the Camp and Department level. At the Camp level, I volunteered to continue as Signals Officer (Newsletter Editor and Webmaster for the Camp's web site) and Historian. In March, I was honored to have been unanimously elected as Department Commander for Tennessee (with Mississippi and Alabama) and I have dived into those responsibilities head first.
17. I also volunteered to represent the CinC at the Annual Encampments of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina and the Department of North Carolina. I was proud to have had the honor to install their officers.

Also see Appendix A, Section 9.

#### **4.6 National Quartermaster: Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC**

It is an honor to have served this year as your quartermaster. This report marks the 13th. year.

This year total is minus \$5,000 dollars in sales from ROTC program now that it is free. The sales my figures Brother Mc Reynolds figures of the official ones. The total for this year is 43,108.20 this is 2,086 26 less than last year, which means a increase in sales. The orders were up 95 from last year which helped. This is because Brother Freshley and myself was able to redo the site and get all items on the internet we are selling some things that was just setting in store and not selling.

We have put new items on knives , stickers, and certificates ancestor, and flag. It is getting harder and harder to find new products that members would want.

We now have a separate acct for Brother Atkinson's to show a final tally on his things . I went to Philadelphia. and picked them up from his wife Margaret. Brother Atkinson will be missed He and I would discuss the store every month. He never gave up in his heart the store and always wanted to know how it was going.

#### **4.7 Council of Administration – 2017: Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

I have the honor to submit the following report:

I voted on such motions as came before the Council of Administration.

Assisted US Embassy, Panama, per their request, for a VA headstone and monument/marker for Julius H Kroehl, a Civil War naval veteran and early submarine designer buried at Corazal US

Cemetery in Panama City, Panama. Additional details are in the Monuments Grant Committee report.

I had the pleasure of assisting the National Patriotic Instructor in drafting an updated edition of the National Patriotic Instructor Handbook, including formatting the handbook and annual PI reports.

On 22 April 2017, I had the honor to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Department of Illinois' annual Encampment.

I served on the following committees: National Military Affairs Committee; Monuments Grant Committee; Vision and Strategic Planning Committee.

It has been my pleasure to serve our great Order on the COA for the past three years; I plan to run for second term at the Encampment's pleasure.

#### **4.8 Council of Administration – 2018: Edward J. Norris, PDC**

I participated in the online discussions and took part in the online voting of motions. I was not able to attend the Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting. I represented our Commander-in-Chief at the Department of Maine and Department of New Hampshire Encampments.

I will be running for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 136th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.

#### **4.9 Council of Administration – 2018: Fredric C. Lynch, PDC**

1. At March 25 COA meeting, verbally proposed: SUVCW apply to be included in the "Department of Veterans Affairs' Directory of Recognized Veterans Services Organizations". Subsequently provided written background and justification information needed for decision-making. Proposal approved by COA as Motion 21. Afterwards, information needed to prepare application provided to National Secretary Davis to complete action.
2. Participated by Electronic Bulletin Board in COA votes on various motions and nominations for national awards.
3. May 27 participated in Dayton VA Center Sesquicentennial as opening ceremony speaker.
4. May 27-28 participated in 13th Annual Patriot Freedom Festival at Dayton VA Center.
5. May 29, speaker at Memorial Day service at Old Greencastle Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.
6. May 29, guest at Memorial Day service at Woodland Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.
7. June 10, along with Commander in Chief Martin, several PCinCs and other national officers, attended Department of Ohio Encampment in Columbus, Ohio.
8. On June 20, along with PCinC Grim and 20 Ohio Brothers, attended Ohio State legislature Criminal Justice Committee hearing for Ohio House Bill 48, the "Ohio Veterans' Heritage Protection Act."

#### **4.10 Council of Administration – 2019: Michael A. Paquette, PDC**

Since my last report, I have participated in the following SUVCW related events and activities;

- Council of Administration Meeting – 25 March, Columbus, OH

- Department of Rhode Island Annual Banquet and Encampment – 7 & 8 April, Providence, RI
- Department of the Chesapeake 130th Annual Encampment – 22 April, Front Royal, VA
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Guerrero at Quantico High School annual award ceremony – 11 May, Quantico, VA
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Jurkowski at West Potomac High School annual award ceremony – 19 May, Alexandria, VA
- National Memorial Day Parade – 29 May, Washington D.C.
- Irish Brigade Camp #4 Decoration Day Dinner – 30 May, Fredericksburg, VA
- Separation Day Parade – 10 June, New Castle, DE
- Headstone Dedication for Private Issac Bayard 3rd USCT – 10 June, New Castle, DE
- Camp meetings of Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake – 23 March, 28 April and 22 June, Fredericksburg, VA
- All Monument Grant Committee voting sessions
- All Council of Administration voting sessions.

#### **4.11 Council of Administration – 2019: Paul Davis, PDC**

To date, I have attended all regularly scheduled COA Meetings and will be attending the August CofA Meeting in Lansing, Michigan.

I have voted on most motions and believe I may have missed no more than two.

I am currently serving on two committees.

The first is the Memorial Day Committee. I have had communication with Keith Harrison, Chair of that committee, and one meeting for the purpose of discussion and planning. Via Email communication a position has been developed and Keith Harrison will be communicating that position in his report at the National Encampment in August.

The second Committee is the Heritage Committee chaired by Jim Ward. At this time I have nothing to report on the activities or my involvement on that committee.

In April I attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois as well as the memorial services at the Stephenson monument in Petersburg, Illinois.

I continue to regularly work with the Department of Michigan Officers and attend Camp meetings within the Department to assist them and serve the needs of these Camps. I am assisting a Camp Organizer with the establishment of a new Camp for the Department of Michigan. I also regularly attend Sons events and Memorial Services and public events to promote the identity and work of our Order. We had an especially busy Memorial Day week with five services including a Headstone Dedication Service for the family of their Civil War Veteran.

In June, we provided a Color Guard for the National Society Daughters of the Union, 1861 to 1865 at their 105th National Congress. On July 26, 2017, I will be attending the 127th National Convention of the Daughters Of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 to extend greetings.

The following day, we will post the Colors for the opening of their Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Department of Michigan is hosting the 2017 National Encampment. I serve as the Co-Chair for the 2017 National Encampment Executive Host Committee along with some other task group responsibilities. This responsibility has taken a great deal of my time and attention.

We have been working on the Encampment for more than two years. Since January we have been heavily engaged with the actual execution process. Initially we had some great success and were ahead of schedule on a number of tasks. We sold out all of our Custer Michigan Cavalry Brigade souvenir badges.

The Host Committee has arranged for some interesting and unique opportunities for our guests including attendance at an afternoon minor league Toronto Blue Jays baseball game with the Lansing Lugnuts a Toronto Blue Jay's affiliate. The stadium is just a few blocks away and within walking distance of the host hotel.

Hotel reservations were going well but have now slowed as we approach the July 10th deadline for room reservation. There are still rooms available at the host hotel and we have taken proactive measures to encourage additional room reservations.

Our greatest concern at this time is participation at the Banquet. Banquet ticket sales are well behind schedule. We will need about 50 more banquet reservations by the July 31 deadline to meet our quota.

Pre-registration numbers for the Sons is about 150 at this time.

We have in the past few months encountered some troubling communication and administrative issues within the Department of Michigan and the Allied Orders regarding the National Encampment and we are working very closely with National Site Selection Committee Chair, Jim Crane to address and resolve these issues.

#### **4.12 Council of Administration: Eugene Mortorff, PCinC**

I've voted in the Boardroom and was appointed as Asst. National Executive Director and am working hard at that.

#### **4.13 Banner Editor: James B. Pahl, PCinC**

February 2017 saw the one year anniversary of my appointment as Banner Editor. The Summer edition was mailed last month and the deadline for the Fall issue is the end of August.

I would like to commend Dave Milawski of DM Design & Videography (layout), Bill Sallwasser of United Press and Graphics (printer). Their efforts are what make the Banner such a great publication.

I hope each of you are enjoying the Banner. It is my pledge that my brothers will receive four Banners a year – on schedule.

#### **4.14 Executive Director: David W. Demmy, Sr.**

Brothers I won't bore you with the usual statics on how many life membership applications processed this year or the number of death notices; however we have lost a great number of Brothers due to death so far this year – you can read their names in the banner provided by our illustrates Chaplain Brother Jerry.

I have one thing of importance to share with you. Let's call it number 11 to Brother Don Darby's report on 10 items.

A year ago I lost my WWII combat father and on the day of this funeral my bride of 44 years in 2016 was hospitalized for removal of her gallbladder. Since then many of you know she is undergoing treatment for an uncommon GI Tract cancer! Got me thinking about my duties as your executive director and running the national office. I thought what if I break a leg and can't drive to the office for weeks and weeks. Who will open the mail and process the checks, life membership applications, death notices, who will complete the incoming 2016 form 49s and the delinquent form 35s with all of their form 27s? I pondered the query for a while and eventually contacted our 2017 Commander in Chief Don Martin and recommended that an assistant be assigned to me to learn the operation and keep the paperwork following to the national treasurer, national chaplain, and the editor of our great Banner and answering queries from our many department secretaries.

Shortly PCinC Brother Gene was appointed to assistant executive director and Gene immediately dug into the office operation, handling checks for life memberships and sending appropriate documentation to our vendor to have an ID Card and Certificate prepared for the applicant, etc.

I have seen camps and departments flounder when their secretary became ill and could not perform his duties. Many such illnesses caused the Camp and/or department to be delinquent in filing reports to headquarters and became suspended. For 2017 I can tell you all form 49s and forms 35 are on hand – no suspensions unlike the last multiple years with multiple suspensions and heartaches to catch up.

Therefore I recommend to Brother Don Martin and this counselor(s) issue general order OR turn it over to the national encampment to make a decision.

My recommendation is that all camps and all departments forthwith are required to have an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer to carry on the duties and responsibilities of all Camps and departments regarding the fiscal responsibilities to their Brothers, the SUVCW and IRS.

I have seen too many suspensions and delinquents due to camps and departments lacking assistants for key positions and with no back up, they could not write checks, pay bills, make remittances with forms 27 and/or 35. Shameful way to conduct business when your hands are tied with only one individual in the Camp or department able to conduct financial institute business.

I am scheduled for surgery upon my left knee Monday. I greatly damaged the quad and tendon that operates the lower leg. I understand after the operation, my leg will be immobilized for weeks and weeks and will not be able to drive or do much of anything for a while. Brother Gene is in charge of headquarters for now. Hopefully, we'll see you in Gettysburg.

Date: 6/30/2017	Active Membership Count - Summary
Associate	508
Jr. Associate	1
Junior	87
Life Member	402
Member	5,151
Real Son	3
Total:	6,152
Dual Associate	10
Dual Life Member	67
Dual Member	139
Honorary	4
War Zone Service	4
Total:	224

## **5 National Appointed Officer Reports**

### **5.1 National Aide-de-Camp: Dustin Martin**

Nothing to report.

### **5.2 Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines: Perley E. Mellor, PCinC**

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH

The REAL Memorial Day, May 30th, 2017, was celebrated by services held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH. It was an absolutely gorgeous day, with the sun shining brightly and a hint of rain in the air.

As we walked down the path, I gave thanks that my National Commander-in-Chief had asked me to represent him and 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 placed flowers on the altar.

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, as a solo of God Bless the USA was sung.

We were thanked by several of the trustees for our donations to them. They survive on donations only.

Besides myself, attending this year were representatives from NH camps.

### **5.3 National Organization Expansion Officer: Loran T. Bures, PCC**

In my report to the Council of Administration and the Delegates of the 2016 National Encampment, I wrote “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.”

With the issuance of General Order #8 on 13 October 2016, interest in establishing an international camp in Canada evaporated.

Recommendation:

If the National Encampment desires additional international camps be established, I recommend that the appropriate changes be made to the National Regulations extending the provision of General Order #8 to all Brothers of the Order not served by the United States Postal Service.

Having served three years as the National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer/ National Organization Expansion Officer, I wish my successor a fruitful tenure as the next National Organization Expansion Officer.

### **5.4 National SUVCW Liaison to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS): Jeffrey C. Burden**

I have no report.

### **5.5 National Chaplain: Jerome Kowalski**

Since the last National Encampment we have visited the sick, buried the dead, consoled the living, attended numerous meetings, written articles, conducted Services, prayed for the success of Our Order and for the health and happiness of our Brothers and their families.

### **5.6 National Membership-At-Large Coordinator: Alan L. Russ, PDC**

There is nothing new to report for the National Membership-at-Large.

### **5.7 National Chief of Staff: Edward J. Norris, PDC**

I have responded to all requests from Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin. I kept the Department Encampment schedule and insured we had National representation at each. My primary task has been compiling the two Council of Administration Reports and National Encampment Report. Thank you to all of the National Officers, National Committee Chairmen, and Department Commanders for responding to my requests.

5.8 National Patriotic Instructor: Jeffery French

		Y	N	#	Hrs	Amt
1				289	1137	1225
2				295	1192	1850
3				4	8	100
4		5	14	36	137	0
5		18	1	272	1098	1900
6		10	9	31	62	50
7		10	9	58	223	75
8		10	9	81	536	0
9		16	3	111	266	70

10	How many Community Events involving Patriotic Holidays?			118	830	100
11	How many Patriotic/Americanism Essay Contest Participation?			7	21	750
11a	Number of Schools Participating?			42	30	0
11b	Number of Youth Groups Participating?			10	20	0
11c	Number of Students Involved?			596	0	0
11d	Scholarships Awarded if any?			1	0	250
12	How did you promote the SUVCW throughout the Order? (continue on page 6 if necessary) <i>MONTHLY NPI'S</i> <i>VOICES OF PATRIOTISM BANNER ARTICLES</i>					
13	Did Members wear and display member Badges at events?	18	1			
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the Community, businesses, and Schools?			26	43	25
15	Did you promote Patriotic Holidays participation in the National Organization and to the Departments?	17	2	163		
16	Did you support the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Awards Program?	14	5	181		
17	Did you support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet Program?	14	5	162		

18	What events or functions did the NPI participate in by showing how important Patriotism/Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation? (continue on page 6 if necessary)					
	ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE, WATERLOO, NY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, COFOVILAGE, NY VETERANS DAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE, WATERLOO, NY					
19	Did National include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?	18	1			
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?			119		
21	Were Patriotic Instructors appointed in all Departments?	18	1			
22	If not, how many were appointed? Which Departments did not have PIs appointed? (use page 4)					
23	National Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at National Meetings?	12	7	30		
25	How many Departments submitted Annual Reports? List those that did not on page 4.			19		
26	How many members enrolled in Memorial University?			14		
27	How many completed Memorial University?			13		

28	How many MU Certificates presented at Department Encampments?			7		
29	How many MU Certificates presented at National Encampment?			0		
30	Did Departments receive monthly Patriotic Instructions from the National PI?	✓				
31	Did Camps receive monthly National Patriotic Instructions from the Department PI?	✓				
32	Assess communication from National PI to Department PIs. What forms of communication were used? (continue on page 6 if necessary): <i>EMAIL, MONTHLY NPI'S, AND BANNER ARTICLES.</i>					
34	Assess communication from Department PI to Camp PIs. What forms of communication were used? (continue on page 6 if necessary): <i>EMAIL, NEWSLETTERS, AND DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS.</i>					

35	<p>Recommendations Department and Camp PIs to improve the Patriotic Instructor program (continue on page 6 if necessary):</p> <p><i>BETTER INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FILL CAMP AND DEPARTMENT PI REPORTS.</i></p> <p><i>GET CAMPS TO SUBMIT PI REPORTS TO DPI'S.</i></p> <p><i>GET CAMPS TO WORK WITH VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM.</i></p> <p><i>PROVIDE CAMPS TOPICS FOR EACH MONTH.</i></p>
36	<p>National PI recommendations to improve the Patriotic Instructor program (continue on page 6 if necessary):</p> <p><i>DEVELOP PI INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAMP AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS.</i></p> <p><i>DEVELOP WEB BASE FORMS FOR CAMPS, DEPARTMENTS, AND NATIONAL PI REPORTS.</i></p> <p><i>DEVELOP WEB BASE FORM FOR JROTC/ROTC CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.</i></p> <p><i>NEED ALL DEPARTMENT PI'S EMAILS.</i></p>

## **5.9 National Civil War Memorials Officer: Walter E. Busch, PDC**

See committee report, Section 6.11.

## **5.10 National Signals Officer & Webmaster: James P. McGuire, DC**

This (these) office (offices) has (have) performed the duties as expected, uploading General Orders and forms as needed, updated listings of various officers and committees, adjusting web pages to reflect appropriate personnel, etc. More changes and requests continue to come in from a variety of sources. I do believe that at the time of this report, all forms are up to date. The “helpdesk” portion of the position has led me to many interesting and rewarding conversations with various Department and Camp officers who are trying to establish a website or social media presence, or simply seeking general information or guidance. I have tweaked Memorial University on a couple of occasions, and recently was made aware of a glaring hole in the current structure that needs to be figured out. I do not believe the solution exists within the current structure.

We renewed our web hosting with GoDaddy for an additional 5-year term. The domain name [suvcw.org](http://suvcw.org) will renew in October 2017, and we also just picked up a 1-year extension on [USMemorialDay.org](http://USMemorialDay.org) as we continue to consider the best use for that domain name.

I have had the pleasure of corresponding with any number of individuals from both inside and outside the Order who reach out to our National Organization through the webmaster email address. I also take much time to separate out all of the spam and strange commercial requests.

I am pleased with the efforts of the Communications and Technology committee for completing the Social Media Policy and for deploying the social media and web presence survey. The data collected, while incomplete, was indeed enlightening.

I have also begun outlining three pages that I hope to include in future iterations of the webpage: Patriotic Instructor’s page, Chaplain’s page, and a Remembrance Day historical perspective page in partnership with the National Historian. To this point, I have begun outlining them, but I am holding back because of the larger issue that I will use the rest of this report to address: the website itself. As I remarked recently to a National Officer or two or twelve, the website is a train wreck and an unmitigated disaster on almost all fronts. It is difficult to administer and it is even more difficult to navigate. The level of frustration with the page is palpable from nearly every constituency. I receive new queries and comments weekly, and for many of them, there is simply not much I can do right now. Users have difficulty finding the information that they need, and the site does not have the capability to be the things that our members seem to want. There is information that used to be on the old legacy site that is missing and was never migrated over when this site was launched, and finding that content and creating these pages is a lot of painstaking work for a volunteer who is not actually a web guy. I don’t want to go on and on about the trials and tribulations of our site: we all know it’s terrible. We also know that it pales in comparison to the sites of similar organizations. Digital presence cannot be analyzed in a vacuum. This organization needs to determine the direction of its digital future. A modern, strategically designed website needs to be researched, designed and deployed. This needs to be a website that covers the needs of all of our constituencies. The [suvcw.org](http://suvcw.org) site should be useful and accessible by our Membership, yes. It should provide the information that they want and

need. It must also that can house the various databases that we want to build and host: Monuments & Memorials, Hereditary data, etc. It needs to house a Memorial University that works as intended and expected. It must also become a trusted voice for researchers and the historical preservation community. If we can become an important resource there, we can solidify our place as a preferred resource for useful information regarding the Civil War and, specifically both the Union Army and the great and groundbreaking veterans' organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as the legal heir of that austere organization that is known as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (hey, that's us!). It should have security built-in and it should also be designed to be easily administered by the National Webmaster, who, as it turns out, is not always someone who is a particularly web-tech savvy individual, but rather someone who just "gets by" and usually can keep the site up and running.

Creating an optimized website for the SUVCW is not something that we can do internally at this time. I do not believe we will ever be staffed correctly to do this at all internally. This venture is going to cost plenty of money, but there is no helping that. It needs to happen and the time to do this is now, before we fall too much more behind. We need to take action because our Order is suffering internally and externally under the current digital structure. It will be better to do a complete overhaul with a professional firm than to continue to try to do it the way we have and just keep changing to a different shade of lipstick. We need to do it right, and in order to do it right, we need to go through a period of "discovery," where a professional research team familiar with situations such as ours canvasses our Organization to discover what "we" want our site to be and what purpose it will serve. Before we can even begin to understand what the cost of a new site will be, we need to know what we want to build, and this process of discovery will provide us with those answers so that we can go to bid as well-informed as possible.

This is my push for the coming term, because I feel the frustrations of all parties quite acutely. This is something that we all agree has to happen and we all want to do. Personally, I want our site to shine and serve our Order the way it should, present a proper public face to those who seek us out on the web, and be a resource that will make it, and by extension, the SUVCW, a go-to source for researchers and hobbyists alike.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Engage a professional firm who can conduct the process of "discovery" in order to determine what our needs for a new website are, so that we can make an informed decision regarding what we need when it comes time to get quotes for a new site.
- 2) The Communications and Technology Committee did well by creating the social media policy. The committee should now develop a social media strategy to optimize management of the various information streams. The committee should collaborate with Marketing and Promotions and Vision to utilize social media information streams to advance the Sons public profile, campaigns and agenda.
- 3) USMemorialDay.org should be redesigned and reimagined as "home base" for this Order's observance of the 150th Anniversary of Memorial Day.

### **5.11 National Color Bearer: Brian D. McManus**

The following is the report for the National Color Bearer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the period of 17 August, 2016 to July 3, 2017.

Attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL on April 15, 2017.

Assisted Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 15 Brothers with the design of the Last Soldier marker.

Arranged for fabrication and ordering of markers.

Markers will be available to order via mail, and at the National Encampment in Lansing, MI.

Assisted Camp 15 Brothers with the fight with the City of Muskego, WI to reverse their policy of letting the Luther Parker Cemetery in Muskego revert to a natural prairie. This Cemetery includes the graves of Union Veterans Lt. Homer Clark, 16th US, and Pvt. Jonathan Smiley, 22nd WI. Received permission from the SUVCW Council of Administration to allow Camp 15 Brothers to file suit against the City of Muskego to clean up the cemetery.

Attended the Department of Wisconsin Mid-Winter meeting and Dept. Encampment.

Elected to Senior Vice Commander, Dept. of WI.

I will be in attendance at the National Encampment August 10--13 in Lansing, MI..

### **5.12 Washington DC Representative: Lee D. Stone, PDC**

Having been re-appointed Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin at the National Encampment in Springfield IL, I beg leave to report the following:

I supported the CinC SUVCW and several National Officers of the Allied Orders at the National Memorial Day ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery on 29 May 2017, and at the ceremony hosted by Lincoln-Cushing Camp, SUVCW at Arlington National Cemetery on 30 May, the day stipulated by GAR CinC John A Logan in 1868. This included ordering wreaths for both ceremonies, obtaining parking passes and box seat tickets for the CinC and the National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW and the Woman's Relief Corps, providing transport to the CinC and retinue, and offering guidance to those not familiar with the Washington Metropolitan Region.

I look forward to supporting the CinC at the National Encampment in Lansing, MI in August 2017.

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.

### 5.13 National Counselor: Donald E. Darby, PCinC

This has been a very interesting year to be the National Counselor and for this Administration. One like I have not seen in my over 20 years in this organization. For the most part there has always been what could be called a “honeymoon period” for the Commander-in-Chief that usually ends around Remembrance Day in November. That was not the case this year as that period ended the Tuesday after the Encampment and has not slowed down this year. But we were having fun! This year has seen more digging into the Constitution and Regulations as well as PROCEEDINGS, and policies. So if you Brothers wish to follow along in your hymnals, here are the following items of which I have been involved:

1. Beginning the Tuesday after the Encampment, I and the Commander-in-Chief began dealing with and correcting items in regard to the contract with the past photographer. 126 emails later, an agreement was reached that was acceptable to both parties. We later negotiated a contract with a new photographer.
2. Immediately following item 1, the Memorial Day issue and the vote of the Encampment came up. Those of you that were at the Last Encampment recall the rather hot debate regarding now PCinC Mortorff's General Order 20 which he rescinded during the debate. In order to follow the vote of the Encampment and to permit the required Committee to act, the Commander-in-Chief asked for an opinion regarding his ability to delay the action of the 2016 Encampment. In accordance with Constitution Article V Section 2b with a 2/3 vote of the CofA the Commander-in-Chief acted. See General Order 4 2016-17. This action permitted the Encampment created Committee time to confer and act. I will also state that the exchanges of emails on the subject of Memorial Day were hot and heavy.
3. We then moved on the definition of “mail.” And whether the BANNER could be electronically transmitted. These questions and actions resulted in the issuance of two Opinions, 1 regarding the word “mail” and 2 that the BANNER could be transmitted electronically to the Brothers living in the England. Both of these opinions required research going through past PROCEEDINGS, back to 1994, The BANNER policy of 1997 and 2009, the Digest of the Order. You may find it interesting that prior to 1994 this Order ran on “snail mail. My gratitude to PCINC Keith Harrison and the late-PCinC David R. Medert for moving this Order into the “Computer age.” None of the aforementioned publications prohibited the electronic transmission of the BANNER. SO the Brothers in England are receiving the BANNER electronically as they requested and at a savings of postage by the Order. See General Order 8 2016-2017
4. We next moved to the lease of the National Headquarters. In reading the proposed lease agreement I noticed 2 issues of concern. First, was that there was not a 30-day termination clause for the Order to opt out. The importance of this clause is that if, God forbid, something happens to our Executive Director we could be stuck with an office space that we didn't use for 3 years. Every contract that I have dealt with, and for much more money, has had a 30 day written opt out clause. The second issue concerned insurance, that made the Order appear to be the first in line to be sued if an accident befell one of the Brothers while at the facility. The amount of this insurance was beyond the amount we carry and we felt that the obligation for insurance should not fall to the Order. During this lease discussion, during time which National Treasurer McReynolds drafted a counter-proposal

that was more friendly to the Order, we operated under a month by month lease that had been previously paid a year in advance. Shortly before Remembrance Day our counter proposal was accepted and we moved on. END THE FIRST 50 DAYS

5. We then dealt with a summary discipline regarding a Brother issuing personal opinions under the emblems of the Order. When directed to cease and desist by the Commander-in-Chief, the Brother failed to comply. At that time in accordance with the C&R Chapter IV Discipline Article 17, page 110, the CinC requested of the CofA the ability to act. The CofA approved the request, and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief formed a Trial Commission. The Trial Commission found the Brother guilty and to be suspended to 1 year. The Brother has appealed. See General Order 19 2016-2017 regarding personal opinions
6. Also during this time, another Brother was brought up on charges which resulted in the DEPARTMENT formed a Trial Commission. This Commission found the Brother in violation of the C&R and that a two year suspension be served. According to the C&R footnote 58, page 109 “However if a timely appeal is filed, then the sentence is does not become effective until the Appeals Panel renders its decision.” Article 18 on page 111 of the C&R states “Such an appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the final sentence.” At approximately the 120 day mark past the issuance of said sentence the Brother, requested appeal to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief requested an Opinion on this appeal. Due to the timeframe indicated in Article 18 (30 days) my opinion stated that the Commander-in-Chief could not act on the Appeal. As all know that Commander-in-Chief can only act is the C&R is mute on the matter before him or if the C&R is in violation of U.S Laws. The Commander-in-Chief did inform the Brother could request that the matter be heard by the National Encampment, PROVIDED that request was filed within 30 days of the CinC’s notice. The Brother declined to make that request. SO the sentence is in effect. As you will soon learn there have been changes submitted to the C&R Committee by myself, PCinC Pahl, and PCinC Orr requesting changes and addition as to the Discipline section of the C&R
7. Next up was the matter of “virtual camps.” I believe that the Department of Massachusetts requested that “Virtual Camps” be permitted, and asked for an Opinion of them. I issued the opinion which was accepted by the Commander-in-Chief that “virtual camps” were in essence the same thing as a “Paper Camps” (one that has no meetings face-to-face of the members and that the Order has been for years trying to eliminate. General Order 14 2016-2017.
8. A request was made to the CinC regarding the Nash Farm Battlefield located in Georgia. This request dealt with one of 6 county commissioners wanting move the Confederate Flag and to rename the Battlefield the Nash Farm Park. The request wanted the CinC to issue a ruling or General Order on the subject. When consulted I suggested that the CinC use the current policies of the SUVCW regarding the Confederate Flag and the Policy of the National Park Service. See General Order 20 2016-2016
9. The latest question to be posed to National as of the date of this report, was “Has the National Organization ever exempted any Life Members from paying Department per capita, and if so is this exemption still in effect?” I was not able to answer this question so I posed it to PCinC Orr. Here is his answer of which I agree. PCinC Orr states, “In a word, No. A National Life Membership only excuses the National Per Capita. It does not and never has negated Department per capita or camp dues. That is left to each Department and

camp. There are a few departments which do not collect per capita on life members but that is their choice. Likewise, there are some camps which do not collect dues from life members. What we have done is encourage camps and departments to adjust their per capita for life members by subtracting the National per capita in the case of both and the camps to subtract the reimbursement for life members. For example, the Davis \* Camp, Depart of Pennsylvania dues are \$40 per year. Life members are required to pay 40-23-6 + \$11. The department likewise does not collect the National Per Capita so the Department per capita is \$7 for life members. We actually lowered the Department Per capita 12.5% at the last encampment on the recommendation of the Department Council.” As part of a history lesson, PCinC Orr as a post script added the following “The first life member program was started in 1955 with U.S. Grant III being the first life member. The program was not a big hit with only 15 life members at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War and most of those were PCinCs who had been given life memberships as a gift from family or friends.”

10. Number 10, seemed like a nice number to end on. I mean it worked for the Commandments, right. As I end my tour as National Counselor, I will leave you with one task to complete. If you are moving up the chairs, whether at the Camp, Department, or even the National Level, READ the C&R! Do not wait until you are in the big chair at the front of the room to start! It is too late at that point! In this report I have placed the various reference to the C&R in the applicable paragraphs. I want you to READ those for yourself. Read the PROCEEDINGS that are on line. There is a volume of history there. Learn it!!

#### **5.14 Assistant National Counselor: Robert E. Grim, PCinC**

No report received.

#### **5.15 Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book: James B. Pahl, PCinC**

The proceedings of the 2016 National Encampment not yet published as of the date of this report, I am not able to incorporate the annotations from that administrative year. A 2017 edition was published, correcting grammatical errors and numbering issues.

#### **5.16 Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings: Edward J. Krieser, PCinC**

Working on the 2016 National Encampment Proceedings. It is 30% done.

#### **5.17 Assistant National Secretary – Department at Large Secretary/Treasurer: James B. Pahl, PCinC**

With the formation of the of the Ensign John Davis Camp #10, I am again be engaged with this office. Advice and council has been provided. I am not aware of any delegates from this Camp attending the National Encampment.

#### **5.18 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator: James L. Lyon**

No report received.

#### **5.19 Assistant National Treasurer 1: James B. Pahl, PCinC**

I performed routine duties to assist our National Treasurer, including the writing of checks for expenses at the Lincoln Tomb observances in April.

## **5.20 Assistant National Treasurer 2: D. Michael Beard, PDC**

I have nothing to report.

## **5.21 Assistant National Treasurer 3: Michael Downs, DC**

As the assistant to the National Treasurer I have nothing to report.

## **5.22 Assistant National Treasurer 4: Max L. Newman, PCC**

I Have nothing to report for this meeting.

## **5.23 National GAR Highway Officer: Peter J. Hritsko Jr., DC**

As the National Officer of the GAR Highway I have tried to keep in contact with all Department GAR Highway Officers by requesting updates on what has been happening in their states. I sent out emails to all Dept. GAR Officers of California and Pacific, Colorado/Wyoming, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin which is vacant asking for reports. I m always asking for feedback on improving and ideas reaching out to their communities for goals and ideas about GAR signs to be placed along US Route 6 across the United States. Please see reports listed below for all states that responded to my request.

## **5.24 Assistant National Webmaster: Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

Since the last National Encampment 2016, I continue to assist the National Webmaster to update items on the National SUVCW website.

Also assisted in the Facebook monitoring and reported any issues to the National Webmaster.

No Recommendations.

## **5.25 National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store: Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

Since the last National Encampment 2016, I continued to perform requested updates on the current National QM Online Store.

There were many enhancements and improvements incorporated into the new Website.

No Recommendations.

## **5.26 National Graves Registration Officer: Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

It is my honor to report to the 2017 National Encampment the following from the office of National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) and the Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration.

In the two years I have visited 28 National and State Veteran's Cemeteries in the following states; California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington DC. I have also visited many more private and public cemeteries in the above states and more. I have talked to as many of their staffs as I was able to and again the overall outcome was positive in most.

I have also represented the SUVCW at many other events; National, Regional and State Genealogical Conferences in California, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

To date, 25 July 2017, we have currently 717,783 records of veterans in our National Graves Database; this is an increase of 50,379 records since my last report or 60.71 new records per day. We have had 750,635 records submitted since the database went online, as you should be able to see that represents 32,852 records that are no longer in our database. They have been deleted by the National Graves Registration Committee as part of the ongoing database correction process, this number equals an additional 832 records that have been deleted and 24,297 that have been updated since my last report. Our error rate is now within the industry standard for public access databases, this doesn't mean that we are stopping our edits; we will strive for 100% accuracy.

As many of you know we have been plagued by hackers, mostly last year in July, August and September of 2016. We had to take away some of the items which we had put into the database redesign because these hackers used them against us to try to steal data and crash our system. All but one of those items that were taking away has been returned, that is the photo section. As you can see the section is still on the record but, is not active. We are working to get this section added back into the database. We have no time frame and will not put it back until we believe it to be safe. There fore we are going to begin working on the new edition of the Graves Database Booklet. Anyone who wishes to add items from their use of the database, please get them to the website for that purpose at [NGDupdates@suvcwdb.org](mailto:NGDupdates@suvcwdb.org) by September 30, 2017.

We have 28 new Department Grave Registration Officer Administration accounts of which only 15 Departments have applied for and completed the required instruction on. These Departments are; California & Pacific, Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina & Georgia and Tennessee. Of these, Maine and South Carolina & Georgia haven't made any contributions to the database. We also have 8 special administration accounts that have been awarded to people who have proven a dedication to our database; these 8 people are very active. We need to get the rest of the Departments to take our National Graves Registration Project serious. We are currently working to bring Pennsylvania into the direct system; they had been using a outsider, who was given a special admin account to work on her county project.

I would like to thank the following for their support, all of the Brothers of the National Committee on Graves Registration, Department GROs, Camp GROs and all of our submitters of the database. It is due to the time and dedication that these people give to the SUVCW we have been able to improve, standardize, and operate the database as we do today.

## **5.27 National Guard: John K. Eger**

From March, 2017 to Present

March 25th: I attended the Council of Administration Meeting at the Marriot Hotel In Columbus, Ohio. I attended as an observer only, and enjoyed the meeting very much, and found it very educational. I hope to attend another.

March 30th: I placed an advertisement in the quarterly publication of the Whitley County Historical Society. The advertisement was for the purpose of seeking new members.

April 15th: I attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, and marched in the Color Guard. After the ceremony I attended the luncheon, and a short time later I drove to Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg and attended the ceremony honoring Benjamin F. Stephenson.

April 24th: I attended the ROTC Awards Ceremony at the American Legion Post # 241 in Waynedale, Indiana. The award was presented by Champion Hill Camp's Francis Frederick, and the Sons of Union Veteran's Award was presented to Freshman Carlos Haro a student at Wayne High School.

April 29th: As a member of a SVR Color Guard we presented the colors at the Reinhardt Music Center on the Campus of I.P.F.W. College in Fort Wayne for the opening of Sangerfest, a German Choir singing competition.

May 29th: Along with three other members of our SVR unit from Champion Hill Camp we participated in the Memorial Day Commemoration with members of David D. Porter Camp in Valpraiso, Indiana. We helped present the colors, and after a very nice program at their Memorial Opera House we fired three volleys.

May 30th: Five members of our camp, and myself attended a Memorial Day Celebration in Fort Wayne, Indiana at Lindenwood Cemetery. We marched with the 30th Indiana Infantry Re-Enactors to five gravesites, including Colonel's Sion Bass of the 30th Indiana Infantry, Hugh Reed of the 44th Indiana Infantry, Mother George, noted nurse, and Sanitary Commission worker, and Allen County's last Civil War Veteran. We fired volleys at their graves.

May 30th: After the Lindenwood Ceremony we drove to Huntington, Indiana, and held our annual Illumination Ceremony at Memorial Park. Members of the community are invited to light over two hundred candles for the men from Huntington County who gave their lives in the Civil War. Besides two speakers including Mayor Fetters two cannon, and a number muskets were fired. This was our best turnout ever.

June 3rd: I attended our Department's Mid-Summer Encampment in Kokomo, Indiana, and brought a member from Tilden Camp in New York City, Mark Goret who was here in town with his wife. I was re-elected as Junior Vice Commander, and was sworn in by Junior Vice Commander Donald Shaw. I was also re-appointed as the Department's Graves Registration Officer for the seventh year.

I have also met twice this year in Rochester, Indiana with Past Department Commander's Alan Teller, and Bill Adams to help plan the upcoming 2018 Central Region Association of the Allied Orders, of which I serve as Junior Vice Commander.

### **5.28 National GAR Records Officer: Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

Commander-in-Chief Martin and Brothers of the 136th annual encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2016-2017 administrative year. This is my seventh consecutive term serving in this appointed office, and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

The amount of interest in our program continues to grow. Since 1 August 2016, I have received 291 emails regarding GAR records (compared to 280 the previous year), and have responded to them accordingly. Twenty-five submissions were also received using our website's online GAR records notification form. This compares to 23 received the previous year.

The number of known and uniquely named/numbered GAR Posts in our catalog now stands at 10,736, up 58 from last year's count. This number reflects new additions to the catalog, as well as the removal of several duplicates and misidentified Posts.

This has been a very productive year for the GAR Records Program. Several of our Departments and Camps have been particularly active in finding new records collections this year. In particular, I want to commend Brothers Loran Bures and Joseph Stevens of the Department of the Columbia for their efforts to build a GAR Records Program in their new Department. I would also like to recognize Br. Karl "Woody" Woodcock, PCC (Antietam Camp #3, Frederick, MD) for his research efforts in Maryland (Dept. of the Chesapeake). These Brothers have done outstanding work during the year.

We also expanded the coordination of our program with the Allied Orders during the year, in particular the DUVCW and WRC. I was fortunate and honored to have had the opportunity to visit and inventory the collections of the WRC Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum and the DUVCW Headquarters in Springfield, Illinois, last August. Thanks go to these ladies for their gracious support.

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

No Recommendations.

#### **5.29 National Guide: Robert Koenecke**

I was just chosen as Guide for the national encampment. I have nothing to report at this time.

#### **5.30 National Historian: Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

Thank you for the honor of once more serving the Order as your National Historian.

The past year has brought a number of inquiries regarding the history of the Order, our various badges and insignia.

With the availability of historic data bases and the digitalization of many long out-of-print resources our members as well as the public sometimes expect answers to impossible questions...

where records on family members are located is the most common. A few other interesting topics: the present location of a painting sold at a Sanitary Fair in 1864. The location of Camp 26 without identifying which State it may be from and identification of badges in a blurry photo that appeared more Confederate than Union.

Still I have been glad to answer each inquiry if at all possible as well as contribute articles to the Banner.

One challenge to our website regarding the formation of the Grand Army was complicated enough that I ask advise from the members of the history committee as well as past national historians. This is reported under the History Committee Report.

Again thank you for the privilege and honor of serving.

### **5.31 Parliamentarian: Kent M. Melcher**

I have nothing to report.

### **5.32 National Legislation Officer: Daniel R. Earl, PCC**

#### **Introduction**

The duties of the National Legislation Officer are to keep Brothers apprised of federal and state legislation affecting the welfare of the Order, or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. This report includes an analysis of such legislation.

I have identified selected pieces of federal legislation to report on and several items being considered in various state legislatures. This report includes federal legislation that has been introduced or passed by Congress since 3 January 2017 through 15 July 2017. Each state legislature operates on its own timetable; this report includes highlights of contemporary relevant legislation. Research of federal and state legislation is a continually work in progress.

#### **Federal Legislation**

Two companion bills (H.R.88 in the House of Representatives and S.100 in the Senate) have been given the title “Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act.” If passed and signed by the president, they would modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, and establish Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System. It would add areas known as “Fallen Timbers Battlefield,” “Russell House Battlefield,” and “Davis Bridge Battlefield.”

H.R.88 passed the House of Representatives on a voice vote on 27 February 2017 and was sent to the Senate the following day where it was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. S.100 is also awaiting action in this Committee, where, if the Senate agrees, the two bills would likely be consolidated. A modified version of H.R. 88 passed the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and is waiting to be scheduled for a vote by the full Senate.

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Two other companion bills dealing with National Park boundaries are titled the “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act” (S.136 and H.R.558). These bills would adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill.

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was authorized as a unit of the National Park System on 26 June 1935. Prior to 1935, parts of the park had been acquired and protected by Civil War veterans and the War Department. The park protects Kennesaw Mountain and Kolb’s Farm, which are battle sites along the route of General Sherman’s 1864 campaign to take Atlanta. Most of the park protects Confederate positions and strategy. The Wallis House is one of the few original structures remaining from the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain associated with Union positions and strategy and is strategically located next to a Union signal station at Harriston Hill.

S.136 was introduced in the Senate on 12 January 2017 and was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. H.R.558 was passed in the House of Representatives by a voice vote on 30 January 2017 and sent to the Senate. On 16 May 2017 the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reported favorably on H.R. 558 and sent it to the full Senate where a vote is waiting to be scheduled.

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A measure introduced in the House of Representatives on 24 January 2017 expresses support for the designation of Patriot Week. H.Con.Res.12 recognizes that each generation should renew the spirit of the national based on the first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of the United States. This resolution would designate the week of September 11 to September 17 as “Patriot Week.”

House Concurrent Resolution 12 is awaiting further action in the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. A concurrent resolution is a form of legislation to express the feelings of both chambers of Congress, without proposing changes in law, thus not requiring approval by the president. No action has occurred with this bill since the last report.

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If it becomes law, the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Amendment Act (H.R.1161) would modify the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 to add Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County in Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. This bill has been referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands. No action has occurred with this bill since the last report.

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The preamble to the SUCVW Constitution sets forth the obligation of our Order “to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.” Additionally, the purpose and objects of the Order (Article II) requires us “to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any ware . . . and the love and honor of our Flag. . . .”

Current law only requires the POW/MIA flag to be displayed only on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day. Legislation introduced in the House of Representatives (H.R.504) in furtherance of SUVCW goals would require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property. This bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee where it is awaiting action in the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. No action has occurred with this bill since the last report.

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The “Bring Our Heroes Home Act” (S.120) is a measure that is part and parcel to the many purposes of the Order with its activities to honor our Union ancestors and patriotic service. This bill would 1) require the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to establish the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Collection; and (2) establish the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Review Board, which shall require all missing Armed Forces personnel records to be transmitted to NARA and disclosed to the public in the collection.

S.120 was introduced in the Senate on 12 January 2017 and immediately referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. No action has occurred with this bill since the last report.

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On 17 January 2017, the “Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017” was introduced in the Senate (S.150) and in the House of Representatives (H.R.506). These bills would amend the federal criminal code to declare that any person who knowingly engages in any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of veterans’ benefits, or in connection with obtaining veteran’s benefits for that individual, shall be fined, imprisoned not more than five years, or both. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary where it is awaiting further action. In the House has been referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. No action has occurred with this bill since the last report.

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The “Weekend Voting Act” (H.R.1094) would change the date for regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office to the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November in every even-numbered year. This bill has been referred to the House Committee on House Administration. Two similar bills, the “Same Day Registration Act of 2017” (H.R.1044) and the “Same Day Registration Act” (S.360) would amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration. These bills have been referred to House Committee on Administration and Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, respectfully. No action has occurred with this bill since the last report.

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On 2 March 2017, Senator Tester [D-MT] introduced S.521, which would amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 to direct the Department of the Interior to make the

National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a cost of \$80 to any veteran who was separated from military service under conditions other than dishonorable. It was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources where it awaits consideration.

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The All-American Flag Act (H.R. 3121) was introduced by Rep. Cheri Bustos [D-IL-17] on 29 June 2017. If passed and signed by the president it would require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government. It has currently been referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

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Legislation to establish Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in State of South Carolina (H.R. 3099) was introduced in the House by Representative Mark Sanford [R-SC-1] on 28 June 2017. The bill was immediately referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources where it awaits action. It's companion bill, S. 1459, was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Tim Scott [R-SC] and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources where hearings were held 19 July 2017.

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On 21 June 2017, Eleanor Norton [D-Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives representing the District of Columbia] introduced H.R. 2989, the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission Act. This legislation would create a commission to study activities that could be carried out by the Federal Government to honor Frederick Douglass on the occasion of the bicentennial anniversary of Douglass' birth. It was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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### **State Legislation**

#### *California –*

Assembly Bill 1249 – Existing property tax law establishes a veterans' organization exemption under which property is exempt from taxation if, among other things, that property is used exclusively for charitable purposes and is owned by a veterans' organization. This bill would provide that the veterans' organization exemption shall not be denied to a property on the basis that the property is used for fraternal, lodge, or social club purposes. This bill was introduced on 17 February 2017; it passed the California Assembly with a vote of 77-3 and was sent to the Senate, where it has been placed in the "suspense file" (indefinite hold).

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 16 – This measure "retroactively" declared that President Abraham Lincoln be honored on 12 February 2017, the anniversary of his birth. After months of debate it was finally approved and chaptered on 5 April 2017.

Assembly Bills 455 and 467 – These bills would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the building of veterans memorials, buildings, and cemeteries. Both these measures are considered "spot bills" which essentially act as a placeholder for now a

formal proposal can be written. AB 455 remains a spot bill, with no new action, and AB 467 has morphed into a transportation transactions use tax bill.

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*Florida –*

House Bill 107 – This bill would, among other things, prohibit excavation, exposition, movement, removal, or other disturbance of contents of tomb or memorial and make a felony anyone who “destroys, mutilates, defaces, injures, or removes” a tomb or memorial. It was passed by the Florida House and Senate, and approved as law by the Governor on 31 May 2017.

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*Michigan –*

Michigan law prohibits a person from buying, receiving, possessing, concealing, etc., certain stolen property and money. Senate Bill 341 would add to that list veteran memorial tombstones and veteran cemetery markers. It is currently awaiting action in the full Senate after having been favorably passed by committees.

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*Texas –*

House Bill 545 (and identical Senate Bill 585) both relate to the opportunity of certain patriotic societies to present information regarding the society to public school students.

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*Illinois –*

Senate Bill 687 would amend the Veterans Burial Places Act to provide that when a headstone or memorial marker is provided for a United States War veteran, by the federal government, the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall pay an amount not to exceed \$300 (currently \$100) to the next of kin or cemetery official responsible for the cost of transporting and erecting the headstone or memorial.

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*Ohio –*

House Resolution 42 was adopted by the Ohio House of Representatives, titled “Honoring Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve on receiving a Commanding Officer’s Unit Citation.”

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*Indiana –*

Introduced and passed on 16 March 2017 in the Indiana House of Representatives was House Resolution 37 recognizing the history of the “Soldiers Monument, a Civil War monument at Angola.”

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*Tennessee –*

In the Tennessee General Assembly bills are generally introduced in pairs, with identical bills in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

House Bill 73/Senate Bill 125 are companion bills that would make the display of the POW/MIA flag over the capitol on any day that the U.S. Flag is flown over the capitol mandatory. SB 125 was signed into law by the Governor on 25 May 2017.

House Bill 456/Senate Bill 469 would forbid homeowners' associations from adopting or enforcing regulations that prohibit veterans from flying the U.S. flag and military flags. Interestingly under these measures, non-veterans could still be prohibited from flying the U.S. flag from their residence. SB 469 was signed by the Governor on 9 May 2017, making this law effective on 1 July 2017.

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*Missouri –*

House Bill 817 would require all state properties that currently have a flagpole, fly the POW/MIA flag. This bill is awaiting action in the Rules-Legislative Committee.

*Minnesota –*

On 22 March 2017 the governor of Minnesota signed House File 375 that now allows counties to fund and erect monuments and memorials for soldiers and sailors anywhere in the county. Previous to this legislation they could only be erected in courthouse squares, public parks at the county seat and cemeteries adjacent to the county seat.

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After a review of data in the following states, no significant legislation was found: Georgia, North Carolina, Washington, Arizona, Wisconsin, Colorado, Alabama, South Carolina, and Nevada.

Assistant National Legislation Officer Steve Hammond (PDC) will report on legislation from several Mid-Atlantic/New England area states in his report.

I encourage Brothers who learn of pertinent legislation not included in this report to contact me. If anyone questions please contact me via email at <danearl64@comcast.net>.

**5.33 Assistant National Legislation Officer: Stephen S. Hammond, PCC**

I can report that there are no significant legislative items of interest in the Middle Atlantic states as of the summer of 2017.

### **5.34 Assistant National Quartermaster: George Shadman**

I submit to the National Organization this report covering the period from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 of the Assistant National Quartermaster whose sole responsibility was to oversee the ROTC/JROTC awards program.

I assumed the appointed office in May, 2016 at the request of National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler with whom I worked closely this first year and received excellent guidance, along with the National Treasurers Brothers Richard Orr and David McReynolds.

Year 2016-2017 was exceedingly busy with a total of 1059 awards being disseminating within twenty-nine (29) departments and thirteen (13) overseas JROTC programs.

California, Florida and Texas Departments deserve special “shout-outs” for the tremendous efforts they put forth in their programs. Those three departments made up over one-third of the total awards given out to worthy cadets in our program. I have attached a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of awards disseminated by department. I have also attached a second spreadsheet indicating the production by month from this office. As you can see it was exceedingly busy from January through April.

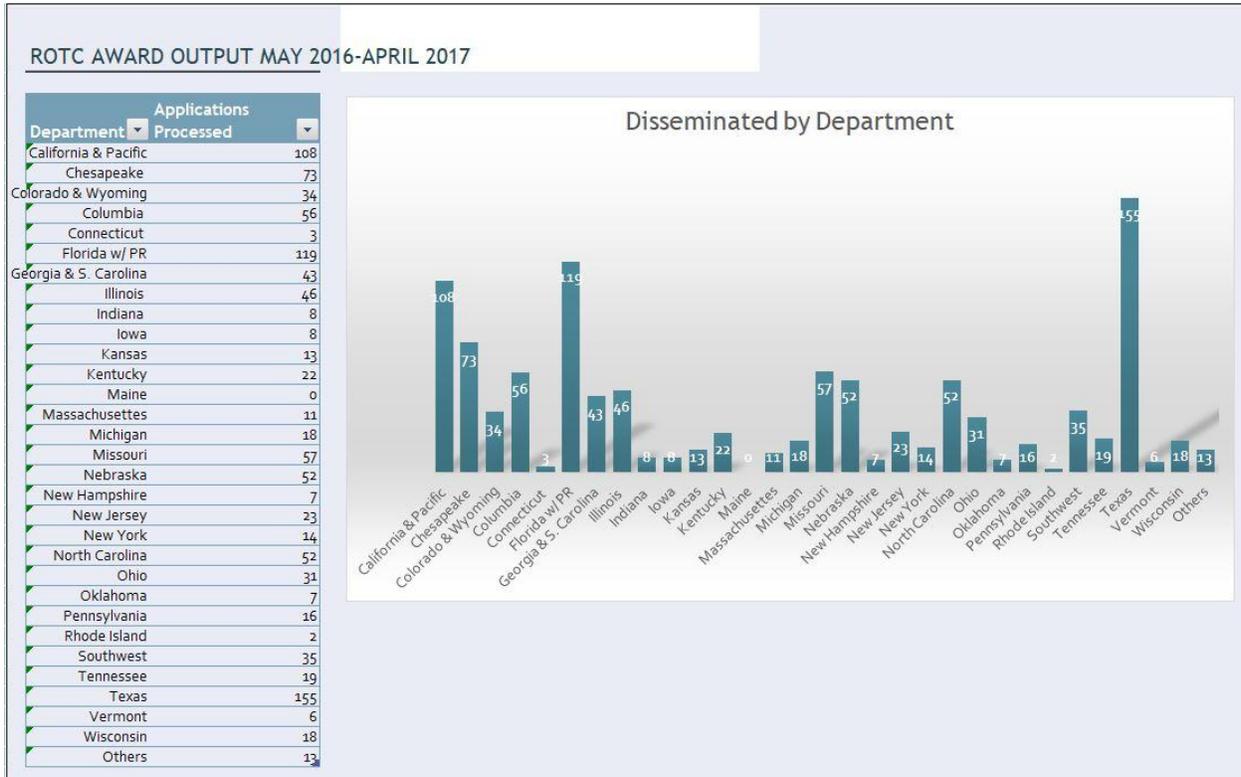
Not all awards sent from my office were through the initiative of a camp or department. Many times the high school, college or university contacted me directly through their own research, so the numbers include awards processed directly to the schools and through camps and departments. Camps and departments can research on-line what high schools and colleges/universities have ROTC/JROTC programs in their areas and reach out to them and process those applications for them and thereby make that community connection and perhaps a recruiting potential.

Recommendation #1: As the guy who has to process the awards I like the “one award per school per branch of service” guideline unless there is a very unusual circumstance to vary from that. I have had schools that have requested as many as four or five awards this past year. Our organization could not afford to accommodate that kind of request if all the schools submitted multiple Form 7s. Thankfully when I explain our guidelines all have been understanding. Please keep this in the program.

Recommendation #2: On the Form #7 please consider re-titling the section “Cadet Information” to “School Information” since we are not asking for any information on the cadet only on the school and it is a bit confusing. Also at the top of the page eliminate the part that says “An individual Form 7 must be submitted for each Cadet-No exceptions” That goes against the guideline of one cadet per school per branch of service.

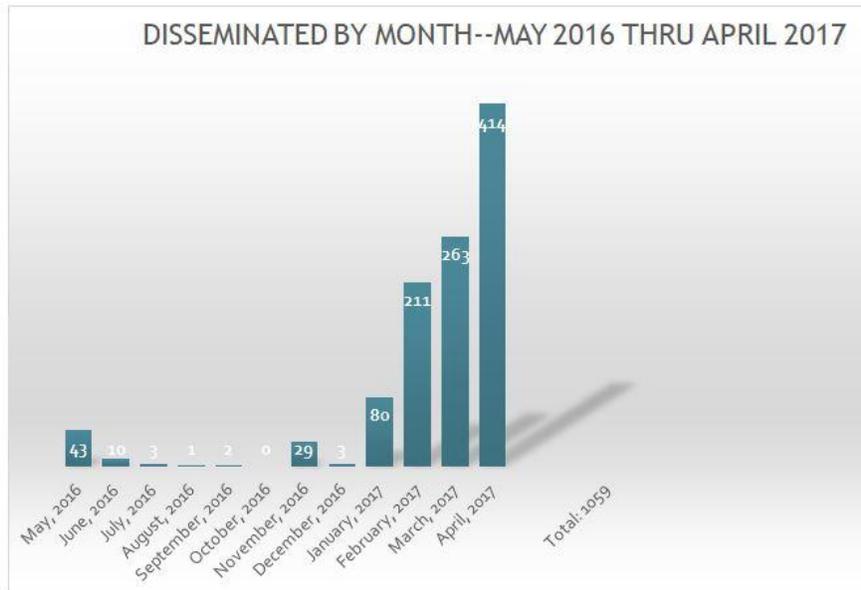
Recommendation #3: I receive many requests from schools for presenters from our organization to come to graduations or banquets to personally hand out our awards to the cadet who is receiving it. What an opportunity for our organization! I must rely on information on the department website that is linked on the national website. If there is no ROTC coordinator I automatically go to the department commander. There is nothing more embarrassing than to

have the school get back to me saying the information is not correct or department commander is not responding. With that, please keep the information on your department website current.



### SUVCW ROTC AWARDS

Month/year	Applications processed
May, 2016	43
June, 2016	10
July, 2016	3
August, 2016	1
September, 2016	2
October, 2016	0
November, 2016	29
December, 2016	3
January, 2017	80
February, 2017	211
March, 2017	263
April, 2017	414
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1059</b>



## 6 National Committee Reports

### 6.1 National Committee on Civil War Memorials: Walter E. Busch, PDC

Walter E Busch, PDC – National Civil War Memorials Officer

Committee: Skip Riddle, North Carolina, Kevin Tucker, PDC – Massachusetts, Dean Enderlin, PCC – California, Benjamin Frail – Rhode Island, and Clyde Getman – Aide.

We are still awaiting the finalized database from the national signals officer. The national signals officer has shared with me a proposed database for monuments and things are progressing on that front. But I have not received an update on it in the past 7 months. Once this is accomplished, at least one member of the committee, Benjamin Frail, has volunteered to assist adding monuments with me to the database once completed. I've kept the old database in the hope that records in it will help transition into the new one, but I am not holding my breath.

At the Council of Administration meeting after the 2016 national encampment, the CW Memorials Officer was approved to be a permanent aide to the National Committee on Civil War Memorials Grant Fund (currently led by Brian Pierson, PDC, who has been doing an excellent job). This is working very well and hopefully will continue for many years to come.

I sent out a challenge to committee members and past committee members to accomplish several goals. The challenge although positively received, did not result in a flood of information. One brother took it to heart and I wish to commend Brother Tom Gaard of Iowa who submitted 36 monument forms and 7 forms for last soldier markers.

The current web page linking to state monument sites has been reviewed and the corrections listed sent to the national webmaster

Corrections to page [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=872](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=872)

ADD LINKS

Arkansas

[http://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/arkansas\\_union\\_civil\\_war\\_markers.pdf](http://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/arkansas_union_civil_war_markers.pdf)

Person to contact [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org)

Indiana \* <http://www.americanmemorialsdirectory.com/indiana.html>

Massachusetts\* <https://www.facebook.com/macivilwarmonuments/>

Missouri link <http://www.suvcwmo.org/monuments.html> Person to contact [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org)

New Hampshire\* <http://www.images-of-new-hampshire-history.com/Veteran-Honor-Rolls-and-Monuments.php>

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New Jersey – link broken

Rhode Island – link broken

#### Challenge Issued:

*I would like to challenge all departments in this coming year to do one (or more of the following).*

1. Each department submits 10 new Form 61s to the monuments officer this year. If a department covers more than one state consider the challenge to be 10 Form 61s per state. Remember not only are GAR, WRC, LGAR, SUVCW and DUVCW monuments included, but it can be battlefield markers or last soldier markers. Just not markers honoring Confederates or their philosophy; OR
2. Submit update Form 61s for monuments already recorded with additional information such as GPS and photos. Perhaps it needs repair submitting Form 62s to that committee as well for repairs of monuments is a good camp or department project. ; OR
3. Report to the national officer a major update or creation of your own department's monuments website. OR
4. Give me an idea of some other project and execute it.

Ten per department is a do-able goal and would mean a 25 or more % increase to our current records.

#### RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS

STATE/LOCATION	July 2016 MONUMENTS	July 2017 MONUMENTS	Gain / Loss	Entered into OLD Database	Last Soldier Markers	LS Entered into OLD Database	Notes
Arizona	2	2	0	2	0	0	
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Note 1
Australia	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>California</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Colorado	4	4	0	4	0	0	
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Delaware	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>Florida</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Georgia	7	7	0	7	0	0	
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Illinois	128	133	5	0	0	0	
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Iowa	8	44	36	6	14	0	
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Kentucky	10	10	0	9	0	0	
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Maine	5	5	0	5	0	0	
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Note 2
Massachusetts	40	45	5	0	0	0	
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Michigan	210	221	11	0	0	0	
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Mississippi	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	

Nebraska	6	6	0	6	0	0	
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
New Hampshire	18	18	0	9	0	0	
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
New York	24	28	4	18	0	0	Note 3
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
North Dakota	2	2	0	2	0	0	
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	Note 4
Oklahoma	4	4	0	3	0	0	
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Pennsylvania	27	28	1	0	0	0	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
South Carolina	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Tennessee	6	6	0	6	0	0	
<b>Texas</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Utah	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Vermont	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>Washington</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Note 5
Washington DC	1	1	0	1	0	0	
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Wisconsin	32	32	0	0	0	0	
Wyoming	0	1	1	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>

NOTES:

\* Minuses are result of cleaning up duplicate files

Note 1: A Survey identifying potential markers has been completed and in our database

Note 2: 1995 Maryland Governor's Comm on Monuments report digitized

Note 3: 1992 New York SUCVW Monuments Book Digitized

Note 4: Ohio Last Soldiers in Database came from a listing of markers that had no Form 61 or Form 62 filed for them but with enough info to digitize

Note 5: Washington 10 monuments in database are ones the WRC sent me and have no Form 61 or Form 62 yet Mullins Company Monuments Catalog of 1913 Digitized

## **6.2 National Committee of Communications & Technology: James P. McGuire, DC**

The committee approached the 2016-2017 term on task with very specific goals to be achieved. These were, for the most part, achieved. The 2016 Encampment received the committee's recommendations and moved that we act upon a few strategic items.

- 1) Social Media Policy (Per C&T recommendation #5/2016). The C&T Committee successfully created a working Social Media Policy for the SUVCW. While understanding that social media is a fluid animal, the guidelines and suggestions put in place work for the benefit of the various Camps and Departments engaging in social media activities, while allowing for the elasticity necessary when dealing with ever-changing platforms. Brother Harry Reineke is to be singled out and commended for his efforts in researching social media policies of similar organizations and for doing the heavy lifting on the draft that was ultimately approved by Programs and Policies.
- 2) Audit. (Per C&T recommendation #4/2016). A survey was deployed to determine the wholesale digital presence of Camps and Departments on the web and on social media. Analysis of this data can be found in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 3) Department and Camp Webpages/hosting by National.(Per C&T recommendation #3/2016). Problematic. The survey offers us an indication of some of the hosting that National is carrying., but is inconclusive because we did not have 100% participation from every Camp in the Order. We do know, per input from Br. Richard Orr, PCinC, that the National Organization has not collected any web hosting fees from any Department or Camp under the current procedure to this point.

Other actions by this committee:

There was question about security/software of the laptop computer being used by the chair of the credentials committee, as well as whether or not the age of the computer would be able to handle necessary updates to keep such computer running. The committee recommended that chair of credentials committee be authorized to replace the laptop with a more current model. This purchase was approved by the CofA. I do not know what has happened on this front since.

Social Media management: Three Brothers of this committee have actively managed the Facebook account for the National Organization, each working to own his strengths. Br. Reineke has been primarily corresponding with direct messages. Br. Orr has primary posted news items to the timeline. I have both managed the timeline, news items, cover photos, and stepped in when needed to correspond on the direct messages when I felt it necessary. As a rule, when someone inquires about membership, we try to gather as much info about the individual as we can and that they will give us and whenever possible, we refer them directly to a Department or even a Camp if practical. To see the types of messages we typically receive on Facebook, please refer to Appendix 2 of this report. Facebook is going fine. A little bit more strategy and more regular and dedicated maintenance would be lovely. The National Organization has obtained the Twitter handle @SUVCW from the Department of the Chesapeake, though we have not begun tweeting yet, as there is a password issue. We are trying to work it out with the Chesapeake so we can conquer the Twittersverse for the Boys in Blue in 2018. The National Organization launched an Instagram account in 2017, but does not yet have much use for it, because everything on it would

be coming from the Committee Chair's home state, and the "handle" is NOT @suvcw... despite attempts to obtain it from a third party. We have reached out to Instagram with the hopes that our history and Charter will supplant the random ownership (which has been stagnant for a couple of years). More research into the effectiveness of Instagram for the SUVCW needs to happen. If we want to recruit the younger folk, we need to be using these platforms. I was asked about LinkedIn, and as of now, I haven't had a chance to look at it.

I would like to see this committee have much more interaction with Marketing & Promotion, as I believe there is a wonderful opportunity to work together moving forward in regards to digital campaigns that can be deployed electronically.

The idea has been floated to "livestream" our National Encampments on Facebook or other platform. More research into this must be done. Our Encampments are considered "members only" for much of the business, so we would need to be sure that any online streaming would be exclusive content.

Likewise, it has been floated that we investigate legitimate, protected teleconferencing options for Council of Administration meetings. Need to look into this more, as it is unclear what is being asked and whether or not said teleconferenced individual would be "present" in the meeting.

In 2018 the C&T committee is to review the electronic communications policy, and not a day too soon.

The elephant in the room is the website, and I will conveniently leave the details of that to the National Signals Officer/Webmaster combined report rather than belabor them here. Suffice to say, the SUVCW digital presence cannot be analyzed in a vacuum. This organization needs to determine the direction of its digital future. A modern, strategically designed website needs to be researched, designed and deployed.

APPENDIX A:

### **SUVCW WEB PRESENCE SURVEY ABSTRACT**

In June 2017, the National Signals Officer (NSO), in his capacity as chair of the National Committee on Communications and Technology deployed a web presence survey to the Order in accordance with the approved C&T committee recommendation #4/2016. Since the NSO did not have a comprehensive list of Department and Camp signals officers or webmasters, he deployed the survey to the Department Secretaries with instructions that the survey should be forwarded to the Camps and that the best qualified Brother should complete it. This was intended to make it so that the person who managed the website or social media would complete the survey. The goal of this survey aligns with the 2016 annual reports of both Communications & Technology and with Vision. The date of the survey was determined in order to give the most current information possible to the Encampment, while also allowing for the data to be compiled.

The Total number of respondents for the survey was 120. Of this number, 92 respondents saw this short, general survey through to completion. Of 32 Departments, 26 participated in the survey, or 81%. Of 243 Camps, 94 participated in the survey, or 39%. The SVR was not included in the survey, nor were “at-large” instances of our Order. As Camp response was so low, these results will be generalized in regards to the online makeup of the whole organization. Specific information about Department/Camp response will be available when requested and when approved by proper authority. The “web-hosting” section will break things down by Department/Camp for specific analysis.

### **The Relevant Data**

Of the 120 potential respondents, 48 (40%) reported that they manage their own websites, while 12 (10%) reported that they work with a third party to manage the web presence. 43 (36%) reported that they had no involvement and were completing the survey with knowledge of the Dept/Camp web presence. 38 of total respondents managed the Dept/Camp social media accounts.

#### **Web presence:**

Of the 98 responses, 51 reported that they have a website, 47 said they did not. Of these, 36 own the domain name for the web site, while 62 do not.

#### **Domain name ownership (not hosting fees):**

While 59% of these 98 respondents “do not pay or have not paid” for a **domain name**, 15% stated that they pay less than \$20 annually for their domain name, 8% pay less than \$50, 15% do not know what of if they pay.

#### **Web hosting 1 (Please name the host provider such as GoDaddy or Wordpress, or the National SUVCW):**

A diverse response set of host providers, with the following noted: 12 respondents listed the National SUVCW as their web host. The next most was GoDaddy, with 8.

#### **Web hosting 2 (How much do you pay annually for your web hosting [not including domain name cost])?:**

55% do not or have not paid for web hosting, while 16% are not sure what they pay. 7% pay less than \$20/year and 9% pay more than \$100. 1 respondent states that they pay in excess of \$200/year for web hosting alone.

#### **Social Media**

Of 95 respondents 57 have a presence of social media, 38 do not. The most commonly used social media platform is Facebook, with 61% of respondents stating they have a page. Only 4% report being on Twitter. LinkedIn and YouTube each have 1% .

## Analysis

If you take the response set as a microcosm, we may get a general picture of where the SUVCW is living in the digital realms. Our response set began with 120, but ultimately landed at about 98, about 37% of every possible Department or Camp that could have responded. Importantly, this data set shows that 51% of those who responded have a website for their Department or Camp. Every Department that responded (26) has a website. If 51% of 37% has a website, then we can be hopeful that this translates to about 125 SUVCW websites belonging to Departments and Camps.

Close to 40% of Departments/Camps own their own domain name, and pay on average \$35(+/- \$5)/year to own a unique domain name (such as JohnSmithCamp?.org). 3 respondents reported over \$100/yr for a domain name, which is unverifiable at this time, and may skew this number slightly up.

The vast majority of respondents claim that they do not pay or have not paid for hosting. The 28% that says they pay for web hosting spends on average \$50-\$79/yr on hosting for their website.

The SUVCW is definitely strongest on social media, with 60% of respondents stating that they have at least one social media account. Again, if 60% of 37% manages a social media presence, we can expect there to be approximately 140 instances of SUVCW accounts on social media platforms, with Facebook being the frontrunner by a long shot (pros and cons to that in conclusions).

## Conclusions

This is not a scientific survey, and there is obviously much room for error. Much room. The questions could have been more streamlined and used logic to send the respondent to different places, but it was intended to be a general survey and as simple as possible. But those Brothers who followed through and answered honestly definitely provide us a baseline to work with. (NOTE: to the Brother who said that he “answered question 9 ‘no’ so question 10 is a waste of \*his\* time...” duly noted. As I took my own valuable, unpaid time to create a simple 10 question survey in the basic Survey Monkey engine to make it easy for everyone, and it was off the rails answers like that that made me have to waste more of my valuable, unpaid time trying to fix the data set and pony up cash for the upgrade so I could see why things were skewing.)

In general it is safe to say that the SUVCW is about 50% accessible online between webpages and social media. If we take on faith that this survey can be accepted as a microcosm of the order, it does reveal some successful areas, some areas for improvement, and some potential calls for action.

A quick “click test” of Departments shows that every Department has a website. This is very good. Several of these sites, as mentioned in the data, live within the National Organization’s two web environments: the Wordpress site and the old “legacy” site. This may become problematic in the future, as no fees have been collected and the website environment may one

day abandon Wordpress and the legacy pages and move to a platform that will not support outside sites. To this end, this survey suggests that a Camp or Department should be able to maintain a web presence for less than \$100/yr. That is something worth considering, and a digital presence is preferred in the 21<sup>st</sup> century if we are to remain relevant.

An alternative to web hosting is social media, and we have more presence on Facebook than anywhere. A comprehensive Facebook breakdown analysis could show us if we are effective on that platform. It is a good communication tool, and more and more people are on it. Studies show that Facebook is doing well in the 30+ age groups these days. Next in line is Twitter, and then Instagram and Snapchat, which are all basically aliens to the SUVCW. We will flat out not be reaching or recruiting people under 25 on social media without utilizing these alternative platforms. However, the SUVCW does have that vibrant and robust presence on Facebook, as the vast majority of our membership and “friends (fans)” (our current constituencies) fall into the age ranges that most commonly relate to that specific social media platform in 2017. Moving forward, however, it would be interesting to see how the SUVCW can discover creative ways to infiltrate the preferred platforms of the next generation(s). That said, the more buy-in that Camps/Departments have with Facebook affords them an opportunity for what can basically be considered a “free website” at this point. Facebook pages allow you to post “About” sections that talk about mission and officers, photo albums that show what the group has been up to, contact information for outreach, and even, recently, a donation button that allows fundraising for non-profits. Any Camp or Department should look at what this platform can do for them, regardless of their personal use on social media, their feelings on the same, or their opinion digital future of the SUVCW website...

Ultimately any survey such as this will be skewed by multiple variances, but it does seem that this is a comfortable indication of where the SUVCW lives in the digital realm. Hopefully, further analysis and study will lead to an informed articulation of the SUVCW’s goals on the web and social media, and actions by those in position to increase the Order’s online growth overall.

## APPENDIX B:

### **Facebook Communication Samples from 2016-2017**

This section is designed to illustrate the importance of social media as a communications tool. If the National Organization receives these types of communications, a Camp or Department can expect to receive similar communications with even a marginally promoted site. The important thing with social media is timely replies, providing useful information, and maintaining cool and professional composure when things get a little tricky. It is important to remember that we are a non-political and non-sectarian organization, and are always representing the Order when communicating through a Camp or Department page.

Hello...so is this group just for the "sons"? My great great grandfather was a Sergeant in the 1st Michigan Engineers & Mechanics. His name was Giles T Noble...Im interested in how I can join this organization--thank you J\*\*\*

Hi Jill, yes, we are the "Sons," but we are a member of the "Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic" and there are several women's organizations that would be delighted to hear from you. There's The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We would be happy to put you in touch.

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Hello name is A\*\*\*\*\* C\*\*\*\*\*, I sent my application for a membership back in March going on May under the Union descendant of Jefferson Burkhart that served for the Ky 47th Regiment Infantry Company F from October 1st of 1863 to December 26th of 1864. I live in IL, Mr. Day & I had a few conversations about the hold up. He stated everything was good to go just waiting for a response from the nearest camp by me which is Wilmette, IL. I live in Northlake, IL and was wanting a clear update. My number is XXXXXXXX & my email is xxxxx@xxx.com.

Thanks for reaching out., I will reach out to JVCinC and see if there is any update for you. Feel free to reach out to me at any time as well.

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My Great Great Great Grandfather was a Union Lieutenant. He is buried in Avalon Missouri cemetery. How do i get his site registered? And i was told when a plaque is made a service would be held by soldiers at his grave. Is that true?

You'd have to discuss that with the cemetery and your local Veterans' Organizations. You local SUVCW Camp might be interested as well. If there's anything else we can do for you, feel free to reach out.

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Hello. My name is James Ray Schad. 5th Grandson of Eliza Jane (Newland (Henderson ) Short and her late Husband John P Henderson. Who was a member of Company K 32nd Iowa Infantry. He was a Union Soldier who was mortally wounded in the Red River Campaign in Pleasant Hill Louisiana. I was wondering if I could become a member of the SUV. And if so what do I need to do or what documents do I need to present?

Where do you live?

I live in xxxx, Missouri

If you need my address it's xxxxxx, xxxxxxxx

Okay, I will get you in contact with the Department of Missouri. You just need an application, which can be found on our website as Form 3: Application for Membership, and a copy of your ancestor's service record, which you can usually get from State or National Archives. When you

get all that, apply to the local Camp and you'll be in. I'll forward the information you need this evening.

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Hi. I am patiently awaiting a reply to my post. If any Sons out there can help it would be appreciated. This post was my second attempt to have my question answered. Thanks so much on advance.

Where do you live?  
And where is the grave?

The grave is in Riverview Cemetery in Trenton NJ. I am just across the bridge in Pa

Can you give me your email address and I'll pass your info on to the Department of NJ. They will be able to direct you to the best Camp. Sorry for the previous delay, we're just a bunch of busy volunteers and your message got lost in the shuffle. Please forgive us.

No problem. I appreciate your efforts.

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Hello, I'm new at geneology. I found my g grandfather's name on a Draft Registration Record in Penna. How can I find out if he served? Thanks. Kathy

You might start by searching veterans lists, or pension records

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### **Polaris RZR added 4 new photos.**

Win this bad ass military themed custom built Diesel Brothers RZR by donating at XXX to support our veterans at Warfighter Made. #RZRSalutetoHeroes #RZRLife  
[Polaris RZR](#)

This is an organizational page. The SUVCW will not be entering any such contest. I'm sorry.

*6.2.1.1 MAY 29TH, 10:46PM*

Yes Of course, we had sent it for you to post for your followers ....   

This particular volunteer doesn't make those decisions but our head admin will see this and make that decision. I apologize for my confusion.

No worries. We are so grateful for veteran organizations like yours. Please don't worry about posting it for your users I just wanted to let you know about it ...thank you so much 

Hi there! This is the aforementioned "head admin" piping in. Just wanted to let you know that I love the truck! But my aide is correct: we can't endorse one post over the next on the official Organization page or we will be overrun with outside posts that will prevent us from going about the business that we have been charged to do. If we post one, we have to post all, or it becomes an all-out social media war! Hahaha! But THANK YOU for thinking of us. Personally, I'm going to share your pics with my friends!

 THANK YOU

BTW War fighter made , the organization that's giving away this Polaris truck ,they adapt vehicles for post-9/11 amputees soldiers from the wars  
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Very awesome work right there.

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Dear Sirs, Please do not change your stance on CS flags and monuments and buying into the destruction of American history. The joint reunions and spirit of reconciliation would be done for naught if you do not join Southerners in defending their heritage. I have ancestors on both sides. Where will this madness stop? Reconstruction is supposed to be over with, but it seems as if it has just started. Please remain an historical organization that helps preserve history and not destroy it. I am a lady, I have attended several SCV meetings. The US flag was there. I am not saying that you need a CS flag at your meetings, but I am saying that historical organizations need to start standing together to save the history and heritage of our country. Many Confederate descendants have fought in the wars of this country and helped secure our freedoms, my grandfather being one of them. He was the grandson of a sixteen year old CS veteran. Please help heal the strife. Many of the most highly decorated soldiers since the war have been Southerners with CS ancestry: Sgt. York and Audie Murphy. Please stay strong in your stance. Sincerely, Shannon

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To whom it may concern: My name is Jonathan McCleese. I am a direct descendant of two Union veterans and have many other collateral ancestors who served in Mr. Lincoln's Army. As a direct descendant of Confederate veterans too, and a life-member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I am very thankful & appreciative of the resolution you organization passed in support of public Confederate flag displays & Confederate monuments some years back, and the restatement of that resolution two years ago when all of the anti-Confederate hysteria began. It is with great concern today that I read on social media that your organization might be voting on changing the resolution at your national encampment this summer. I hope that this is not true. Our organizations have long worked together in honoring all of the Americans who served in that bloody conflict, going all the way back to the days of the GAR & UCV. I hope that the SUVCW will stand firm & hold the line in keeping unchanged that resolution which was passed in Michigan (my birth state & lifetime residence) nearly 20 years ago. In 1864, President Jefferson Davis was visited by a Northern reporter & a Union Colonel. They had come to discuss the prospect of peace. When the meeting ended, the visitors from the north rose to depart. The

President gripped the Union officer's hand, and said, "Colonel, I respect your character and your motives, and I wish you well, — I wish you every good I can wish you consistently with the interests of the Confederacy." In closing, allow me to paraphrase the words of President Davis by saying that I respect your organization's character as displayed in passing the August 2000 resolution, and I wish you well, — I wish you every good I can wish you consistently with the interests of publicly honoring the thousands of brave Americans on BOTH sides who honorably fought in this nation's costliest war through monuments & displays of all the historic flags related to their service. Yours in the Bonds of American Brotherhood, Jonathan

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I am the Great Grandson of a Union veteran. I was wondering if anyone else is troubled by the "conservative " FB posts glorifying the confederate cause as American patriotism? Am I off base in my feelings? I think this desecrates the sacrifice of our ancestors who fought to preserve our country

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What an awesome organization!

Thanks!

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As seen, we primarily get communication from people inquiring about membership, looking for help doing research, asking questions about graves and cemeteries and burials, and links to interesting articles. We occasionally get peppered with request by third parties to share their products or content. We get lots of opinion pieces, some are thoughtful and considerate, some are incoherent jibberish. Sometimes we get suggestions and generic requests for information. The key is engaging the sender when possible to get clarity of what they are seeking, and then answering candidly and to the best of your ability, while not allowing personal opinions to sway you. If you don't know the answer, refer the individual to someone who can..

### **6.3 Nation Committee on Constitution and Regulations: Robert E. Grim, PCinC**

The changes made to the Regulations at the 135th 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 is from the C&R Committee.)  
Chapter I, Article I Section 1 (See C&R page 25)

*Note: This proposal changes from "may" to "shall" the type of name a new camp being formed must select.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

Section 1. When a Camp is organized, the membership thereof shall not be less than five. No Camp shall be organized or instituted until the Application for Charter has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Camps ~~may~~ **shall** be named for an honorably discharged Union Civil War veteran, or some other person making substantial contributions to the cause of preserving the Union during the years 1861 to 1865, a Camp previously in the community, a GAR Post previously in the community, a battle of the Civil War or the name of the community in which the Camp is based. Camps ~~may~~ **shall** select their name, provided no two Camps within a Department have the same name or Camp number. The Camp number will be assigned by the Department Commander. Camps in existence on or before August ~~10, 2001~~ **13, 2017** shall be grand-fathered from adhering to this provision.

## **PROPOSAL #2**

(This proposal was submitted by National Treasurer David McReynolds, PCC)  
Chapter I, Article I Section 17, (See C&R page 27)

*Note: This proposal makes changes to Section 17 and adds new Sections 18-23. The changes define the procedure a camp must follow to be reinstated if the camp has been suspended for failing to file IRS Form 990. All camps must have an IRS tax EIN number even though they do not have a bank account. This proposal allows for a camp to operate as an unincorporated association without formal tax status under certain conditions.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 17. Any camp which fails to file its U.S. Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) Form 990 **appropriate to the individual tax circumstances of the camp (usually Form 990N)**, or any future replacements for Form 990N **or other Form 990**, by the **due** date specified by the **IRS** shall be automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension. **A camp may be reinstated by providing proof of filing the appropriate Form 990. Proof shall constitute a receipt of the Form 990 by the IRS, usually an online confirmation for the Form 990N.**

**Section 18. Any camp which has had its tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS shall be automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension. A camp may be reinstated by providing proof of the reinstatement of its tax-exempt status under either section 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**Section 19. A camp that has had its tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS for failing to file its Form 990 for three consecutive years cannot be part of the Group Exemption of the National Organization. Its tax status must be standalone.**

**Section 20. Camps that had their tax-exempt status revoked for failure to file its Form 990N for three consecutive years prior to July 1, 2017 may apply to the Department for reinstatement, at the discretion of the Department Commander, as an unincorporated association without formal tax status if: (1) its assets are less than \$1,000 and (2) its revenues are less than \$5,000 annually. Any camp operating as an unincorporated association without formal tax status shall take no action that jeopardizes the tax-exempt**

status of the Department or the National Organization. If a camp's tax status has negatively impacted the tax-exempt status of the Department or the National Organization, the camp will be suspended until it has taken such action as to prove that it has remedied the problem. Such proof shall be an official communication from the IRS resolving the matter.

**Section 21.** A camp choosing to operate as an unincorporated association without formal tax status may re-apply for tax-exempt status under sections 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 at a future date. If tax-exempt status is restored, the camp must meet all filing requirements for the appropriate Form 990.

**Section 22.** A camp must have an active Tax ID number with the IRS (EIN) regardless of whether it has a bank account. Not having a bank account does not relieve the camp from its responsibility to file the appropriate Form 990 and to maintain tax status.

**Section 23.** It is the responsibility of the camp's Treasurer to file the appropriate Form 990 on time each year. It is the ultimate responsibility of the camp's Commander that the appropriate Form 990 has been filed.

### **PROPOSAL NO. 3**

(This proposal is a Resolution from the New Jersey Department, SUVCW-passed at the Department Encampment held at Toms River, New Jersey, June 11, 2016.)

CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE II, Section 6, (See C&R Page 30)

*Note: If adopted this proposal would require dual members to pay national per capita (dues) only once and that would be to their primary or home camp.*

*The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal since similar proposals from the Department of New Jersey have been rejected by several previous national encampments.*

Section 6: Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in ~~another~~ **one** Camp or a Member-at-Large, may become a dual Member of another Camp. ~~The applicant need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps.~~ **The applicant is not subject to the National per capita assessment for Camps which he joins as a dual member (he pays national per capita assessment only for his primary or home camp). Dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new Camp.**

### **PROPOSAL #4**

(This proposal is from the National Counselor and the Constitution and Regulations Committee) Chapter I, Article IV Section 3 (See C&R page 31)

*Note: This proposal adds a new paragraph to Section 3 which prohibits SUVCW and Allied Order members under suspension or dishonorably discharged from attending camp meetings. A new Section 4 is added which prohibits expressing personal opinions publicly that are contrary to SUVCW regulations and policies.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 3. (a) Any Member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic may be admitted to the sessions of the Camp.

(b) **Anyone who is under suspension from the SUVCW or has been dishonorably discharged from the SUVCW and anyone from one of the organizations listed in paragraph (a) of this section that is under suspension from that organization or has been dishonorably removed from that organization is forbidden to attend a camp meeting for any reason.**

**Section 4. Public expression of personal opinions and views that are counter to SUVCW regulations and policies in conjunction with any SUVCW trade-marked emblem, Camp, or Department name, SUVCW title or anything that implies connection or affiliation with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. This includes correspondence between Brothers. It is not applicable to Resolutions passed by a Camp or Department to be forwarded to the National SUVCW regarding changes to policy or the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.**

#### **PROPOSAL #5**

(This proposal was submitted by National Treasurer David McReynolds, PCC)  
Chapter II, Article I Section 15, (See C&R page 49)

*Note: This proposal adds new Sections 15-23. These changes describe what happens to a department who has had its tax exempt status revoked by the IRS, and these changes authorize the suspension of a department that fails to file its IRS Form 990, and requires a department to have an IRS tax EIN number even though the department has no bank account.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 15: Any department which fails to file its United States Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) Form 990 appropriate to the individual tax circumstances of the department (usually Form 990N), or any future replacements for Form 990 or Form 990N, by the due date specified by the IRS shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue an Order noting the automatic suspension. A department may be reinstated by providing proof of filing the appropriate Form 990. Proof shall constitute a receipt of the Form 990 by the IRS, usually an online confirmation for the Form 990N.**

**Section 16. Any department which has had its tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue an Order noting the automatic suspension. A department may be reinstated by providing proof of the reinstatement of its tax-exempt status under either section 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**Section 19. A department that has had its tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS for failing to file its Form 990 for three consecutive years cannot be part of the Group Exemption of the National Organization. Its tax-exempt status must be standalone. Being outside the Group Exemption does not in any way relieve the department from its responsibility to file the appropriate Form 990 on time each year.**

**Section 20. No department may operate as a taxable entity.**

**Section 21. A department must have an active Tax ID number with the IRS (EIN) regardless of whether it has a bank account. Not having a bank account does not relieve the department from its responsibility to file the appropriate Form 990 and to maintain its tax-exempt status.**

**Section 22. It is the responsibility of the department's Treasurer to file the appropriate Form 990 on time each year. It is the ultimate responsibility of the department's Commander that the appropriate Form 990 has been filed.**

**Section 23. It is the responsibility of the department's Treasurer to assure that each camp in the department has filed its Form 990 on time. It is the ultimate responsibility of the department's Commander that all camps within the department are in good standing with the IRS, any Form 990 has been filed on time and that no camp has had its tax-exempt status revoked.**

**PROPOSAL #6**

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)

Chapter II, Article III, Section 3 (See C&R page 51)

*Note: This proposal adds a new Section 3 to this article which prohibits suspended or dishonorably discharged members of the SUVCW and Allied Orders from attending department meetings.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 3. Anyone who is under suspension from the SUVCW or has been dishonorably discharged from the SUVCW and anyone from the Allied Orders who is under suspension or has been dishonorably removed from their Allied Order is forbidden to attend a department meeting for any reason.**

**PROPOSAL #7**

(This proposal is from the National Military Affairs Committee)

Chapter II, Article XIV Section 2 (See C&R page 65)

*Note: This proposal authorizes Junior and Junior Associate SVR Members and establishes rules relating to SVR Junior Members and SVR Junior Associate Members. It also establishes procedures to be followed by adults working with SVR Junior and Junior Associate Members.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 2.** To be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR, a Brother shall be a member or Associate in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

- a. Juniors and Junior Associates are permitted as members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. They are admitted under the same provisions as within the SUVCW regarding the monitoring of minors with additional restrictions.**
- b. Junior and Junior Associates will not hold elected or appointed Commissioned Officer or Non-Commissioned Officer ranks in the SVR on any level.**
- c. Junior and Junior Associates will not handle or fire any weapon while**

- participating in a SVR or SUVCW event or activity.
- d. **Junior and Junior Associates will not be counted toward the number required to start a new unit in the SVR.**
  - e. **Junior and Junior Associates will be listed on unit rosters and count toward number to establish rank structure.**
  - f. **The National Organization, SVR, the SVR Military Districts and the SVR Units shall not impose dues, fees, or any other monetary assessment on Juniors and Junior Associates.**
  - g. **All Junior and Junior Associates shall be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, SUVCW/SVR Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in ANY SVR activity.**
  - h. **At no time will a non-related SUVCW/SVR Brother be permitted ‘one on one’ contact with a Junior or Junior Associate. Any interaction with a Junior or Junior Associate must include at least two (2) SUVCW/SVR Brothers over the age 18 at all times.**
  - i. **Any SUVCW/SVR Brother who witnesses or suspects in good faith any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any Junior or Junior Associate, will immediately report in person such suspicion to local law enforcement first and the local SVR Unit and the SVR Military District Commander immediately thereafter.**
  - j. **Every SUVCW/SVR Brother over the age of 18 who may have contact with a Junior or Junior Associate should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America at <http://www.myscouting.org>. While this training is not a requirement, it is highly suggested that the training be done to be used as a tool to protect our youth and SUVCW/SVR Brothers.**
  - k. **Ultimately, all SUVCW/SVR Brothers must comply with all applicable Local, State and Federal laws pertaining to child abuse.**

### **PROPOSAL #8**

(This proposal was submitted by National Treasurer David McReynolds, PCC)  
Chapter II, Article XIV Section 8 (See C&R page 66)

*Note: This proposal adds a new section to this Article. These changes describe what happens to an SVR unit or military district that has had its tax exempt status revoked by the IRS, and the changes authorize the suspension of an SVR unit or military district that fails to file IRS Form 990 and requires an SVR unit or military district to have an IRS tax EIN number even though the SVR unit or military district has no bank account.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 8.** Any SVR military district or unit which fails to file its U.S. Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) Form 990 appropriate to the individual tax circumstances of the district or unit (usually Form 990N), or any future replacements for Form 990N or other Form 990, by the due date specified by the IRS shall be automatically suspended. The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall issue an Order noting the automatic suspension. A military district or unit may be reinstated by providing proof of filing the appropriate Form 990. Proof shall constitute a receipt of the Form 990 by the IRS, usually an online confirmation for the Form 990N.

**Section 9.** Any military district or unit which has had its tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS shall be automatically suspended. The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall issue an Order noting the automatic suspension. A military district or unit may be reinstated by providing proof of the reinstatement of its tax-exempt status under either section 501(c) 3 or 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Section 10.** A military district or unit that has had its tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS for failing to file its Form 990 for three consecutive years cannot be part of the Group Exemption of the SUVCW National Organization. Its tax status must be standalone.

**Section 11.** Military districts and units that had their tax-exempt status revoked for failure to file its Form 990N for three consecutive years prior to July 1, 2017 may apply to the Commanding Officer of the SVR for reinstatement as an unincorporated association without formal tax status if: (1) its assets are less than \$1,000 and (2) its revenues are less than \$5,000 annually. Any military district or unit operating as an unincorporated association without formal tax status shall take no action that jeopardizes the tax-exempt status of the SVR or the SUVCW National Organization. If a military district’s or unit’s tax status has negatively impacted the tax-exempt status of the SVR or the SUVCW National Organization, the military district or unit will be suspended until it has taken such action as to prove that it has remedied the problem. Such proof shall be an official communication from the IRS resolving the matter.

**Section 12.** A military district or unit choosing to operate as an unincorporated association without formal tax status may re-apply for tax-exempt status under sections 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 at a future date. If tax-exempt status is restored, the military district or unit must meet all filing requirements for the appropriate Form 990.

**Section 13.** A military district or unit must have an active Tax ID number with the IRS (EIN) regardless of whether it has a bank account. Not having a bank account does not relieve the military district or unit from its responsibility to file the appropriate Form 990 and to maintain tax status.

**Section 14.** It is the responsibility of the military district’s or unit’s Adjutant to file the appropriate Form 990 on time each year. It is the ultimate responsibility of the Commanding Officer of the SVR that the appropriate Form 990s have been filed.

#### **PROPOSAL #9**

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)

Chapter III, Article III, Section 5 (See C&R page 70)

*Note: This proposal adds a new Section 5 to this article which prohibits suspended or dishonorably discharged members of the SUVCW and Allied Orders from attending the annual national encampment; except for the purpose of appealing a disciplinary decision.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 3. Anyone who is under suspension from the SUVCW or has been dishonorably discharged from the SUVCW and anyone from the Allied Orders who is under suspension or has been dishonorably removed from their Allied Order is forbidden to attend the annual SUVCW national encampment; except for the purpose of appealing a disciplinary decision. A person seeking such an appeal shall notify the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the opening of the national encampment. Upon receiving such notification the Commander-in-Chief shall schedule a time during which the appellant may appear before the national encampment and present his case.**

**PROPOSAL #10**

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)

Chapter III, Article IX, Section 4 and 5 (See C&R page 87)

*Note: This proposal eliminates the Senior vice Commander-in-Chief fund and the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) fund since as a result of the IRS 501(c)(3) tax classification these funds can be combined with the General Fund. The money in these funds will be merged into the General Fund effective 01 July 2017. The current Sections 4 and 5 are eliminated and a new Section 4 is created and the existing Sections 6-9 will be renumbered.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

~~Section 4. There shall be established a Senior Vice Commander in Chief's Fund.~~

~~Section 5. There shall be established a Grand Army of the Republic Fund (GAR Fund) to be used to support activities conducted to commemorate the G.A.R., Union soldier, sailor or marine and to support the educational and historic preservation purposes of the National Organization. This fund shall be administered in such a manner that all donations to this fund shall qualify as charitable contributions pursuant to the United States Tax Code.~~

**Section 4. The assets, liabilities and Fund balance of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund, the Grand Army of the Republic Fund and the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund at 30 June 2017 shall be merged into the General Fund effective 01 July 2017.**

**PROPOSAL #11**

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)

Chapter III, Article X, Section 1 and Section 21 (See C&R page 91)

*Note: This proposal eliminates the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund Committee since the IRS 501(c)(3) classification allows this fund to be combined with the General Fund.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

#### Article X Standing Committees

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.~~

Section 21. Reserved.

#### **PROPOSAL NO. 12**

(This proposal is from Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day as Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee.)

Chapter III, Article X, Section 2 (See C&R page 91)

*Note: This proposal makes a change in who should serve on the Program and Policy Committee and makes some changes in the duties of that committee.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 2. A standing committee on Program and Policy shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief; the chairman of this committee shall be the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; ~~each year one member shall be appointed for a term of four years;~~ **on a rotational basis and at the discretion of the CinC, one new member should be appointed to serve a four year term;** and the purpose of this committee shall be the promotion of the Order and the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as ~~approved by the National Encampment.~~ **directed by the CinC, CofA and approved by the National Encampment.** The committee shall:

1. Review annually and update as necessary the Order's forms, **policies**, and publications **in accordance with the published schedules approved by the CofA.**
2. Review annually and update as necessary the Order's *Ritual and Ceremonials*.
3. ~~Review annually and update as necessary the Order's 5-year plan.~~

#### **PROPOSAL NO. 13**

(This proposal is from Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day as Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee.)

Chapter III, Article X, Section 3 (See C&R page 91)

*Note: This proposal makes a change in who should serve on the Communications and Technology Committee.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 3. The standing national committees shall consist of five Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except the Membership Committee which shall consist of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as chairman, the National Organization Expansion Officer and the Junior Vice Commanders of all Departments and Camps-at-Large, **except the Communications and Technology Committee which shall consist of the brothers filling the positions listed in Chapter III, Article X, Section 9 plus those brothers assigned by the CinC**, and except the Encampment Site Committee which shall consist of three Brothers. All shall be in good standing in their respective Departments and Camps.

#### **PROPOSAL NO. 14**

CHAPTER III Article X Section 9 (See C&R page 95)

This proposal is from Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day as Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee.

*Note: This proposal makes a change in who should serve on the Communication and Technology Committee and makes some changes in the activities of that committee.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of the 6 paragraphs relating to the activities of the committee, but does not recommend adoption of the portion of Section 9 relating to the membership of the committee.*

Section 9. The purpose of the National Committee on Communications and Technology is to serve as the Order's senior advisory body on electronic communication technology and the management of assigned resources in such a manner as to reflect positively on the accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. **The membership of the committee shall include the National Signals Officer (Chairman) the National Webmaster (if different from the National Signals Officer), Chairman of the Committee on Hereditary issues, the Chairman of the Committee on Graves Registration, The Chairman of the Monuments and Memorials Committee, the Webmaster for the Quartermaster Store, and two additional Brothers of the Order who have experience with internet technologies and cyber security if practicable.**

The activities of the National Committee on Communications and Technology shall include:

1. Serve as advisory body to the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration on matters dealing with the effective use of communication options and technological solutions.

2. ~~Work~~ **Actively engage** with the ~~National Webmaster, and all other officers and committees~~ who shall be responsible for the various technology streams in use by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

3. ~~Establish and maintain the currency of the National Communication Technology Policy statement, submitting changes and revisions to the Council of Administration, for consideration, as requested and as appropriate.~~ **Establish, evaluate and make recommendations to the CinC and CofA regarding the various policies in place for the establishment and maintenance of the websites and the social media presence controlled by the National Order or its subordinate SVR Units, Camps, and Departments.**

4. Remain current on emerging technologies and evaluate them for potential use by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

5. Report regularly through the Committee Chair (National Signals Officer) to the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration.

6. Prepare and submit through the Committee Chair (National Signals Officer) ~~an annual written report to the National Council of Administration and National Encampment.~~ **periodic written reports to the National Council of Administration and an annual written report to the National Encampment.**

### **PROPOSAL #15**

Chapter III, Article X, Section 14(3) (See C&R page 100)  
(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)

*Note: This proposal drops the Civil War hereditary and veterans' organization from receiving a free copy of the Banner and adds the Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Section 14(3). Arrange to have a complimentary copy of the Banner provided to each of the national heads of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., ~~Civil War hereditary and veterans' organizations~~ **and the Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS.**

### **PROPOSAL NO. 16**

CHAPTER III Article X, New Section 22 (See C&R page 104)

This proposal is from Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day as Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee.

*Note: This proposal authorizes the Commander-in-Chief to add non-voting administrative aides to committees.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 22. The Commander-in-Chief may appoint administrative aides to a standing committee, at his discretion, or upon receiving a request from a committee chairman, in order to support the mission of a committee. Such aides shall have no vote and will serve as administrative assistants to the committee.**

### **PROPOSAL #17**

(This proposal is from the Constitution and Regulations Committee)  
Chapter IV, Article 13 Section 2(b)), (See C&R page 108)

*Note: This proposal amends paragraph (b) of this section requiring disciplinary hearing panels to apply the preponderance of evidence rule in determining guilt; and adds a new paragraph (d) which clarifies the duties of the chairman of a disciplinary hearing panel and details the accused's appeal rights.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

(b). The hearing council shall then make specific findings of fact and issue their decision as either guilty or not guilty as to each specification, 2/3's affirmative vote necessary to convict.

**The members of the hearing council shall use the preponderance of evidence in determining if the accused is guilty or not guilty.** If a guilty verdict is determined, the hearing council shall then determine an appropriate penalty as to the matter. Said penalty shall be effective throughout all Camps, Departments and the National Organization. If a guilty verdict is determined, the hearing council shall then determine an appropriate penalty as to the matter. Said penalty shall be effective throughout all Camps, Departments and the National Organization.

**(d) The Chairman of the hearing council shall notify the accused, the plaintiff, and the convening Commander of the findings and sentence in writing. Service of the decision and notice of appeal shall be made upon the accused by certified mail, return receipt requested and deliverable to the addressee only. Such notice to include the right to appeal and the time frame within which any appeal must be made in writing to the appropriate officer. Neither the sentence nor the time to appeal shall be effective until the accused has received the notice in writing by certified mail. The notice must contain the following. "You may appeal this decision in writing within 30 days of receipt of this notice. The appeal must be filed in writing with the (insert Camp Commander, Department Commander, Commander-in-Chief or Senior Vice Commander in Chief, in the event of a proceeding as outlined in Article 17). Failure to appeal within the 30 days will terminate your right to appeal." No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SUVCW shall become effective, until the whole appeal shall have been forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, for his confirmation or disapproval.**

### **PROPOSAL #18**

(This proposal is from the Constitution and Regulations Committee)

This Proposal makes changes to: Chapter IV, Article 20 adding paragraphs (a) and (b) (See C&R page 111)

*Note: This proposal recommends who should be appointed to serve on a disciplinary appeals panel.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

- (a) To the extent possible a Department Commander shall appoint the appeals panel from among Brothers within the Department who are Past Department Commanders and particularly knowledgeable in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.**
- (b) To the extent possible the Commander-in-Chief or Senior Vice Commander in Chief, in the event of proceeding as outlined in Article 17 shall appoint the appeals panel from among the Past Commanders-in-Chief who are particularly knowledgeable in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order**

#### **PROPOSAL #19**

(This proposal is from the Constitution and Regulations Committee)  
Chapter IV, Article 22 (See C&R page 111)

*Note: This proposal describes the procedure and time frame for appealing a decision of the appeals panel to the department commander/commander-in-chief.*

Article 22. The appeals panel shall then render their decision. **The Chairman of the appeals panel shall notify the accused, the plaintiff, and the convening Commander of the findings and sentence in writing. Such notice to include the right to appeal and the time frame within which any appeal must be made in writing to the appropriate officer. Neither the sentence nor the time to appeal shall begin until the accused has received the notice in writing by certified mail. The notice must contain the following. “You may appeal this decision in writing within 30 days of receipt of this notice. The appeal must be filed with the (insert Department Commander, or Commander-in-Chief.) Failure to appeal within the 30 days will terminate your right to appeal.”** No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SUVCW shall become effective, until the whole appeal shall have been forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, for his confirmation or disapproval.

#### **PROPOSAL # 20**

(This proposal is from the Constitution and Regulations Committee)  
Chapter IV, Article 23 (See C&R page 111)

*Note: This proposal describes the procedure for appealing a final decision of an appeals panel appointed by the commander-in-chief to the next national encampment.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Article 23. The decision of an appeals panel appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, upon the conclusion of the process as outlined in Article 21 and 22, is final and no further right of appeal exists. **The Chairman of the appeals panel shall notify the accused, the plaintiff, and the Commander-in-Chief of the findings and sentence in writing. Service of the decision and notice of appeal shall be made upon the accused by certified mail, return receipt requested and deliverable to the addressee only. Such notice to include the right to request leave to appeal to the National Encampment. Neither the sentence nor the time to request leave to appeal shall begin until the accused has received the notice in writing by certified mail. The notice must contain the following “You may request leave to appeal this action to the next regularly scheduled National Encampment. Such request must be submitted in writing to the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, and National Counselor. Such request must be submitted within 30 days of receipt of the notice. If the action being appealed occurs within 45 days of the National Encampment, the request for leave to appeal may be made to the next succeeding National Encampment.”** A party may request leave to appeal to a next regularly scheduled National Encampment **unless the action being appealed shall have occurred within 45 days of the National Encampment in which case the request for leave to appeal to the next succeeding National Encampment will be in order. Such** ~~which~~ request must be made within 30 days of the issuance of the decision of the appeals panel appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Any decision of the National Encampment is final and may not be reviewed by any authority at any future time.

#### **PROPOSAL #21**

(This is a proposal from Constitution and Regulations Committee)  
Chapter IV, Article 28 (See C&R page 112)

*Note: This proposal adds a new Article to this Chapter giving the Commander-in-Chief Clemency authority to grant a pardon, commutation of a sentence and expungement of a disciplinary record.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposed amendment.*

**Article 28. The Commander-in-Chief is hereby invested with the power of clemency. Such clemency may take the form of a pardon, commutation, or expungement of the record.**

- (1) Expungement. The Commander-in-Chief may order expungement of the record if it is found that the accused was erroneously convicted by false testimony, exclusion of testimony or evidence which exonerated the accused or procedural error by the hearing council, appeals council or convening officer. An expungement may be with or without prejudice. All records, sentences, orders, communications relative to the case shall be removed from the record as if they never existed. An expungement with prejudice may not be retried.**

- (2) **Commutation.** A sentence may be commuted if the Commander-in-Chief finds that the sentence is overly harsh, inconsistent with sentences in similar cases, or detrimental to the well-being of the accused. Such commutation may be effective immediately or upon a date specified by the Commander-in-chief. It may be a lessening of a fine, suspension from membership, prohibition on holding office or any other penalty.
- a. Well-being shall mean for example a Brother is under suspension and he is found to be terminally ill and he wishes to have the Sons Burial Service upon his death, the sentence would be subject to commutation for his well-being. Another example would be a Brother is issued a fine and while paying the fine becomes financially challenged to the point the fine impacts his ability to pay other bills, for his well-being the fine would be subject to commutation.
- (3) **Pardon.** A pardon may be granted when the Commander-in-Chief believes that the offense was not of such enormity as to hinder the operations or good name of the Order; when the Commander-in-Chief determines that subsequent behavior by the Brother warrants mercy and forgiveness; or for humanitarian reasons.
- (4) In all of the above cases of clemency the Commander-in-Chief shall present his reasons for the action to the Council of Administration. Such action must be confirmed by vote of the Council of Administration. A majority vote in the affirmative being required for a commutation or pardon and a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote being required for expungement. No member of the Council of Administration who was party to the disciplinary action shall participate in any discussion or vote. Participation in the disciplinary action to include but not limited to accused, plaintiff, witness, counsel for or against, member of the hearing panel, member of an appeals panel, or the convening officer. The Commander-in-Chief may present the proposed action if he previously participated in the procedure but he may not vote if he previously participated in the procedure.
- (5) Any request for a pardon or commutation must be made and if approved granted within the time frame of the sentence. For example if a Brother is prohibited from holding elected office for 5 years, a pardon or commutation must be requested and acted upon with the 5 year period of the sentence. A pardon or commutation cannot be granted after a sentence has been served. If the sentence is a monetary fine, the request for pardon or commutation must take place within one calendar year of the effective date of the sentence.
- (6) Any request for expungement of the record must be received by the Commander-in-Chief in writing within 180 days of the imposition of the sentence.
- (7) Any Brother convicted of an offense and having exhausted all appeals may request the Commander-in-Chief to pardon him or commute his sentence. Such request to be in writing. The Brother shall have one and only one opportunity to make such a request.

**(8) The Commander-in-Chief is under no obligation to grant a request for clemency. If he does not agree with the request and declines to present such a request to the Council of Administration, there is no appeal of his action.**

**Once a Commander-in-Chief has acted on a request for clemency it cannot be reconsidered by subsequent Commanders-in-Chief except in the case of a request for expungement when additional proof of wrong doing or error has become available.**

#### **6.4 National Encampment Site Committee: James T. Crane, DC**

2018 National Encampment - Boston, Massachusetts August 9-12

The Department of Massachusetts has been working on their Encampment since last year. They have finalized their Encampment tour, which will include a boat tour of Boston Harbor with lunch, and a tour of Ft. Warren, on George's island, where Massachusetts Regiments were mustered and trained. The song, "John Brown's Body", (which became the music for the Battle Hymn of the Republic) was first sung here by mustering troops of the 13th Massachusetts Infantry. The fort also served as a prison for captured Confederates, including the VP of the Confederacy, after the War. The Host Committee is working closely with the hotel on the operations for this Encampment. They are also doing some interesting work on the Encampment medal, and one to offer to the membership. One could be struck to honor the Society of "The Minutemen of '61", the first regiments from Massachusetts to answer President Lincoln's call for troops in April of 1861. This Encampment will be a treat, as they are putting together a nice plan for everyone to enjoy themselves. The hotel is the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, about 20 miles from downtown Boston. The rate is \$109.00, for single or double rooms.

2019 National Encampment - Cleveland, Ohio August 8-11

The Encampment will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, the home of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. It has been 70 years since last being in Cleveland, and 20 years since being in Ohio. The work of developing tours and other planning will commence in October of this year. The hotel is the Double Tree Cleveland located in Independence, a suburb of Cleveland. It is about 15 minutes from the airport, and about 15 minutes from downtown. The room rate is 114.00 per night for a single or double room.

2020 National Encampment - no contract signed as of yet.

#### **6.5 National Committee on Fraternal Relations: Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

Committee Membership: Kevin L. Martin, PDC (Chair), Frank C. Avila PCC, Jeffrey Burden, Jeff Hightower, Mike Rusk, and Jerome W. Kowalski (Aide).

The committee identified the names and addresses to formally communicate with the Executive Officer of each of our kindred Societies and provided this information to the Commander-in-Chief, the National Executive Director, and the Banner Editor. These organizations included the following:

- Civil War Hereditary Organizations

- Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
  - Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW)
  - Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. (WRC)
  - Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Inc. (DUVCW)
  - Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR)
- Other Union Civil War Orders
  - Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS)
  - Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (DOLLUS)
  - National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865
- Confederate Civil War Orders
  - Morgan's Men Association, Inc.
  - United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC)
  - Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
  - Military Order of the Stars and Bars
  - National Order of the Blue and Gray
- National Veterans' Organizations
  - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)
  - American Legion

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, the committee invited representatives from the above organizations to attend the Order's national ceremonies and programs, including Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield, Illinois, and the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.

At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, the committee also sent a special invitation to Commander-in-Chief Thomas Strain, Sons of Confederate Veterans, extending the opportunity for him to address the National Encampment during the Saturday morning business session, as well as to attend and address the Encampment Banquet on Saturday evening.

The committee has no recommendations..

## **6.6 National Committee on Graves Registration: Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

Reported in Section 5.26.

## **6.7 National Committee on History: Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

Normally the questions coming to the National Historian are easy enough that they are simply answered. Last December a lady wrote requesting our website correct an obvious error in the details of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic as found on our website.

Our website states the currently accepted fact that Major Benjamin Franklin Stephenson founded the Grand Army of the Republic on April 6, 1866.

The long lost Stephenson Papers owned by Brother Roger Heiple clearly detail Stephenson's efforts as sole founder of that Order. This has been the accepted thought among historians for the last fifty years,

Unfortunately, Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Beath in writing the history of the GAR in 1888 introduced a second organizer of the GAR, a noted Methodist minister named William Rutledge. The lady writing Catherine MacMilan was a great niece of Rev. Rutledge and felt we had slighted her uncle. She wanted to know if I thought Beath had lied?

I explained to her the following: Commander Beath wrote the history in 1888. Stephenson had died in 1871. A fire at Grand Army Headquarters destroyed the first 15-20 years of official records so Beath was collecting stories about the founding long after the fact.

Mrs. Stephenson had burned most of her husband's records, but in the 1990s a box was located in the former Stephenson home that contained a number of long-lost records that indicated the efforts to found the GAR were Stephenson's. Rutledge may have made suggestions that were later rejected. There is no record as to what his official role in the founding might have been. No one was aware of any connection between Beath and Rutledge and no one knows of any reason why he was introduced in 1888. Rev. Rutledge died in 1900. To confirm what I thought was the simply truth I further polled the committee for their opinions

We do know that the GAR erected a large monument at Stephenson's grave as the founder of the GAR.

No monument was erected at Rev. Rutledge's grave. In 1909 the US Congress purchased and dedicated the GAR – Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Monument in Washington, DC. The GAR veterans themselves did not include Rev. Rutledge nor state he was the co-founder of the GAR.

While various badges and encampment medals recognize Dr. Stephenson as founder no such recognition was accorded Rev. Rutledge.

In 1946 the Illinois Dept, Daughters of Union Veterans placed a marker on Rev Rutledge grave. This seems to be the only official recognition of his status as a "co-founder". The committee and I believe the Sons website reflects the widely held opinion that Stephenson is the sole founder and the website is correct. Unfortunately we could not find an answer Ms. MacMilan as to Commander Beath's remarks. Was it political? Was it simply a rumor that gained a degree of truth because Beath included it? We simply do not know..

## **6.8 National Committee on GAR Records: Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

Commander-in-Chief Martin and Brothers of the 136<sup>th</sup> annual encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is my honor to present this report on the activities and achievements of the standing Committee on GAR Records.

Progress Report and Accomplishments for the 2016-2017 Administrative Year

**GAR Records Group on Yahoo.com:** Our committee continues to use the *GARRecords* Group on Yahoo as our hub for communications and file sharing/archiving. The Group was created in March 2011, with Glenn Knight, PDC, and Dean Enderlin, PCC, as co-administrators.

**Five Year GAR Records Project Plan (2012-2017) -- Progress Report:** A 5-year Project Plan for the GAR Records Committee was approved at the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment (2012). The

plan will come to its conclusion this year. A new 5-year plan (2017-2022) is presented in the recommendations section of this report.

A final status report for each objective of the current plan is presented below:

1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website and online GAR Records Catalog.

**Status: Up to Date.** The new website ([www.GARrecords.org](http://www.GARrecords.org)) marked its fourth anniversary on 18 July 2017. It has continued to function well over its first four 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: Continuing.** 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 23 July 2017, we have identified 10,736 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/updated 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.** Thirteen of twenty-nine Departments have a clearly defined and formalized GAR Records Program, namely: California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, the Columbia, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and the Southwest. All the above now have a GAR Records Officer or an officer with an equivalent title or function (GAR Research Officer, GAR Research Coordinator, Archivist, etc.).

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.

**Department GAR Records Officer:** The office of Department Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Officer, which was originally created by the National Encampment in 2004, was not fully codified in the C&R until November 2015. With this office now in place, we have begun tracking the progress of Departments in filling the position. To aid in identifying the current office holders, and because the Department GAR Records Officer is now a required office, our committee will be exploring the possibility of modifying the SUVCW Form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers) to include the new office as a line item. This will be a task to discuss with the Program & Policy Committee during the 2017-2018 administrative year.

The following table shows Departments that have a confirmed GAR Records Officer.

<b>Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer</b>			
<b>Department</b>	<b>Officer</b>		<b>Officer</b>
California & Pacific	X	Missouri	X
Colorado/Wyoming	Pending	Nebraska	X
Columbia	X	New Hampshire	
Connecticut		New Jersey	X
Florida	X	New York	X
Georgia & South Carolina		North Carolina	
Illinois		Ohio	X
Indiana	X	Oklahoma	
Iowa	X	Pennsylvania	
Kansas		Rhode Island	
Kentucky		Southwest	X
Maine		Tennessee	
Chesapeake		Texas	
Massachusetts		Vermont	
Michigan	X	Wisconsin	

**Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Recommendation:** Progress toward achieving our long-term committee goals was first reported to the 133<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment (2014) by the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning. One recommendation was included with the progress report: "Assist Departments in reporting locations of GAR records in their territories." Now that the office of Department GAR Records Officer is in place, our next task is to publish a handbook, similar to those now available to Patriotic Instructors and Graves Registration Officers. Work continues on this document, with completion expected in the 2017-2018 administrative year.

A status report of recent National Encampment actions pertaining to the GAR Records Program is tabulated below.

**Status of Previous National Encampment Actions Relating to GAR Records:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
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<b>Year</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
2012	Approve a GAR Records Project Plan.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Approved by National Encampment, August 2012
2012	Amend the job description of the National GAR Records Officer.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated August 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website National Job Descriptions page.
2013, 2015	Amend job description of the National Standing Committee on GAR Records.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website National Job Descriptions page.
2013, 2015	That a National Policy on GAR Records be approved.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> The new policy is posted to the SUVCW 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	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated in August 2014. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW 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	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW 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	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
2015	Amend Chap. III, Art. VII, Sec. 12 of the C&R to revise the job description of the National Historian.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW 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	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW 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	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.
2017	Approve new GAR Records Project 5-year Plan.	Proposed	<b>PENDING.</b> (Subject to approval of the 2017 National Encampment)

Our committee is pleased with our achievements for the year, and we hope that our accomplishments will meet with the satisfaction of the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment. It has been a privilege to serve.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommendation 1. That a new GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2017-2022) be approved as outlined below.

1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website ([www.GARrecords.org](http://www.GARrecords.org)) and online GAR Records Catalog.

2) Continue to expand the GAR Records website content to include:

Separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts, including but not limited to meeting locations, dates of muster and disbandment, details of consolidation with other posts, and any other noteworthy facts.

- Links to other SUVCW web pages (Camps and Departments) containing GAR Records information.
- Links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections.
- Relevant bibliographic references.

3) Continue to encourage and assist SUVCW Departments and Camps in developing and/or expanding their respective GAR Records programs. Support actions to include:

- Preparation of a handbook to provide guidance in searching for and cataloging GAR records.
- Providing personal guidance, as needed, to Department GAR Records Officers and other individuals when needed.

4) Expand public awareness and involvement in the GAR Records Program. Actions to include: Creation and/or participation in an online forum or message board that is specific to the topic of GAR records.

- Encouraging local libraries, museums, genealogical and historical societies, veterans' organizations, and other holders of GAR records collections to index and publish the contents of their collections.
- Support efforts (both within the SUVCW and external to our organization) to digitize and make publicly available collections of GAR records.

### **6.9 Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance: Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

The program at the Tomb is on Saturday April 14, 2018. The headquarters hotel for 2018 is The Abraham Lincoln hotel, 701 E. Adams, P# 217-544-8800. The room rate is \$100.00. We have the permit for the Tomb. The luncheon menu and ordering chairs will be taken care of in September. The band contract will be signed in January.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the CofA make the spring meeting in Springfield the weekend of the Lincoln Tomb program a permanent meeting just like the winter one Remembrance Day weekend. This will show the support of the National Organization and encourage more members to participate in the Lincoln Tomb Observance. This is needed because the attendance every year is getting smaller and smaller.

### **6.10 National Committee on Membership: Donald W. Shaw, PDC**

The membership committee has functioned as it should with no major problems during the past year. The worst of any problems encountered was difficulty in reaching one of the Department Junior Vice Commanders quickly due to email and telephone deficiencies. That has been corrected. The committee continues to be responsible for the processing of on line applications and assigning new prospective members to camps. This it has done throughout the last year.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

None.

### **6.11 National Military Affairs Committee: Henry E. Shaw Jr., PCC**

This Report will cover the activities of the National Military Affairs Committee from the date of its prior Report, 10 March 2017 through and including the date of this Final Report of the National Military Affairs Committee.

- Two SVR General Orders were issued since the date of this Committee's Interim Report dated 10 March 2017, specifically, SVR General Order 2017-03, dated 11 March 2017 and SVR General Order 2017-04, dated 11 April 2017, and which said SVR General Orders have been published on the Web Site.
- The Committee has worked on and prepared a draft to amend Chapter IV, Section 2 of the current SVR Regulations relating to Juniors and Junior Associates, has provided the draft to the National Constitution and Regulations Committee for consideration, and if so recommended by the National Constitution and Regulations Committee, said proposed amendment will be presented to the National Encampment in August, 2017 for consideration. The Proposed Amendment was previously attached to this Committee's 10 March 2017 Report.

### ***REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND, 2017***

- As previously reported, due to the unavailability of the Ball room at the Wyndham, it became necessary to change the situs of the Headquarters Hotel to the Eisenhower Hotel. Five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex (formerly the Eisenhower Hotel) for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 have been entered into. It should be noted that the Eisenhower Complex has a substantially sized Ball Room.
- The five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex, among other things, provide for the identical group rate per night for each of the five (5) years, that is, the sum of \$129.00 plus tax per night. Insofar as the nightly group rate at the Wyndham for 2016 was the sum of \$116.00 plus tax per night, the fixed five (5) year rate of \$129.00 plus tax per night at the Eisenhower Complex thus represents an 11.2% increase over the 2016 rate at the Wyndham.
- The contracts with the Eisenhower Complex also provide for rooms, built into the contracts and at no additional expense, for the use of the Allied Orders to display and sell their various items, the same also holding true for the National Quartermaster. Additionally, a large room will be available for the SVR Breakfast, a room will be available for the Council of Administration Meeting and for the Church Service on the Sunday morning of each weekend. And, of course, the use of the Ball Room is built into the terms of each of the five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex. Also it should be noted that the Hotel will provide at no cost to those who are staying at the Eisenhower during Remembrance Day Weekend, an evening meal on Friday 17 November 2017, a breakfast on Saturday, 18 November 2017(not the SVR Breakfast which is separate) and an evening meal on Saturday, 18 November 2017.
- A 4 year contract for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 was entered into with the Philadelphia Brigade Band for purposes of providing period dance music at the Original Civil War Ball to be held in the Eisenhower ballroom. The contract also includes period dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. In addition to playing for the Ball, the Band will also render *The National Anthem* and provide period selections at the Woolson Monument ceremonies and will participate in the Remembrance Day Parade.

- Arrangements have been made with the various CW publications to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball. Issues of several of these CW publications containing the Remembrance Day 2017 ads were distributed at the 154<sup>th</sup> reenactment in Gettysburg in July of 2017.
- Arrangements were made, electronically, with PCinC James B. Pahl, the Editor of *The Banner*, to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball
- Through the assistance of PCinC and SVR Web Master Leo Kennedy, Notice of the 2017 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2017 Original Civil War Ball are both posted on the SVR Web site.
- Major David K. Hann, Provost, SVR, fashioned a Remembrance Day Facebook Page in 2014 and which said page has been updated to include the 2017 events.
- Renewed State Auto Insurance Company Bond for purposes of protecting the Original Civil War Ball funds at no cost to the SVR. Funds for policy premium came from an anonymous donor.
- Original Civil War Ball tickets (350) were ordered on 22 December 2016 and were received on 30 December 2016. Total cost, including shipping, was \$125.00. To date, thirty-two (32) Ball tickets have been sold (about average for this time of year; actually 10 more than in 2016).
- **Further Tasks To Be Accomplished, between March, 2017 and the 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, And In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2017:**
- Arrangements were made, electronically, with All Sound Pro in Chambersburg, PA (Robert Ranalli) to provide Public Address system for Woolson Monument Ceremonies on 18 November 2017.
- A formal personalized letter of invitation 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 18 November 2017 and he accepted.
- 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 he accepted.
- A formal personalized letter was mailed to Mr. Charles Hulse requesting him to have Boy Scout Troop No. 88 place refuse containers (as required by the Borough of Gettysburg) along the parade route, prior to the 2017 Remembrance Day Parade and then remove the same following the completion of the Parade. This arrangement has been finalized.

- An Application for a Facilities Lease Agreement was made to the Gettysburg Area School District for purposes of use of Middle School area for form up of the Remembrance Day Parade. The agreement has been signed and accepted.
- An Application for a Parade Permit was made to the Gettysburg Police Department for purposes of conducting the Remembrance Day Parade and Final Approval has been received.
- An Application for a Special Park Use Permit was made to the Gettysburg National Military Park for purposes of conducting the Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove, to be held at 11:00 A.M. on 18 November 2017.
- An Application for a Special Event Permit (Form TE-300) was made to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and that Application has been approved.
- Remembrance Day Parade Streamers have been ordered 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 secure authorizations from Gettysburg Police Chief and the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Gettysburg Area School District to place the sanitary facilities in the proximity of the staging area along Lefever Street.
- Ordered 13 wreaths from The Floral Boutique in Gettysburg and arrange for the wreaths to be delivered to the Woolson Monument on Saturday, 18 November 2017 at 10:00 A.M.
- 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, 2017, Will Be Addressed Subsequent To The 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, specifically:**
  1. Extend a formal written invitation to Major General Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer, SVR, to act as Master of Ceremonies at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, to present a check to the Gettysburg National Military Park, to lay a wreath on behalf of the SVR and to lead, along with Mrs. Grim, the Grand March at the Original Civil War Ball at The Eisenhower Hotel, commencing at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday 18 November 2017.

2. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, to present remarks in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, and to lay a wreath on behalf of the SUVCW.
3. Mail formal personalized letters of invitation to all heads of National Allied Orders, National and Pennsylvania Mollus Heads and all Pennsylvania Allied Orders Heads, requesting each to present a wreath in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
4. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain, SVR, requesting him to deliver the Invocation and pronounce the Benediction at the SVR Breakfast and at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
5. Arrange to have the Program for the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument printed and have sufficient copies made for distribution at the site of the Woolson Monument, prior to the commencement of the Memorial Service.
6. Pick up Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from the R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
7. Arrange to have Dance Cards for the original Civil War Ball to be printed and boxed.
8. Arrange to have the various Certificates of Appreciation/Thanks prepared.
9. Arrange ceremony for Friday afternoon, 17 November 2017, with Gettysburg business leaders, for presentation of Certificates in recognition of their \$1,000.00 parade permit donation.

• **Schedule of Events for Saturday, 18 November 2017:**

1. SVR Breakfast at Eisenhower Hotel at 8:00 A.M.
2. Parade Briefing at Eisenhower Hotel at 9:30 A.M.
3. Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove at 11:00 A.M.
4. Parade Form-Up at Gettysburg Middle School at Noon.
5. Parade Commences at 1:00 P.M.
6. Original Civil War Ball at Eisenhower Hotel at 8:00 P.M.

***REMEMBRANCE DAY DATES – 2017 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 2021:***

The following future dates have been established for Remembrance Day:

- Saturday, 18 November 2017
- Saturday, 17 November 2018
- Saturday, 16 November 2019
- Saturday, 21 November 2020
- Saturday, 20 November 2021.

## 6.12 National Committee on Program and Policy: Mark R. Day, PDC

Annual Report of the P&P Committee for the period August 2016 – August 2017

1. Complete Update on Form 5:

ACTION: The update was completed and the revised form was posted on the website

2. From National Signals Officer (Recommendation #5) Social Media Policy<sup>7</sup>.

For the Communications and Technology Committee to research and devise an SUVCW Social Media Policy and Best Practices for submission to and approval by the Programs and Policies Committee.

ACTION: Completed by the development of a Policy which was approved and has been posted on the website

3. From Commander in Chief

Incorporate the provisions of PCinC Freshley's General Order #22 as was directed on page 86-88 of the 2014 Encampment Proceedings

ACTION: Completed by the revision of the Form 3 application to require the witness signature, in the case of a minor, to be that of the parent or guardian. The form was approved by the CofA and posted on the website

4. From the Committee on Vision and Strategic Planning:

Bring desperate programs (ROTC Medal Program; Eagle Scout Patch; Flag Certificate) under one umbrella. Perhaps NPI

ACTION: Completed by the creation of a New Patriotic Instructor handbook and reporting forms 40, 41, and 42 which were approved by the CofA and posted to the National Website

5. From the National Executive Director:

The National Executive Director has suggested changes to the form 27

ACTION: Completed with the updating of the form 27, which was approved in July 2016 has been posted to the National Website

6. From the CinC:.

To P&P to prepare appropriate wording to the C& R on the issue of Memorial Day Observances in support of the Special Committee on Memorial Day.

ACTION: Open because the P&P committee has taken no action at this time but is prepared to act in support of the Special Committee on Memorial Day when so directed

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### New Business

7. \*\*From the National Treasurer:

That the P&P adopt a written disaster contingency plan for the for the information systems, including financial records

ACTION: Open Until the P&P committee receives an input from the Communications Committee and the National Webmaster it can take no action, but is prepared to act when such input becomes available.

8. From the National Treasurer: That the P&P adopt a formal whistleblower policy  
ACTION: Completed by the creation of a policy which was approved by the CofA and is posted on the website.

9. From the National Treasurer: That the P&P adopt a nepotism policy  
ACTION: Completed by the development of a policy which was, approved by the CofA. and is posted on the website.

10. From the National Treasurer:  
That the P&P review and update the conflict of interest policy  
ACTION: Completed by the development of an updated policy was approved by the CofA and is posted on the website.

11. From the National Treasurer:  
That the P&P adopt a formal policy for the capitalization of fixed assets  
ACTION: Completed by the development of a policy which was, approved by the CofA, and is posted on the website.

12. From the National Treasurer:  
That the P&P create a separate process to approve invoices from cash disbursement process  
ACTION: Completed by the development of a policy which was, approved by the CofA, and it is posted on the website.

13. From the National Treasurer:  
That the P&P identify a methodology for performing reconciliation between the Executive Director's per capita tax receipts and the amount deposited in the bank  
ACTION: Completed by making a change to the current cover letter which accompanies each transaction between the Executive Director and National Treasurer so that it included an itemized list of the monies and a line for totaling the items. (Similar to a bank deposit slip)

14. From the National Treasurer:  
That the P&P identify a methodology for third party independent review of bank statements and reconciliations  
ACTION: Completed by having one of the assistant treasurers conduct an independent review and having the records available to the CofA at each of its meetings

15. From Scholarship Committee Chairman: address change  
ACTION: Completed when the address of chairman was updated and posted the revised form was posted to the website.

16. From the Commander in Chief

The P&P is hereby tasked to make the necessary corrections to the form 50, remove inconsistencies and create a proper sequence of events. Any proposed changes to the C&R deemed necessary should be filled within the appropriate channels. Furthermore the P&P to consider making the following change to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1, removing the word “may” and replacing it with the word “shall”. ‘Camps ... be named . . .

ACTION: Partially Complete. The proposed change to the C&R Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1 were developed and submitted to the C&R Committee. The revision of the Form 50 has not been completed.

17. From National Quartermaster

The Quartermaster asked for two changes routing addresses be made

ACTION: Completed when the changes were made and the revised form posted on the website

18. From Commander in Chief

The P&P will develop a fillable PDF template for producing membership cards on the cardstock sold by the Quartermaster Store.

ACTION: Completed by the creation of a template which has been approved by the CofA, and is posted, along with a short set of instructions on the website.

19. From the National Treasurer as a Recommendation: Assure that a signed contract is always obtained when contract terms are changed.

ACTION: Completed by the development of a policy which was approved by the CofA, and is posted on the website.

20. From the National Treasurer as a Recommendation: The CinC and all other officers or members of the CofA who receive an advance should submit all receipts to support an advance or refund the unused portion in a timely manner.

ACTION: Open as the creation of a policy iev by the P&P is ongoing along with possible proposed C&R changes

21. P&P Committee Review of the Awards and Recognition Policy

ACTION: Completed by a review and updates to include all current awards and award criteria. Two awards were renamed as a result of action by the CofA.

22. P&P Committee Review of the Form 9

ACTION: Completed by the revision of the Form 9 to bring it into agreement with the current pricing for Life Memberships in the C&R

23. From the Executive Director: make a minor correction to the Form 35

ACTION: Completed when the Form 35 was updated

24. From the P&P: establish and publish a schedule of review for all SUVCW Forms, Publications, and Policies

ACTION: Completed by the development of schedules of review, which were approved by the CofA, and posted on the websiteR

25. POW Program: option that the incoming CinC to start a special committee to examine of descendants of SUVCW POW Program.

ACTION: The program is still under development

26. Recommendations from the Department of Missouri

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.

ACTION: See Item #3 of this report

2) Request the SUVCW National Quartermaster to create and sell an “Ancestor Certificate” modeled with similar graphics to the standard membership certificate. Wheeler.

ACTION: Complete the form was created, approved by the CofA, and it is available through the QM

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.

No Action, ruled out of order due to conflict with Article XI (Finance) Section 1 page 44 of the C&R.

### **6.13 Battle Flag Preservation Committee: Edward J. Norris, PDC**

Continued to spread the word about the importance of preserving our ancestors' colors. The Facebook page is up to 1,698 Likes. A post about an Iowa museum destroying Civil War flags from their collection reached 7,137 people and was shared by 45 people. This was an increase of 4,262 (148.2%) more people than last year's best post and an additional 20 (80%) shares, The word is spreading.

### **6.14 National Committee on Scholarships: Gene D. Turner, PDC**

The Scholarship Committee received, analyzed, and reviewed eight completed applications in compliance with required documentation. Two applications were rejected, one due to a lack of current membership approval and proof, and the other due to a lack of required scholarship and referral data. Those with insufficient requirements received letters urging them to apply in the future.

After detailed examination and evaluation of scholastic performance, including transcripts, letters of recommendation and Allied Order documentations, the committee awarded scholarship awards to:

Ethan Samuel Bauer of General George Wright Camp #1865 Department of Columbia.

George Michael Huttick of Fort Donelson Camp #62 Department of Tennessee.

Upon the committee selection of these candidates, letters of congratulations were sent out to each recipient on behalf of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Commander in Chief Don Martin. Additional letters were also sent to those not receiving the award as well.

In conclusion, the consensus of the members of the committee was in effect a commendation of each applicant's exceptional achievement and the need to provide an additional scholarship in the future. As in any organization, the need to reward and recognize our youth's excellence is indispensable and our Order is no exception. Further, many of the members remarked that all the

applicants were deserving. We would hope the members of the National Encampment would ponder and then consider a proposal to increase the number of scholarships available.

The committee members are as follows:

Gene D. Turner PDC Chair Department of Oklahoma

Richard A. Davis PhD Member Department of Ohio

Douglas K Fidler PhD Member Department of Tennessee

Gene Mortorff PCinC Department of Pennsylvania

Owen R. Stiles PCC Department of California

In closing, be it known that the committee members have been honored to serve the Order in this capacity.

### **6.15 National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund: Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

I have the honor to submit the following report:

The committee reviewed the following applications for grants, all but one of which were approved:

- 2016-17-01, Dept of GA & SC, Restoration of the McPherson Monument, Atlanta, \$2,000
- 2016-17-02, Dept of the Chesapeake, Restoration of Point of Rocks Cemetery Monument, Chesterfield County, \$1,000
- 2016-17-03, Dept of Florida, GAR Memorial Hall State of Florida Historical Marker, St Cloud, \$700
- 2016-17-04, Dept of Connecticut, Restoration of Marker in Vernon, CT. Not approved; monument was determined to be a private headstone, which are not eligible for grants from this Committee.
- 2016-17-05, Dept of Iowa, Restoration of Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Iowa State Capitol, Des Moines, IA. \$2,000.
- 2016-17-06, Dept of Missouri, Last Soldier of St Louis County, Creve Couer, MO. \$700.
- 2016-17-07, Dept of Illinois, Completion of B.F. Stephenson Monument plaza, Petersburg, IL. \$2,000. The committee Chair also learned that the SUV CW bench at the plaza (for which a grant of \$2,500 had been awarded by the 2016 National Encampment) had not been ordered due to an administrative oversight, and notified COA; the project sponsor immediately corrected the situation.
- 2016-17-08, Dept of the Chesapeake, addition of a statue to the Irish Brigade Monument, Fredericksburg, VA, \$2,000.
- 2016-17-09, Dept of New York, replacement of the Civil War monument at Downing Park (destroyed by a drunk driver), Newburgh, NY, \$2,000.

In addition to the above projects, the Committee supported the effort of the US Embassy in Panama to erect a monument in memory of Julius Kroehl, US Navy Veteran and early submarine designer, in Panama City. At the November C of A meeting, the C of A approved a grant of up to \$5,000 for the proposal pending a request letter from the ambassador and a rendering of the monument, both which were provided and finalized by January 2017. The final price amounted to \$1,985, including shipping. The monument was completed in May and shipped to the US Embassy in Panama in late June.

Due to a question from the Dept of New Hampshire, the committee asked for a ruling from the C of A in November whether the committee's charter included grants to support the restoration of furniture in GAR halls, since it does include restoration of GAR halls and their integral decorations. The C of A ruled that it did not.

The following related question was also raised: Are activities related to the restoration of GAR halls eligible for grants from the Monuments Grant Fund? There are no firm guidelines governing this. There are a number of considerations: the primary use/purpose of the building and whether it actively promotes the GAR; the condition of the building, including whether it has been remodeled or substantially altered; and ownership of the building. It may be reasonably argued that the Monuments Grant fund is not intended to cover the operating and maintenance costs of local businesses, organizations, or Camps. That said, many halls have memorial plaques, plaques of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, GAR artifacts, paintings, altars, that may reasonably be eligible if they are original to the building, of historical significance and/or promote awareness of Union servicemen and the GAR. Of note, the Form 61 does include a provision for GAR halls.

The committee chair also consulted with the town of Deer Lodge, Montana, currently in the early planning stages of restoring a cemetery with a GAR monument in need of repair.

The curator of Veteran's Memorial Hall, Rockford, Illinois, has also made an initial inquiry about a grant, but did not follow up.

The Chair of the Historical Commission of the Town of Apollo, PA, inquired about a grant to clean and restore a family monument at Apollo Cemetery. Upon consultation with the Dept of PA, the Dept took over the project.

As was the case last year, the Committee received a number of requests in June. Departments are requested to submit requests, if at all possible, as early in the business years as possible. No additional funds were available for further disbursements at the end of the business year.

Brothers Paquette and Norris are to be commended for their thorough review of these applications with respect to both their merit and to ensure they are in accordance with SUVCW policies. Brother Busch, Chair of the Monuments Database Committee is likewise to be commended for his close coordination with this committee.

**Recommendation:** Evaluate whether grant eligibility should be expanded to include GAR halls, historical GAR furniture and decorations, and if so, define specific criteria, standards and restrictions for these items.

### **6.16 National Committee on eBay Surveillance: James Dixon, PCC**

We are currently working with the VA and the local authorities in getting a civil war veterans stone to its proper place. It was found on eBay for sale by two separate people.

Although eBay is our main focus, we have been watching sites such as Craigslist and other sale arenas.

### **6.17 National Committee on Promotion and Marketing: Donald D. Palmer, PCinC**

The Marketing & Promotion Committee had little progress to show over the past administrative year and the chairman takes full responsibility for the lack of progress. Conflicting activities, both inside and outside of the SUVCW, proved to be too much of a distraction.

The main activity envisioned for this administrative year was to develop a comprehensive marketing plan complete with budget recommendations. This plan was completed and distributed to the committee for review.

The committee also assembled a matrix of state genealogical society conferences across the country. Participation at state conferences will provide additional opportunities to communicate our brand to this key community in a more efficient manner.

The 2018 National Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, MI from May 2-5, 2018. We envision sponsoring a display booth. As discussed at the 2015 National Encampment, our strategy for supporting conference displays will be to utilize Brothers local to the conference in order to minimize travel expenses. It is hoped that our Brothers in Michigan will consider supporting this event. As a reminder, the SUVCW picks up the cost of booth registration and individual registration for Brothers manning the booth is free.

The committee is looking forward to a more productive administrative year in 2017-2018.

### **6.18 National Committee on Vision and Planning: Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

I have the honor to submit the following report:

#### **Introduction:**

Overall, there appears to have been uneven progress in a number of areas since the start of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan in 2014; this is due to a number of factors, some of which are outside of our control, in particular the IRs barriers 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. As reported last year, the Order's membership growth efforts to date have not borne fruit across the board. On one hand, we are recruiting new members, but we appear to not be doing as well as needed at retention. Our membership numbers are relatively stable. However, if we reduced the number of drops, we would make substantial gains in membership. We need to investigate this and develop a new recruiting and retention strategy.

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.

**Recommendation:**

- Revamp the recruiting and retention program and develop a strategy to reduce drops. We appear to be recruiting, but not retaining members.

***Information Technology***

Our adoption of information technology remains uneven. The national Signals Officer / Webmaster is making steady progress towards achieving a national-level IT strategy. A number of areas could be greatly improved with a commitment to improving our IT structure.

**Recommendations:**

- National Signals Officer and Comm & Technology Committee continue to develop a national IT plan that includes social media, mobile devices & You Tube, QR codes
- Extend our advertising campaign to social media.
- Continue to update the web site as required. Consider a National Chaplain page and update the PI page to be a “patriotism clearing house.”

***Engagement***

Many of our activities are outwardly focused, including education, preservation, patriotism & good citizenship, etc. As reported last year, our progress has been inconsistent, but this year we made good progress and are increasingly being recognized as an authoritative source for Civil War and GAR topics. Our Graves Registration, GAR Records, and Monuments databases are valuable tools. Of particular note is that the US Embassy in Panama, in searching for advice and funding for a monument for a US Civil War veteran, reached out to the SUVCW.

It should also be noted that the Committee on Americanism & Education has been disestablished and its functions assumed by the National Patriotic Instructor. In addition, patriotic and good citizenship programs (ROTC, Eagle Scout, Flag Certificate) are being brought under one umbrella, perhaps National PI. Patriotic Instructor reporting has been revamped to provide meaningful data. All of these are positive steps that will help ensure unity of effort, thus enabling Departments and Camps to better implement these programs.

There are still areas for improvement.

**Recommendations:**

- Assist Departments and Camps in school engagement, perhaps with a standardized kit similar to what the SAR uses.
- The Battle Flag Preservation program needs to develop a vision, strategy, goals and objectives.
- Establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign this responsibility to an existing committee. (There is a link to the Civil War Trust on the Education page of the National Website.)
- Marketing & Promotion Committee evaluate and report the effectiveness of the strategy.

***Initiatives Impacted by 501(c)3 Roadblock:***

A number of initiatives have been impacted by the IRS roadblocks to the Order's 501(c)3 status: (1) Pursue federal/state grants – reduce per capita to less than 50% of income by 2020; (2) GAR Highway State/Federal grant; (3) Battle Flag Preservation State/Federal Grant; Canadian Union Veterans Monument.

**Recommendation:**

- Evaluate these initiatives by the November COA meeting to determine if they are achievable.

**Conclusion**

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.

## **7 Special Committee Reports**

### **7.1 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021): James Ward, PDC**

- V. National Encampment 2016 received the committee report, authorized a \$3,000 budget line item for research and development, extended the life of the committee (as noted in the “Banner”), and dramatically increased the scope of the committee.
- VI. Commander-in-Chief Martin attended the Department of Florida Encampment February 2017, where he heard the NSCOHI report (attachment #1) requested by Department Commander Reeves. Shortly after installation of Department Commander David Palmer, Brother Reeves, PDC forwarded to the NSCOHI Executive Directory Demmy’s Department of Florida printout. Using the Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4 section, a spreadsheet of Camp 4 Brothers was created, and the Union Veteran Ancestors data collected in August 2016 was entered and displayed at a Camp 4 meeting with a request to submit missing Union Veteran Ancestor names and data. The intent is to list an entire unit’s (in this case Camp 4) regular (hereditary) members and their Union Veteran Ancestors so no one is omitted. Concurrently, the call is out for other Camps in the Department of Florida to do the same. Once all of a Camp/Department/other unit is complete, a media will be selected to publish the results. This continues the approach presented to then Commander-in-Chief Mortorff at NE’16 Campfire. Additional Departments are invited to communicate with the NSCOHI and follow a similar approach, or a different approach if better for them. The goal is to end up with a complete Union Veteran Ancestor database.
- VII. Media to make data received available to Brothers may be print as a start, but is intended ultimately to be a searchable database on the internet.
- VIII. Prospective Committee Members, Committee Aides, or Consultants are invited to submit a formal or informal resume to Chairman Ward to ensure the Committee does

not overlook talent and experience available within the Committee, and to identify what skill sets will need to be supplied from outside the Committee.

- IX. Goals and enabling objectives remain to:
- A. Advance and/or strengthen achieving the SUVCW mission
  - B. Better link generations from Applicant/Brother to Union Veteran Ancestor with qualifying service
  - C. Create an “ancestor with qualifying service” database
  - D. Obtain descriptions and evaluations of
    1. A “certified genealogist” syllabus
    2. Applications, “proving” requirements, data entry, storage, retrieval, and security systems for hereditary societies having same.
- X. **Recommendation #1:** While National Encampment 2016 extended the National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues to National Encampment 2021, members continue to serve at the pleasure of the Commander-In-Chief. The committee recommends the incoming Commander-In-Chief reappoint Brother Ward as chairman. The committee further recommends no other Committee Members/Aides be appointed/re-appointed until a later date.
- XI. **Recommendation #2:** Each Department provide to the Chairman, National Special Committee On Hereditary Issues, Post Office Box 542103, Merritt Island, Florida 32954-2103, and/or [jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com](mailto:jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com) (1) contact information for a Department Brother on this topic, and (2) have Camp Secretaries provide current Camp rosters to Chairman Ward, in particular distinguishing between regular (hereditary ) Members and Associate Members. Where available, also provide Union Veteran Ancestors of regular members, including name, enlistment date and place, discharge type, date and place, units served, action seen, and references where available.
- XII. **Recommendation #3:** Brothers with data compiling, storing, accessing and archiving expertise and experience provide a resume to Chairman Ward, National Special Committee On Hereditary Issues, Post Office Box 542103, Merritt Island, Florida 32954-2103, and/or [jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com](mailto:jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com).
- XIII. **Recommendation #4:** Brothers with web site creation or contracting experience, both for desktop searchable database displays and mobile searchable database displays, as well as web security, provide a resume to Chairman Ward National Special Committee On Hereditary Issues, Post Office Box 542103, Merritt Island, Florida 32954-2103, and/or [jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com](mailto:jw.pdc.suvcw@gmail.com).
- XIV. Attachment 1 is a summary of actions related to this committee. This concludes the National Special Committee On Hereditary Issues Report to National Encampment 2017, Commander-In-Chief Martin, and through him to the Council of Administration.

**Attachment #1 to NCOHI Report To NE'17, CinC, and CofA:  
Summary of Pertinent Events/Actions**

1. National Encampment 2016 received the committee report, authorized a \$3,000 budget line item for research and development, extended the life of the committee (as noted in the “Banner”), and dramatically increased the scope of the committee.
2. Commander-in-Chief Martin appointed  
the Committee Chairman/Members/and Aides.
3. Regarding the scope of the committee, the original three were (1) determine the feasibility of making a Union Veteran ancestor database available to members, and if possible to the public, (2) determine the feasibility of Brothers submitting “supplemental” applications (in other words identifying more than one Union Veteran from which a Brother is descended), and (3) determine the feasibility of a decoration with which a Brother might show how many Union Veteran ancestors he was descended from.
4. The status of those three remains: item (2) is complete following approval of the Department of Missouri’s proposal that a hereditary application be used with the word “supplemental” written at the top. What fee(s) would be charged is currently up to the camp to set. (1) is a two part task: (1A) compiling the list of Union Veteran ancestors from which Brothers with regular (hereditary) membership are descended, and (1B) creating/acquiring website software and host agreements, etc. to make the database accessible, secure, and scalable. (1A) has a further subpart which is designing a form for data collection. (3) continues to be deferred to a later time; in other words, data collection and an access mechanism have priority over display/recognition on a Brother’s clothing.
5. Returning to the scope of the committee, National Encampment 2016 expanded committee scope to also collect and display lineage information. This is a substantial expansion. This would likely reduce resources needed to complete and evaluate hereditary membership applications, and therefore would likely aid identifying prospective members and increase the number of prospective members converted to applicants. In any case, it appears at this time best to focus on original scope items 1A and 1B.
6. Regarding the committee extension to five years, this reduces the need to renew the committee each National Encampment. Our current approach will be to identify camps as units to vet their Brothers’ Union Veterans and to track progress by vetting their roster, and when Camps of a Department are vetted, then continue until all Departments are as complete as is feasible. In other words, our timeline is to proceed as quickly as will provide reliable data. If successful, this will take less than 5 year’s time, likely much less, especially since some camps already make this information accessible to the public.
7. In parallel (not serially), the platform for access is being sought. Again, this appears doable before 5 years.

8. The expanded scope of providing lineage data is a different matter. That will take longer. As for recognition/insignia, a consensus timeline is unclear.

As soon as it is clear what vulnerabilities exist/existed in the National Graves Registration database and access, and what successfully mitigates same, the Hereditary Committee needs to know to avoid experiencing the same denials of service.

## **7.2 National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign (2017): Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC**

The committee has been charged with developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations.

To date, the committee has completed the first five Power points, covering an organizational overview, History of our Order, Customs & Courtesies, Badge Wear, and Organizational Structure. Each have been readied for review by the Council of Administration on “Blendspace,” courtesy of SVCinC Mark Day. A sixth presentation on core values is near completion at the time of this report.

The new presentations were field tested successfully at two Wisconsin Dept. Member Orientations this spring: March 18th in Boscobel and April 1st in Oshkosh.

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 complete presentations on Allied Orders and mission accomplishment. The committee members anticipate a 2018 completion date.

## **7.3 National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials (2017): Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC**

### **1 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PRE-REGISTRATION**

As of July 21, 2017, we have 195 brothers pre-registered for the upcoming National Encampment to be held in Lansing, MI. I am expecting a few stragglers and will honor any mail postmarked by July 21. I have already sent the Host Committee their report so they can do the name tags. I had one brother try to register by email and told him he would have to wait until the encampment. I had one PDC who is a dual member in two different departments try to pre-register under his new department and had to advise him on how to do that after email conversations with the National Counselor. One brother tried to register as the Commander-in-Chief with the wrong last name and I had to break the news to him that he wasn't it.

### **2 CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

The Committee will consist of the following:

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Chairman

Thomas J. Brown, Committee Member

Bruce C. Laine, Committee Member

Harry Reineke, IV, Committee Member

Walter E. Busch, Committee Member

### 3 PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

There were no major issues with the pre-registration process. The year got off to an excessively slow start, but ended like a bottle rocket with almost half of the pre-registrations taking place in June and July.

In closing, I would like to thank Commander-In-Chief Don Martin for his continued faith in me to do the job, and the Committee Members (Brothers Walt Busch, Brother Tom Brown, Brother Bruce Laine, and Brother Harry Reineke IV) who make this committee run smoothly and make it enjoyable to be part of.

## **7.4 National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters: Jerome L. Orton, PDC**

Known sons of Union Veterans:

1. Fred Upham, 5404 Fossil Court N., Fort Collins CO. Father, William Upham, Sr., Co. F., 2nd WS Vols. Graduated from USMA class of 1866. Former governor of Wisconsin.
2. William Pool, 1030 Highway UU, Bolivar, MO 65613. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D, 6th WV Vols.
3. John W. Oliver, Jr., 226 Brady Dr., Morristown, TN 37814. Father, John W. Oliver, Co. F, 4th TN Vols.

Deaths:

1. Ernst J. Pool, September 24, 1916, 1416 Highway UU, Bolivar, MO 65613. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D., 6th WV Vols.
2. Garland Pool, August 8, 2016, 1001 Highway T., Bolivar, MO 65613-8112. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D., 6th WV Vols.
3. Harold Becker, August 7, 2016, 833 Atlanta Dr., Rockford, MI. Father, Conrad Becker, Co. H, 128th IN Vols

Known Daughters of Union Veterans:

1. Emogene C. Horton, 140 Jelly Lane, Marshall, AR 72650. Father, Jackson Cassell, Co. M., 2nd Regt. AR Cav.-Union
2. Florence Wilson, 920 Highway UU, Aldrich, MO 65601. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D., 6th WV Vols.

3. Patricia Albertson, 1310 Banbury Rd., #B, Kalamazoo, mi 49001. Father, John Webster Hadlock, 10th VT Vols.
4. Mary Ella Reed Lewis, a member of the DUVCW but no information at this time
5. Edna Marriott, a member of the DUVCW but no information at this time
6. Irene Triplett, 1000 College St., Wilkesboro, NC 28697. Father, Moses Triplett, Co. K, 53rd NC Vols - Conf. and Co. B., 3rd NC Inf.- Union.  
Irene is the last person receiving compensation from the Civil War from the Federal government. She is not a DUVCW. However, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War have put the Wall Street Journal article from May 10-11, 2014 about her on their website.

#### Deaths:

1. Rachel Smith Perine, Sept. 9, 2016, 1416 Andre St., Parkersburg, WV 26601. Father, Harvey Smith, Co. C, 142 Ohio Vols.

The last known child of any Civil War veteran was Jimmie Lee Harper, born October 16, 1943 and died June 1988. He was born 5 months after his father, James A. Harper died on April 24, 1943. James A. served Capt. Oscar Underwood's Florida Home Guards.

### **7.5 National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flag Policy (2017): Brad Schall, PCinC**

Commander-in-Chief Martin,

Our resolution per your General Order.

I wish to thank Brothers Kennedy, Darby, Kreiser and Gant. Their input was terrific. We spent a great deal of time discussing this issue with other Brothers and several members of the SCV. The flag issue is a sensitive issue now and probably will be forever. Our resolution is designed to be an organizational response.

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors and marines who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity.

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War STRONGLY oppose the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups.  
WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, STRONGLY oppose the defacement or destruction of any Civil War Monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, do support the flying of all U.S. Flags and C.S.A. flags at our Nation's Civil War historical sites.

THEREFOR, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.

**Previous -- General Orders No. 14, Series 1999-2000, Danny L. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
DISPLAY OF BATTLE FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERACY  
119TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
LANSING, MICHIGAN AUGUST 19, 2000

A resolution in support of the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemn the use of the confederate battle flag, as well as the flag of the United States, by any and all hate groups, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War support the flying of the confederate battle flag as a historical piece of this nation's history, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being "politically correct," and

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers and sailors who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with the confederate veterans under both flags in those bonds of Fraternal Friendship, pledge our support and admiration for those gallant soldiers and of their respective flags;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 119th Annual National Encampment hereby adopt this resolution. Dated in Lansing, Michigan, on this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two thousand.

## **8 Department Reports**

### **8.1 Department of California and Pacific: Dean A. Enderlin, DC**

It is my honor and pleasure to report the successful transition of the command of our Department at our 131st Annual Department Encampment, held in Bakersfield, California, on 18 March 2017. I am the 105th member of our Department to serve in this office.

Our Department consists of thirteen Camps, two based in Nevada and the remainder in California. The State of Hawaii is currently served by SGT William Pittenger Camp, No. 21,

based in San Diego, California. All are active, and very much involved in the observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic work.

The GAR sesquicentennial continues on the Pacific Coast. The 150th anniversary of the mustering of the first GAR Post on this coast took place on 22 April 2017. The Provisional GAR Department of California was established on 7 May 1867, becoming a Permanent Department on 21 February 1868. Commemorative observances began in May of 2017, and I expect more to follow. Department Order No. 3 was issued on 6 April 2017, providing background information on the sesquicentennial, and encouraging our Camps to be involved.

Among the noteworthy accomplishments of our Department in the past year was the installation of a memorial bench in the newly designed plaza adjacent to the grave of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois. We were disappointed that the bench had not yet been installed in time for the dedication ceremony held in conjunction with the 2016 National Encampment, but are relieved to learn that the bench has since been placed. The memorial plaza is a praiseworthy effort on the part of our Brothers in the Department of Illinois, and the Department of California and Pacific is pleased to have been able to contribute to its creation.

No recommendations.

## **8.2 Department of the Chesapeake: W. Faron Taylor, DC**

On behalf of the Department of the Chesapeake it is my distinct pleasure to present to you this report of activity for the period of (late) April, 2017 to date. Also included are pursuits scheduled up to National Encampment in August. They are as follows:

- April 21/22 – Department Encampment, Front Royal, Virginia

Held in the Shenandoah Valley and led by DC Charles “Ben” Hawley, nearly **forty** Brothers representing **ten** Camps were in attendance. Of note, the Department voted to establish an annual donation of **\$500** to the General Fund of the Civil War Trust to support their administrative efforts toward battlefield preservation – regardless of location.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day was on-hand to install the newly elected slate of officers for the coming year.

A special highlight of the Encampment was the dedication of a ceremonial bell to mark Department Brother Chuck Odell’s seventy-five years of membership (yes, **75**) in the Order!

- Memorial Day

Memorial Day ceremonies and commemorations were held in communities throughout the Department on both the Congressionally-recognized observance and the traditional May 30 designation. Department camps played a lead

organizational role in many of these observations including Lincoln – Cushing Camp No. 2’s annual May 30 program at Arlington National Cemetery.

- Civil War veteran gravestone installation, marking and recognition

Camps continue to be active in working to replace damaged or otherwise indistinguishable Union veteran gravestones. Two recent examples occurred in June for the graves of United States Colored Troops; one in New Castle, Delaware and another in Westminster, MD. In both cases Brothers from numerous Camps along with support from the Allied Orders came together as one to participate in these highly publicized public ceremonies.

- Battle commemorations that incorporate conducting business of the Order

The geographic location of the Department provides ample opportunity for organized Camp activity at Eastern Theater battlefields. One such example is James A. Garfield Camp No. 1’s annual foray to Gettysburg to commemorate the anniversary of the battle. This July, in addition to touring East Cavalry Field, Brothers conducted their meeting in a fraternal camp setting followed by a meal together.

- July 22, 2017 (*scheduled*) – Department of the Chesapeake “Bivouac”

An invitation has been issued to each and every Department Brother to gather together at the home of the Department Commander to spend the afternoon and evening getting to know each other even better. Period food and music, a campfire with a traditional sing-along, and an overnight camping opportunity is on the agenda. Designed to build upon already-established inter-Camp fraternal ties, we hope to further develop Camp cooperation with existing and future projects. A big supporter of the vital role of fraternity in our Order, CinC Martin is slated to attend.

As a final note the incoming Department officers have charged Camps to place a higher emphasis on the recruitment of Associates than they may have done in the past. Like many other heritage organizations our Order faces daunting challenges to maintain relevance in an ever-changing and certainly more-busy world and recruitment and retention ranks high on the list. Examples abound of Associates, both past and present, who have contributed mightily to our organization and a laser-like focus on recruiting those who already know of a Union ancestor may result in overlooking potentially very valuable members of our Order. Certainly we are well aware of Associate membership number limitations and we will closely monitor these efforts to ensure compliance with our regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you a very exciting period in the Department of the Chesapeake. We hope you will reach out to us if you have any questions or thoughts on how we can better serve our Brothers and our communities.

### 8.3 Department of Colorado and Wyoming: Garry W. Brewer, DC

Department Commanders Report to the 89<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment;

1. DC Salmon stated; Having been elected at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming held 5 June, 2016 at Colorado Springs, Colorado, I hereby assume command.
2. DC Salmon in one of his first duties submitted the following, after a vote from the 88<sup>th</sup> Colorado Wyoming Department Encampment

#### Proposal to Amend the Rituals and Ceremonies Book

The establishment of Memorial Day as a nationwide observance is due in large measure

to the publication of Gen. Logan's General Order No. 11. Yet, the Rituals and Ceremonies do not include this document among its Memorial Day guidance. Many patriotic organizations include Gen. Logan's order in their ceremonial handbooks. It

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fitting, therefore, that we as the heir to the organization that established Memorial Day do likewise.

The Department of Colorado & Wyoming proposes that the Rituals and Ceremonies be amended to include Gen. Logan's General Order No. 11 among the Memorial Day guidance thus providing a ready reference for those Camps and Departments that wish to incorporate it in their Memorial Day ceremonies.

We recognize that the Rituals and Ceremonies having been recently revised and reprinted, that it might not be practicable to implement this amendment until the Rituals are reprinted. Therefore it is further proposed that General Order No. 11 be included in the electronic version of the Rituals and Ceremonies posted on the national website.

Passed unanimously by the Department of Colorado & Wyoming in Annual Encampment assembled, 6 Jun 2016

3. As of 12 July 2016 DC Salmon reported for his Camp Captain Lot Smith Camp 1 the following; I have been working to finish the first edition of my Camp (Lot Smith #1) newsletter, a project initiated prior to my election as Department Commander. The newsletter has now been submitted for distribution to the members of the Camp.
4. A report from Capt. Lot Smith Camp # 1 show that the following 4-8 Book of Honor and Remembrance & Ceremony has been started which in camp meeting members share a picture and history of their Civil War Ancestor. Supplementals and cost was spoken about as member are considering additional ancestors.  
Camp member are working on a new camp newsletter

5. GAR Highway: \*The Utah Legislature, 8 years ago, took a chunk of the highway, from Spanish Fork, UT to Green River, UT and named it the Mike Dmitrich Highway, after a retired politician. They took down some existing GAR Highway signs, but did not replace them with the “new name”. Currently, there are only 2 known signs that correctly label Highway 6, the GAR Highway. One is in Western Utah near the Nevada state line. One is in the east, near Colorado state line on I-70. Currently PDC Richhart was able to establish contact with a new State Legislature, who is a distant cousin of his wife and there will be some meeting to correct this in justice.
6. Camp Webpage: Changes at National are occurring that the process for a Camp webpage will possibly be done through GoDaddy.com and it is estimated to cost \$ 80.00.
7. Mt Olivet Wooden Cannon: discussion included replacing the current wooden cannon with an aluminum one. It would cost about \$2000. The current wooden one was done as an Eagle Scout project many years ago. A new prospect has mentioned he might be able to assist in a new brass cannon at low cost
8. Teleconferencing: Capt. Lot Smith is investigating the possibility this as a way to get more membership involvement at meeting. Looking for the right tech savvy member.
9. The following are Centennial Camp 100’s activities since last Fall;
  - A Presentation to Rocky Mountain Civil War Roundtable and participation in the RMCWRT Study Group.
  - B Brothers participated in Fort D. A. Russell Living History event.
  - C 5 Nov 2016: Brothers participated in Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade.
  - D 5 Nov 2016: Brothers participated in Denver Veterans Day Parade.
  - E Dec 2016: Manned booth at Banes & Noble Gift wrapping event. Primarily a fund raising event, but also had displays and passed out literature on the GAR & SUVCW.
  - F Dec 2016: Presented wreath at GAR Monument in Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs.

Recommendation: The Camp & Department Patriotic Instructor’s report form on the National Website should be converted to a “fill-in” form
10. On 17 September 2016, Legion of the West Camp 7 Brothers Gary Parrott PDC, Garry Brewer PDC, David Haake CC, Danny Agajanian provided Civil War era uniformed honor guards for the participants in the Evening Historical Debate event: “Meet Abe Lincoln and Jeff Davis at the Museum of Western Colorado’s Two Rivers Chautauqua “. This was a significant event in that is was participated in and enjoyed by area school children and adults alike.
11. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February DC William Salmon sent this out to all Camps of the Department and to the CinC; After much consideration I have decided that for personal reasons I must tender my resignation as Commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming SUVCW effective immediately. Because of this the Department Council was contacted and it was their vote to immediately elevate DSVC Brewer to take over leadership of the Department. The new Department Commander sent this out.

**A.** Effective immediately, I assume command and control of the Colorado Wyoming

Department William Buvinger will fill out the term of Sr Vice Commander and approved by the Department Council. All appointed Officers are to be currently retained until the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment.

**B.** The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on 17 June 2017. All Brothers wanting to be elected please contact me to have their names enter on the record for the upcoming Encampment.

**C.** We thank William Salmon for his service to the Colorado Wyoming Department and wish him well.

**12.** On President's Day 20 February 2017, Legion of the West Camp 7 dedicated a new GAR Highway sign. This was done by the Camp and was represented by DC Garry Brewer and assisted by local historian and Department GAR Highway Officer Gary Parrott. The Camp members and local public came together at the Point of Historical Interest site at mile post 12 in Mesa County Colorado near Town of Mack. The Camp members were all dressed in Civil War uniforms.

**13.** From Chapman-Compliment Camp 2 we report; Last year we worked on renovating a dilapidated GAR sign in a local cemetery in Billings, MT. As to what we are currently working on. There is a grave in the same cemetery (Mountview) as the GAR sign was in that had the inscriptions chiseled in by hand on a large chunk of sandstone. The inscription is weak and there are some serious misspellings. We are currently working with the National Archives in Denver and local sources trying to positively identify this veteran. Once this is done, we will order and dedicate a new VA tombstone on his grave. Our plan is to once again have the event publicized in our local newspaper. This will help promote our organization and get the word out on who we are and what we do.

14. Tuesday, May 30th 2017, the City of Rifle Colorado, The Department of CO/WY and Legion of the West, Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veterans Civil War rededicated the 100 year old G.A.R. Monument that was first dedicated on May 30th 1917. One hundred years to date.

Those also involved in the rededication were the American Legion Post Kelly-Hansen Post 78, Legion of the West, Camp 7, David Haake, Camp Commander, Garry Brewer, Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans, Judy Crook Historian, Maryhannah Hansen Throm, Randy Winkler, Mayor, City of Rifle, and Taps played by Brad Swart. Camp members were Bill Buvinger PCC, Danny Agajanin and Alan Lambert PCC.

The City of Rifle issued a proclamation about the G.A.R. History in the area, and a new name was added to the monument honoring the Legion of the West, Camp 7, and Sons of Union Veterans.

15. This is what was reported to me by PDC Eric Dan Richhart.

“When I became Dept Commander, the CinC at the time asked our Dept if we would be willing to accept Idaho into our Dept. This was voted upon at that encampment in the positive. At that time there was 5 members at large. They became members of Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1. Their information was sent by Brother Russ the Nat'l Secretary at the time. I communicated with them and welcomed them. I met with a Brother McKinney, in Boise, Idaho and worked with him

on Grave Registration and getting headstones. I also went to Idaho Falls, Idaho and worked with an Elaine Johnson who contacted me about a monument that was being destroyed by a large bush. The monument was repaired, with Camp 1 funds and a grant from Nat'l. The press was there for the formal rededication and Commander Barker the DC at the time was officiated. There was newspaper and TV coverage. At that time I also recruited a new member that lives in Idaho Falls.

Next I hear from a Loran Bures from Oregon. He was establishing the new Dept of Columbia which would include Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. I told him that Idaho belonged to Colorado Wyoming Dept and we wanted to keep it. I was informed that the CinC at the time had already given permission to include Idaho in the new Department of Columbia and that the Colorado Wyoming Department had no recourse could not do anything about it. I contacted Brother Barker and both of us contacted the leadership at national to no avail. I was required to submit to Brother Loran Bures the names of all members in Idaho. He promised that if members wanted to keep with our camp they could. What I was told by several that they had to join the new Department of Columbia. All did join the new Department of Columbia, except the one I recruited and he is still in our camp.

These Idaho members were the basis I was working on to be the roots of 2 camps one in eastern Idaho centered in Idaho Falls, Idaho and one in western Idaho centered in Boise, Idaho”.

At this time I have not heard of any Camps being organized in Idaho.

What was done by Loran Bures and accepted by the CinC at the time was underhanded and in our view illegal. What was brought to light at the 89<sup>th</sup> Department of Colorado Wyoming Encampment was the following below.

#### RESOLUTION #1 TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Department of CO/WY voted on June 17, 2017 the following Resolution:

Whereas, The State of Idaho was granted as a part of the Colorado Wyoming in 2012 by the request of the CinC as these Brothers had no Camp and were members-at-large.

Whereas, These Brethren were gladly accepted by the Department and assigned to Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 for organizational proposes.

Whereas, These brothers were being visited by Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 and efforts were being conducted to form 2 separate Camps in Idaho.

Whereas, Grave Registration work was being conducted by members in Boise, Idaho with support of Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 and the Colorado Wyoming Department Secretary Eric Dan Richhart PDC.

Whereas, there was a monument restored in Idaho Falls, Idaho and effort made to recruit membership for a new camp

Whereas, The C&R states: Chapter II Departments Article 1 Formation, Section 5

"Departments may petition to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of Camps for a Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of Camps for a permanent status Department.

If the Department does not concur, those Camps wishing to organize themselves into a new Department, may appeal to the Commander in Chief. The Commander in Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order."

SECTION 6 of the same Article states "IN NO CASE MAY A CAMP SECEDE FROM A DEPARTMENT."

Whereas, the National Organization informed us that they were establishing the new Dept. of Columbia which would include Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho and when told that we wanted to keep Idaho we were informed that the CinC had already given permission to include Idaho in the new Department of Columbia. The Colorado Wyoming Department had no recourse and could not do anything about it.

Therefore, the Department of CO/WY contends that the removal of Idaho from the Department was in violation of the C&R and requests that the 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment held in Lansing Michigan 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017 return the State of Idaho to the Colorado Wyoming Department and all Brethren be reassigned back to Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 for accounting and further efforts to form 2 Camps in Idaho.

#### **8.4 Department of Columbia: Mark Stevens, DC**

No report received.

#### **8.5 Department of Connecticut: Matthew E. Reardon, DC**

On behalf of the Department of Connecticut, I would like to extend our greetings to our Commander-in-Chief, as well as our fellow brothers.

I'm pleased to report that the Department of Connecticut continues to grow.

As of this report, the department has an established camp or one in forming in five of the eight counties. Two of these camps are either brand new or recently reestablished. It was devised that forming at least one camp in each county, we could expand membership across the entire state. So far, the results have been positive. Potential members now have the option of being placed and participating in a more local camp. For far too long, members were expected to commute long distances to join or participate in an established camp. This deterred many potential members from joining. Other members became quickly burned out.

During the re-establishment of Sedgwick Camp #4 in Norwich, the department became involved with the camp in trying to save the former home of Connecticut's wartime governor, William A.

Buckingham. In addition to being the governor's home, it was also his office where he directed the state's military efforts during the Civil War. The house was visited by President Lincoln, as well as U.S. Grant and William Taft. After the war, the building was the home of Sedgwick Post #1 of the Grand Army of the Republic. Members of Sedgwick Camp are leading the effort to replace the aging roof, as well as preserve many of the Civil War artifacts which were found in the attic.

The department also assists Alden Skinner Camp #45 in staffing the New England Civil War Museum. Located in historic Rockville, the museum is the only Civil War Museum in the country established by the veterans themselves. They recently extended their hours to every Sunday, excluding holidays. Its collection continues to grow. The museum received many of the Civil War artifacts found in the Buckingham house on loan. Several of them are currently on display are being viewed by the public for the first time in over 75 years.

### **8.6 Department of Florida: David R. Palmer, DC**

The Department of Florida held a Special Meeting (Our Mid-Year Meeting) May 19, 2017 in St. Cloud, Florida. Two items were on the agenda they were: a discussion of meeting dates for the Department of Florida 2018 Annual Encampment and we decided to keep the date for our Annual Encampment to be late February or early March and the other item was a discussion on "Display of the Confederate Battle Flags". This is of major concern to the Department of Florida as we have about 25% dual memberships (SUVCW and SCVCW). We sincerely hope that no change be made to the General Order No. 26 Series 2014-2015 issued by Former SUVCW Commander in Chief Tad D. Campbell.

The Department of Florida Camp #4 helped Coordinate and the Total Department Participated in the Celebration of the GAR Hall in St. Cloud, FL. Historical Marker Dedication May 19, 2017 by the City of St. Cloud.

The Camps in the Department of Florida actively participated in Local Civil War Events and Celebrations held locally thru out the State of Florida.

### **8.7 Department of Georgia and South Carolina: David Beam, DC**

It is my pleasure to submit the Department Commander's report for the Department of Georgia and South Carolina to the Brothers attending the 136th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Under the leadership of immediate Past Department Commander Bill Miller, it has been a good year for the Department. The camps of the Department are active and participating in events that keep green the memory of those who fought to preserve the Union. Under Commander Miller's term, two new camps were chartered to bolster the growth of the Department and SUVCW.

As Department Commander, I have three major goals:

First – To create a richer culture of fraternity within the Department. Our Department is geographically spread out and it is difficult for our camps to get together for events and activities very often. When we do get together, I want to ensure that our Brothers enjoy each other's company and that harmony flows through us and the work we do.

Second – To continue to grow the membership of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. It is well-known that our organization average membership age is climbing. In order to strengthen the SUVCW, it is important that we seek out those who have ancestors who fought for the Union and encourage them to join our ranks. While I do not discourage seeking young members I think we should find those who have a genuine interest and recruit them despite age. While there may be a handful of very young potential members in our midst, there are many more in their 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and beyond who have children and grandchildren that may later emulate them. We will open our doors to all ages eagerly.

Third – To offer National an enticing option for site for the 2020 National Encampment within the borders of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. My predecessor as Commander led the charge to bring the 2020 National Encampment to our doorstep. I will encourage and support our bid to make that happen.

The Department continues to participate in Memorial Day observances throughout our geographical area. This year camps were represented at Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia, Stone Mountain Cemetery and in Beaufort, South Carolina.

The Eagle Scout and JROTC programs continue to flourish in the Department. The number of Eagle Scout requests are many and the new system of JROTC requests going through National has streamlined the process. We were on hand to present more JROTC awards this year than perhaps any year in Department history.

We were fortunate this April to have a joint Department Encampment with the Department of Georgia, DUVCW. Our Department Encampment travels around two states year to year and the stars aligned to allow us to spend time with the Sisters during this most recent encampment.

We are aware that the issue of the SUVCW's current policy on the Confederate Battle flag will be up for discussion and possible change at the upcoming National Encampment. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina proposes that the current policy be maintained.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina looks forward to seeing all of you at the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.

## 8.8 Department of Illinois: John M. Bigwood, DC

The time certainly has flown since our Department Encampment in May in Springfield, IL.

I have had the pleasure of presenting ROTC Awards at Loyola University in Chicago and at Taft High School also in Chicago. I have also been able to present an Eagle Scout certificate in the metro Chicago area. I joined with members of the Custer Camp at Rosehill Cemetery for the Memorial Day observance along with Mulligan's Battery to fire an artillery salute honoring the fallen "Boys in Blue" buried there.

The overall observance of Memorial Day in the Chicago area was very impressive with parades and cemetery ceremonies in large numbers. We hope that people will continue to honor the memory of the "Boys in Blue" who gave their all to save the country.

Many are looking forward to the National Encampment in Lansing, MI later this year. We hope to have a good number of Delegates to keep up to date with recent developments. We are looking for a member interested in serving as our Civil War Memorials representative, if interested, please make that known to a Department Officer.

In the Spring, we plan to be in Tuscola for our Department Encampment the Department Officers plan to visit the Tuscola Camp to see if they need any of our help putting it on.

Our ROTC Chairman, Bro. Bill Shipper has been doing a "Bang-Up" job for us. He occasionally needs some help to get the Medals and Certificates delivered. That is where we come in, if asked to assist, please do so. We need to work as a team to get things done.

## 8.9 Department of Indiana: Dennis H. Rigsby, DC

It is a privilege to report the following activities on behalf of the department of Indiana for this reporting period.

- 1) May 30, 2017- I and the dept. Chaplin, Bro. Thomas Ashley traveled to Huntington, IN. And participated in the Memorial Day ceremony in that city.
- 2) June 3, 2017- I opened and chaired the annual "summer encampment" of the Department of Indiana, held in Kokomo, IN.
- 3) July 1, 2017- I and the Dept. Chaplin, Thomas Ashley, raised the flag prior to the fireworks program in Richmond, IN.
- 4) July 15, 2017- i traveled to the American Legion post in Liberty, IN. And presented the SUVCW. "Eagle Scout" award to Mr. Brandon Kelly, son of Bro Brian Kelly, member of the William P. Benton Camp #28.

## 8.10 Department of Iowa: Jeff Rasmussen, DC

In the last year, the Department of Iowa has maintained and completed a number of projects to honor our nation's veterans, perpetuate the legacy of the Grand Army of the Republic, and increase our Order's visibility to the public. Some noteworthy examples have been compiled here.

Brother Dan Rittel has continued in his ambitious project to install, replace, and maintain signage along the historic GAR Highway. The number of signs has been more than doubled in the last

year, from 22 to at least 59. All signs have been replaced with a version that includes a more visible gold star.

Camp Commander Don McGuire of Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 presented the SUVCW ROTC Award to Marcus Hill of the Iowa State University Air Force ROTC. According to a report from Department ROTC/JROTC Coordinator Mike Rowley, the Department of Iowa is on track to have 100% of the 14 programs participating for at least the 2nd straight year.

The Last Soldier Project has continued in full force. On June 4, 2017, Department members Tom Gaard, Mike Rowley, Ron Rittel, Dan Rittel, Danny Krock and Auxiliary Member Marilyn Rittel traveled across five counties and performed the Last Soldier Ceremony for seven Veterans. These veterans included Chester L. Dickinson of Union County, Charles Sylvanus Curler of Dallas County, Aaron Erastus Cleveland of Madison County, Charles Hester of Warren County, Robert A. Millen, of Marion County, Harvey A. Bloomfield of Monroe County, and Henry A. White of Mahaska County.

On Saturday, June 24, 2017, the Kinsman Camp #23 Guard performed a Rededication at the Hancock Post Section at the Floyd Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa.

Kinsman Camp conducted four Civil War Living History programs for middle school students at Atlantic, Oakland, and Council Bluffs in May 2017.

We formed a new camp, Curtis King Camp #37, in Marshalltown.

On Saturday, April 8, 2017, the Allied Orders of the Department of Iowa met for their 134th Annual Encampment at the American Legion Memorial Hall at Atlantic, Iowa. The Department By-Laws were amended to reflect the National Articles and Regulations and respective General Orders. The writer, Jeff Rasmussen of Grenville Dodge Camp #75 was elected and installed as the Department Commander.

On Friday, April 7, 2017, members of the Kinsman Camp #23 performed the Last Soldier Ceremony for Adnah David Bullock, the Last Civil War Veteran of Cass County.

On Saturday, June 11, 2016, members of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 and Dodge Auxiliary #8, celebrated the 100th anniversary of Dodge Camp's founding. A pot luck dinner was held at the Elks Lodge in Clive, Iowa.

These events are chronicled on the Department of Iowa website."

### **8.11 Department of Kansas: Mark A. Britton, DC**

Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin and Brothers. It has been my privilege to represent the Department of Kansas for this year. It was our esteemed honor to have the Commander-in-Chief Martin at our State Encampment in Lawrence, Kansas in January. I would like to report that the Department of Kansas is strong and continues to hold forth the ideals and principles of the Order.

Our camps continue to be strong and active in their meetings as well as in their communities. Many of our camps are actively involved in restoration, preservation and replacement of the monuments and headstones that stand in honor of our brave brothers in blue. Several of our camps have regularly scheduled days that are used for the raising, straightening and cleaning of the headstones in some of the state's large cemeteries.

We thank Commander-in-Chief Martin on a great year of leadership and activity. We look forward to the fruits of that leadership as well as the future leadership as we continue to live out the charge that our Order was given to uphold.

### **8.12 Department of Kentucky: Bruce E. Fortin, DC**

No report received.

### **8.13 Department of Maine: David W. Sosnowski, DC**

The Department of Maine took part on 5/20/17 when Private George Lincoln Whitman was given a headstone and ceremony in Woodstock, ME by the Maine Department DUV.

We also took part on 6/11/17 when Civil War Veteran Private Walter S. Townsend 30 ME Inf., Co. B, was given a headstone and ceremony in Freeport, ME.

We also took part at the re-dedication of the 4th Maine monument on July 3rd at the American Legion Post in Rockland. The monument was recently moved to the site of the Midcoast Veteran's Wall which was the site of the 4th's first encampment.

The 135th Encampment of the Department of Maine was held 04/29/17 in Waterville, ME.

In May I attended the 150th Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies in the National Cemetery and at a separate time participated in Memorial Day ceremonies for Lt. William L Haskell and Sgt. Charles Levi Marston.

I attended the 2017 Pennsylvania Encampment in Pittsburgh, PA in June and this year's New Hampshire Encampment in Concord in April.

I was unable to attend the National Encampment due to family responsibilities.

In November I attended the SVR's Remembrance Day Events.

Maine members attended the 2016 Christmas Party at Togus VA Hospital long term care unit, where I took photos for the event.

I attend the services for past CinCs Charles Kuhn in Gettysburg on December 23 and Elmer "Bud" Atkinson on March 18 in Philadelphia.

### **8.14 Department of Massachusetts: Daniel Murray, DC**

It is my pleasure to submit the Department Commanders report for the Department of Massachusetts. It has been a good year for the Department and most of the Camps are active and participating in events. The Department sponsored events since the last National Encampment

have included a fund-raising dinner for Project New Hope for which the Department raised \$3000. Project New Hope provides veterans and their families with free retreats to get away and reconnect with each other. Each retreat provides training assistance materials, contact information, holistic healing alternatives, and most importantly support to combat the issues they face.

In November the Department had their annual General Benjamin Butler ceremony where the descendants of General Butler unlock the family cemetery once each year on a Sunday closest to General Butler's birthday to hold a memorial service. Also in November the Department sponsored a 4 day bus trip to Remembrance Day at Gettysburg. The event was well attended this year. In December the Department hosted a Christmas party at the Chelsea Soldiers home for the residents living there. This is an event that the residents look forward to every year. In February we had our annual Lincoln Day brunch on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker was Kevin Levin and his topic was "Heritage or Hate: History and Memory of the Confederate Flag".

The Department in conjunction with American Legion Post 26 in Charlestown held a Ceremony of Remembrance on the training field where the Charlestown Civil War monument is situated.

We also attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at the National Cemetery at Bourne on May 28.

The Department Commander each year reads General Order 11 as part of the ceremonies. We also had services at the gravesites of the seven Civil War soldiers buried there

The Department has authorized the formation of two new camps this year. One is to be in Boston and the other in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

### **8.15 Department of Michigan: David S. Smith, LM, DC**

Current Membership and Camps Status

As of the annual report for 2017, the Department of Michigan has 427 Members, 37 Associates, and 9 Junior Members for a total of 473 Brothers. This is a net decrease in 29 Brothers from 2016, which is nearly a 6% decrease in overall membership.

The Department of Michigan currently stands at 22 Camps (inclusive of the Camp-At-Large), down from 24 Camps in 2016. Two Camps surrendered their Charters, with one in the Grand Rapids area, and the other in Alpena (NE Michigan area).

Currently, there are exploratory efforts underway to form a new Camp in Harbor Springs (the "tip of the mitt" area of the Lower Peninsula). Additional locations to form new Camps are being reviewed on a regular basis.

Overall, new efforts are needed to recover lost membership over the past year, as well as grow the Department moving forward into the future. Outreach to Veterans, family members, and men that have a strong interest in Civil War and/or military history is imperative to bolster existing Camps and form new ones. This is a responsibility of all Brothers.

National Encampment in Lansing

Preparations continue for the National Encampment to be held in August in Lansing, hosted by the Department of Michigan. The planned activities and tours are expected to provide entertainment and historical interest to the Department's guests from across the Orders. These include: tours of the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids (originally home of the James Brainerd GAR Post 111) and Save the Flags Museum (display of the battle flags of Michigan regiments at the state historical museum), as well as Sunfield's the Samuel W. Grinnell GAR Post No. 283 and Sunfield Welch Museum. There will also be an "Allied Orders of the GAR Night" Lansing Lugnuts baseball game on Thursday.

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The Department of Michigan has been in communications with National Treasurer McReynolds and Commander-in-Chief Martin regarding the current situation of Camps that have had their tax exempt status revoked due to failure in filing 990Ns for three consecutive years. Their help and direction thus far has been greatly appreciated. The Department looks forward to the upcoming guidance on this complicated issue as has been directed.

Military & Veteran Affairs Committee

A new initiative of this administration is to have the Department become more engaged with causes to aid and help benefit active duty Military and Veterans, and establish meaningful outreach with the same. To aid in this initiative, a Military & Veteran Affairs Committee has been established with Brothers from across the Department that have a passion in this area. Committee members include Brothers that are Veterans, and that belong to various Veteran organizations. Being a Veteran is not a requirement to serve on the committee.

In the near future, it is intended that a Department Military & Veteran Affairs Officer (DMVAO) will be appointed for the first time in the Department of Michigan.

Mackinac Island Memorial Dedication Event

The Department of Michigan has been requested to take the lead in dedicating a new Civil War monument on 19 August 2017 at historical colonial Mackinac Island. The Department has been in preparations with Island representatives over the past few months. Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry, "Irish Rifles", Sons of Veterans Reserve will serve as the military component of the ceremony.

## **8.16 Department of Missouri: Randal A. Burd Jr., DC**

### **Current State of the Department of Missouri**

The Department of Missouri currently has (per the Department Secretary's report to our 2017 annual encampment):

226 members in good standing (increase of 6), breakdown includes 205 members, 19 associates, 1 junior, 1 junior associate; 9 are dual members and 8 are life members.

12 camps total (decrease of 1 due to merger), all in good standing.

1 new camp currently has been authorized to form in Jefferson City, Missouri.

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 **Martin Aubuchon** of **Grant Camp #68** received the **Francis P. Blair, Jr. Award** for being the most Outstanding Brother of the Department of Missouri for the 2016-2017 administrative year. Brother Aubuchon continues to set an example of F,C,&L, and has traveled great distances to support the camps of the Department in their activities.

Brother **Doug Roussin** of **Fletcher Camp #47** 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. Brother Roussin is the Department Quartermaster, and in addition to his many past years of leadership as Commander of Fletcher Camp, he keeps track of Department property and has written many informative articles for the Missouri Unionist on GAR collectors' items.

Brothers **Don Palmer, PCinC (Grant Camp #68)** and **Ed Krieser, PCinC (Lincoln Camp #2)** each received a **Department Commander's Commendation** for their meritorious service as committee chairs in the Department of Missouri for the 2016-2017 administrative year. PCinC Palmer did exemplary work as chair of the Department's Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee. PCinC Krieser planned a very successful Department Encampment, which took place in Branson, Missouri, on 3 Jun 2017.

Brother **Jack Grothe** of **Sherman Camp #65** received a 50-year membership insignia for his 50 years in the SUVCW.

**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 2016-2017 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 was restored with a rededication held at VNMP on 27 May 2017. The grand hospitality shown by the National Park Service, Friends of VNMP, City of Vicksburg, and the Vicksburg Convention & Visitors Bureau was notable. The event itself was impressive. It was a proud day for the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

From inception to completion the success of this project was made possible by the vision and leadership of Dr. Donald Palmer, PCinC, and the work of his committee: Mark Coplin, PCC, Larry Dietzel, PDC, and Gary Scheel, PCC. There are many more individuals who contributed

greatly both at the event and behind the scenes and deserve recognition, but I won't try to make a comprehensive list for fear of leaving people out. However, I do want to mention the beautiful singing of Nora Dietzel.

The Department selected Cadet Colton Kerr of Independence Chrisman High School in Independence, Missouri, as its second annual JROTC Outstanding Cadet during its 2017 Encampment. Lt. Colonel Michael Byrd's nomination letter describes Cadet Kerr as "a true example of the scholar-athlete-leader role model." Cadet Kerr was presented the SUVCW's ROTC medal with bronze leaf and a \$200 prize.

### **Final Muster**

The Department of Missouri bid farewell to the following brothers in Department Orders since the 2016 National Encampment:

Brig. Gen. Philip J. Conlon, CC (d. 21 Aug 2016), Real Son Earnest John Pool (d. 24 Sep 2016), Dennis M. Ohman (d. 13 Apr 2017), Robert Edward Lee (d. 16 Jun 2017)

### **Special Committees for 2017-2018**

#### **Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee – PCinC Donald Palmer, chair**

This committee has been re-tasked to arrange for the restoration of granite unit markers at Vicksburg.

#### **National Encampment in Missouri Host Committee – PDC Bob Petrovic, chair**

This committee is working on a proposal for National Encampment in St. Louis in 2020.

#### **Essay Competition Committee – Jim Stebbings, chair**

This committee is developing criteria for SUVCWMO participation in a National History Day essay contest.

#### **Honoring Living Veterans Committee – PCC Gary Scheel, chair**

This committee is focusing our efforts "to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war."

### **Recommendations**

- 2.) That the Assistant Quartermaster of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be directed to send all the ROTC awardees' names, schools attending, and dates of presentation submitted by camps to the Department ROTC officer for record keeping, as these are submitted directly to National from the camps, often leaving the Department without a record of the event.

### **8.17 Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas: Mark Nichols, DC**

I am pleased to report that we have been actively engaged in a variety of activities across the state. The State of Nebraska is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year, being admitted to the

Union in 1867. Nebraska was the first state entered after the close of the civil war. On March 1, our Department provided the color guard and raised a 37-star flag at the Thomas P. Kennard Historic Site in Lincoln to open the ceremonies for Nebraska Statehood Day. The local television station, KOLN 10/11 News broadcasted the event live.

PDC William Dean completed three years as our Department Commander. Merle Rudebusch, PDC has stepped down as our long-serving Department Secretary. We proudly recognized his dedication and effort at our Department Encampment in April.

Over the past year our brothers have been involved in living history demonstrations at various schools and events, a host of headstone dedications, Gettysburg Address Remembrance Day, Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration, Memorial Day ceremonies, Wreaths Across America, ROTC Programs and Eagle Scout Certifications.

Our Department website has been transformed into a much more useful and engaging site. More information is planned to be incorporated into it. The site can be viewed at [www.SUVCWNebraska.org](http://www.SUVCWNebraska.org).

### **8.18 Department of New Hampshire: Thomas J. Cullinane, DC**

I am pleased to report that the 80 strong Department of New Hampshire remains actively engaged in the preserving the memories of our Union Defenders in all corners of the Granite State.

The years 2016-2017 have been marked by great transition. PDC Dave Nelson completed a three year run of departmental command. The under mentioned was elected in his stead. Long serving Department Secretary PDC Peter Whelpton stepped down with Brother Michael Shklar being appointed to take his place. The transitions continued with Brother Clayton Longver, having provided decades of impeccable service as the Department Treasurer, giving his office over to Donald Wheeler.

The overarching goal of the department is to compel our state leadership to properly preserve the regimental colors of the Union forces dispatched to quell the Great Rebellion. We will not rest until this mission is accomplished. When not working toward this goal, we continue to carry out the normal duties and activities of our order. Most camps actively support their community's Memorial Day ceremonies as seen by the below picture of Sleeper Camp #60 and Ladies Auxiliary members near the G.A.R. Memorial in Salem, NH.



The Department received a great boost in publicity when it featured in an article by in the Fall 2016 edition of *SooNipi Magazine*.



Brother Michael Shklar provided a very well received talk entitled “The Real Heroes of Little Round Top” at our Remembrance Day Observance conducted in Keene, NH on November 5, 2016. Our annual Union Defender’s Day ceremony was conducted on March 24, 2017. Brother Larry Knight gave a talk on two of his ancestors who were incarcerated in the infamous Andersonville Prisoner of War Camp.

We remain very proud of Brother Michael Sweet who was the recipient of the National College Scholarship. He has posted a banner year at Saint Anslem's College in Manchester, New Hampshire and remains heavily engaged in the activities of his home camp.

The Department held its annual encampment on April 8, 2017 in Concord, New Hampshire. Since that time, we have added the names of 125 Union soldiers from the greater Derry, New Hampshire area to the National Graves Registration data base. We have also conducted research into the oldest Civil War veteran of Rockingham County. The current contender for this title is Leonard Hobart Pillsbury, a former commander of Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers who passed on at age 98. Upon confirmation of this information, we will mark his grave accordingly. We look forward to executing a full slate of exciting activities during the summer and fall months.

### **8.19 Department of New Jersey: Frederick A. Mossbrucker, DC**

The Department of New Jersey is honored to report that it is healthy and active. We have added another camp the year, the Winfield Scott Camp #73.. That makes two camps in the last two years. This past year we have presented more Eagle Scout Certificates and SUVCW JROTC Awards than in previous years. All of our camps were involved in Memorial Day Parades and May 30th observances. Our Department Commander used his position as a teacher to decorate his school's front yard with flags that represented all 42 of the town's (Pitman, NJ) fallen war heroes. In addition, the students were taught proper flag etiquette. The flags were placed the day before Memorial Day Vacation AND on 30 May with an explanation why according to Gen. Logan's General Orders #11.

Our Department Encampment was one of our better attended encampments in the last few years. We had a great deal of healthy discussion and debate over the two proposals we plan to present at the National Encampment this year in Michigan. The proposals are as follows:

#### **DUAL MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION TO NATIONAL**

The following resolution was passed by the Department of New Jersey, SUVCW, in their annual encampment held at Toms River, NJ on June 10, 2017, for consideration by the National Encampment to be held in Michigan in August 2017.

Be it Resolved that CHAPTER 1. Camps, ARTICLE II. 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 joins as a dual member (he pays national per capita assessment only for his primary or home camp). Dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members required to establish a new Camp.

Attest,  
Dr David G. Martin, Sec/Treas, Dept of NJ, SUVCW

#### **CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS RESOLUTION TO NATIONAL**

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Department of New Jersey, SUVCW, in their annual encampment held at Toms River, NJ on June 10, 2017, for consideration by the National Encampment to be held in Michigan in August 2017.

Whereas, we the members of the Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the removal of any Union, Confederate or historical monument marker or memorial;

Whereas, we the members of the Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War urge that local camps and their state Department monitor and be aware of any marker, memorial or statue in jeopardy notify the National Organization;

Whereas, we the members of the Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ask that our National Organization protect and preserve all statues, monuments and markers of the Civil War to be preserved for future generations to view;

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby adopt this resolution to be sent to all members of the House and Senate as the basis for possible legislation to protect these historical monuments.

Attest,  
Dr. David G. Martin, Sec/Treas, Dept of NJ SUVCW

Brothers within the department worked to raise money in order to help defray the cost of attending the National Encampment. Some camps are also helping ease the costs by supporting their own brothers through their camp's treasuries. Due to this camaraderie, NJ is sending it's largest delegation in years! Nine brothers will be attending the National Encampment this year! As one can see, the Department of NJ, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has decided to "get off the sidelines" and become more active and participating brothers. Activity within the camps and communities is on the upswing. Now we look to maintaining the momentum we've built and gaining more recognition through savvy use of various news and social media.

## **8.20 Department of New York: Daryl VerStreate Jr., DC**

I am pushing retention of membership this year. Or as i like to call the the "M.V.P - of Membership"

Perception = Value = Membership

People make purchases because of a perceived value whether that be tangible or intangible. What are we selling? Membership! While we do not have a refund fund policy in order to return merchandise our membership votes by the revolving door and not renewing there dues.

I ask everyone to please consider the perceived perception. What do new members expect from our organization when they join? What can we do for them? What can they do for the organization?

More importantly how are we not meeting this Perception of Value that encouraged them the join the first time? When we are able to meet this perception of value we will be able to keep the membership, increase the retention rate and keep members from voting with there feet.

Each Camp in New York has been challenged to reach out to past members and by the time of Department Convention next year to bring back a total of 5 members whether that be old or new.

It is time to meet the challenge! To grow the organization not to just maintain the membership base.

### **8.21 Department of North Carolina: Dennis C. St. Andrew, DC**

The Department of North Carolina sends greetings to Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin, PDC, the National Council of Administration, and the 2017 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in Lansing, Michigan.

**Department Officers:** I am serving my fourth term as Commander of the Department of North Carolina having been elected at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on May 7, 2017 in Salisbury, North Carolina. I previously served as NC Department Commander 2013-2016. We thank National Treasurer David McReynolds, PCC, for attending our Encampment as Installing Officer. The Department of North Carolina Elected Officers are as follows: SVC William Fred Fulcher, PCC, JVC Rolf Cole Maris, PCC, Secretary A. Bryan Salter, PCC, Treasurer K. Travis Masters, Council Members Douglas P. Elwell, PDC, A. Bryan Salter, PCC, and Craig Hipkins, PCC. The Department of North Carolina Appointed Officers are as follows: Chaplain Rolf Maris, PCC, Color Bearer Max Speers, PCC, Patriotic Instructor Edward Gibson, Signals Officer Jim Johnson, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Travis Masters, GAR Records Officer Robert Crum, Civil War Memorials Officer Skip Riddle and Graves Registration Officer Henry Duquette.

**Membership:** The Department of North Carolina membership stands at **97** Brothers in good standing as of July 15, 2017. The MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 is the largest Camp with **41** Members. The Department membership includes **9** Life Members, and **3** Junior Members. The Department just recently added 4 new Brothers under the age of 40. There are currently **5** Camps in good standing in our Department, including a Member at Large Camp.

**Eagle Scout Certificate Awards:** The Department supports this award and encourages all Camps to participate in this program. Brother Travis Masters (Union Volunteers Camp #5) is the Department's Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, and 7+ awards have been granted in the past year.

**JROTC Awards:** The Department supports the JROTC award and encourages all Camps to participate in this program. The Camps and the Department awarded more than 30 JROTC medals & certificates in 2017.

**Civil War Memorials:** Over the past several years the location and recording of all known North Carolina memorials dedicated to Union soldiers & sailors has taken place, and has been

forwarded to the National Civil War Memorials Committee. Additional memorials will be submitted if/when found.

**Recruiting-Educational-Community Efforts:** Camps throughout the Department have and will continue to participate in recruiting and educational activities at historic commemorations and on patriotic holidays, especially Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Camp recruiting and SUVCW educational activities and patriotic events in North Carolina in 2017 have included efforts at Fort Fisher, Bennett Place, Bentonville Battlefield, and the New Bern Battlefield. Wreaths Across America events are being planned for Christmas time this year. New Members to our Order were recruited during these events. Recruiting goals for the Department are for each Brother to recruit at least one or more new members to our Order during the year in order to grow and strengthen our Camps, Department, and National Organization. Brother Jim Johnson (MG Thomas Ruger Camp #1) recently recruited **8** family members as new Brothers to our Order, with **4** of them under the age of 40. He has been nominated as a National Aide.

**Memorial Day Observance 2017:** The Department of North Carolina participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies at the four North Carolina National Cemeteries where Union soldiers are interred as follows: MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 (Wilmington National Cemetery), Gibbon-Burke Camp #2 (Salisbury National Cemetery), NC Union Volunteers Camp #5 (New Bern National Cemetery) and I presented a wreath at the Raleigh National Cemetery ceremony. John A. Logan Camp #4 participated in a Memorial Day remembrance at Bennett Place State Historic Site. As Department Commander, I also sent out a Memorial Day message to all Camps/Brothers of the Department of NC encouraging them to take part in honoring Union Veterans of the Civil War and fallen US veterans of all wars on Memorial Day.

**Real Daughter Irene Triplett:** We have a Real Daughter living within the Department of North Carolina. Real Daughter Irene Triplett lives in a nursing home in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Union Private Moses “Mose” Triplett of the 3rd North Carolina Mounted Infantry (nicknamed " Kirk's Raiders"). In 1938, Mose Triplett attended the reunion for veterans of both sides of the Battle of Gettysburg, which was held on the battlefield. Mose Triplett died at age 92 on July 18, 1938, shortly after returning home from the joint Gettysburg reunion. Irene Triplett was born in 1930 when her father was age 83 and her mother 34. At age 87, Irene is the last living recipient of VA benefits connected to the Civil War. Moses Triplett is buried in the Triplett Family Cemetery in Ferguson, NC. I have visited his grave on two occasions, and placed a US flag next to his headstone which is inscribed “He was a Civil War soldier”. My most recent visit with Irene Triplett was on June 9, 2017, and I my wife and I brought her a bouquet of flowers and a greeting card with a monetary gift inside. I plan to visit Irene again around Christmas time this year. These days, Irene still enjoys watching TV and visiting with the other residents of the nursing home. Irene told me that she no longer has any of her father’s possessions as they have been lost over the 79 years since his death in 1938. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to meet and get to know Real Daughter Irene Triplett. I am currently serving as a member of the National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters. Brother Jerry Orton, PDC of New York, is the Chairman of the committee, and he has visited with Irene Triplett here in North Carolina in years prior.

### **Highlights of Activity as Department Commander 7 May 2017 to 15 Jul 2017:**

- Attended Department of NC 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment in Salisbury, North Carolina, and was elected Department Commander.
- Attended a wreath ceremony, after the Encampment, at the Salisbury National Cemetery.
- Issued DO #1-Election and Appointment of Department Officers.
- Worked with the Department Council in their efforts to fill the vacancies of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer.
- Issued Memorial Day Message to all Brothers of the Department of North Carolina.
- Memorial Day-presented a wreath at Civil War Union graves at the Raleigh National Cemetery during the annual American Legion sponsored ceremony.
- Attended memorial mass for Margie Dostall, wife of Brother Roger Dostall, in Fayetteville, NC.
- Visited with Real Daughter Irene Triplett in Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
- Attended the dedication ceremony of the blockade runner Condor dive park at Fort Fisher State Historic Site in Kure Beach, North Carolina.
- Attended board meeting as a member of the board of directors of the Friends of Fort Fisher.
- Donated a new memorial bench at Fort Fisher State Historic Site which honors the memory of the 142<sup>nd</sup> NY Volunteer Infantry, Union Army BMG Newton Martin Curtis, and my great grandfather Private Charles St. Andrews of the 142<sup>nd</sup> NY Volunteer Infantry.
- Attended and spoke at a dedication ceremony for the Fort Fisher memorial bench listed above.
- Issued DO #2-Announcing the election of Department Secretary A. Bryan Salter by the Department Council.
- Met with the new superintendant of the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, in Poughkeepsie, NY, to discuss the original super sized GAR grave marker that had been placed at the GAR Hamilton Post #20 Civil War cannon memorial and grave plot in 1923. The superintendant said that the cemetery would try to mount the GAR marker in a granite base to enhance the cannon memorial, and to prevent theft—he will notify me of the final results.
- Visited Gettysburg National Military Park, on the way to New York state, and visited the Albert Woolson Sculpture in addition to the Museum and the Cyclorama.
- Created and sent National Encampment Book ad for the Department of North Carolina.
- Issued DO #3-Announcing the election of Department Treasurer K. Travis Masters by the Department Council.
- Attended the meeting of the NC Union Volunteers Camp #5 at the New Bern Civil War Battlefield. Discussed the 2018 Department Encampment at Fort Macon, which Camp #5 will host. Also, installed new Department Secretary Bryan Salter and new Department Treasurer Travis Masters, both of whom filled vacancies in these positions since the May 2017 Department Encampment

Currently working with Department Signals Officer Jim Johnson as he creates a new Department of North Carolina website to replace the generic Department website on the National site that is

maintained by National Signals Officer Jamie McGuire, PDC. Once up and running, the North Carolina Department website will be maintained and enhanced by Brother Johnson ongoing.

## **8.22 Department of Ohio: James T. Crane, DC**

The Ohio camps have been very busy this past year. It started with the Mid Winter Meeting in January, with the Department meeting, and also the Testimonial Luncheon for the Commander In Chief, Donald L. Martin. It was well attended, and also honored were DC Peter J. Hritsko, and Cynthia Hilliard, DP of the Auxiliary in Ohio. Good luck to these Officers in their future endeavors.

The Buffington Island Battlefield Memorial Park event took place on July 15th, as this was the only place in Ohio where a major battle took place. The Union forces led by Gen. Ambrose Burnside corralled the Confederate forces led by Gen. John Hunt Morgan's cavalry in eastern Ohio, near the Ohio River, where he surrendered to the Union forces on July 26, 1863.

The Jacob Parrott Camp # 33 recently performed a last Civil War Veteran event in Hardin County, where they honored John H. Smick from Company C., 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who died on January 27, 1942.

The Department of Ohio will be hosting the 138th National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio from August 8-11, 2019. The James A. Garfield Camp # 142, will be the host Camp; PCinC Ken Freshly has volunteered to be the Host Chair from the Garfield Camp, and he has already named several Committee Chairs. It has been 20 years since Ohio has hosted a National Encampment and we look forward to hosting 2019.

Lastly, the Annual Department Encampment was held in Columbus, Ohio in early June, and I was honored to be elected as the 135th Department Commander. Kerry Langdon was elected SVC, and Shane Milburn was elected JVC. Congratulations not only to the elected Officers of the Department, but also the appointed Officers, who have served in their capacities for a few years. Ohio will continue to remain as one of the top Departments in the SUVCW, having several CinC's in recent times: David R. Medert, Robert E. Grim, Donald E. Darby, David V. Medert, Ken L. Freshly and finally the current CinC Donald L. Martin.

24 July 2017

### **RESOLUTION ON THE MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS AND DISPLAY OF FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERACY**

A resolution in support of the protection of monuments/memorials and the display of the flags of the Confederate States of America was unanimously passed by the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, during their annual encampment held in Columbus, Ohio on June 10, 2017.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemn the defacement, destruction or removal of monuments/memorials and the flags of the confederacy, by any and all hate groups on the grounds of it being politically correct, and

WHEREAS, Confederate Soldiers are legal Veterans by Public Law 85-425, May 23, 1958 (H.R. 358) 72 Statute 133 ...“(3) (e) for the purpose of this section, and section 433, the term ‘veteran’ includes a person who served in the military or naval forces of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War, and the term ‘active, military or naval service’ includes active service in such forces.”, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War support the protection of these same monuments/memorials and the flying of confederate battle flags as historical pieces of this nation's history, at our Nation's Civil War historical sites.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby adopt this resolution for the protection and preservation of all monuments/memorials and the display of flags of the Civil War wherever they may be erected.

Attested,

Jonathan C. Davis, Secretary/Treasurer, Department of Ohio

### **8.23 Department of Oklahoma: Rex E. Griffin, DC**

No report received.

### **8.24 Department of Pennsylvania: Alfred C. Carty, DC**

I was elected Commander of the Pennsylvania Department at the end of June and so I do not have much to report as of yet. I am busying contacting Brothers to fill new committee positions that were created during our last Department Encampment. We are working on resolving any issues with the IRS and are planning on filing for a group tax exemption. We are also looking at holding a National Encampment in 2022. I hope you all have a harmonious Encampment. Thank you to all of the current officers for your service to the Order and congratulations to any and all officers that are elected at this encampment.

### **8.25 Department of Rhode Island: James P. McGuire, DC**

The Department of Rhode Island is happy to report a successful and meaningful year since the last National Encampment. Although we lost a Camp this year, we have actually been gaining members and we are happy to report that a new Camp is rising in its place, with a strategic location in the Ocean State. The Major General Thomas West Sherman Camp no. 1 will be located in famed Newport, and will immediately service all of Aquidneck Island, an area that has been underrepresented by our Order for some time now. Already, the three local historical societies have reached out to the new Camp, as has a local cemetery commission and a cultural alliance that understands the rich Civil War history of the island. At the time of this writing, I am personally happy to report that I have received confirmation of Camp 1's date of rank, which is 20 June 2017. The new Camp will be chartered with five new Members, one new Junior Member, two transfers, and two dual Members. Several potential additional Members and some Associates have also reached out. Perhaps it is because Newport has been without an SUVCW

presence for some time, but this quick growth of a brand new Camp in Rhode Island is very encouraging.

We held our Annual Appomattox Day Encampment on April 8, 2017. The meeting was preceded the night before by a very lively and well-attended annual awards dinner. We are happy that our dinner has become as popular with National Officers as it is within our own department. It was our pleasure to welcome Commander-in-Chief Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Day, Council of Administration Members Paquette and Norris, as well as other special guests and Brothers. We awarded our Stephen H. Kettle Award to “citizen of the year” Pegee Malcolm for her tireless efforts in cemetery preservation. The annual meeting was relatively smooth, with Department Commander McGuire being reelected for a second term and a slate of business was wrapped up. We held a lively Q&A with CinC Martin and the other National Officers on some issues of particular interest to our Members.

Our Department, being a trusted partner of the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, endorsed the cemetery’s new rules for the somewhat locally controversial process for flagging the graves of veterans leading up to Memorial Day. To curb issues such as blatant misuse of flags, flag hoarding and incorrectly flagging civilians with a government flag, a system of recording the name of each grave was deployed throughout the state, with the local American Legion Posts, VFWs, fraternal and/or lineal associations, scout troops and cemetery associations expected to do their part to ensure that flags were being used correctly. The verdict is still out on how many groups complied, what data and information the Veterans Cemetery collected, how such data will be used, and whether or not this process will benefit the flagging program. The RISUVCW has long had excellent records of the Civil War veterans that we flag, so the Camps did not encounter too many issues with the program.

The Camps and the Department presented a very impressive slate of Memorial Day events this year, resulting in (despite some inclement weather) well-attended events, increased awareness of our activities, and the general improvement of our Order’s public profile in the State. Gen. Zenas Bliss Camp no. 12’s service was featured on Providence’s flagship television station, and a young documentary filmmaker rode along on Governors Elisha Dyer Camp no. 7’s annual caravan (which also stopped at Maj. Sullivan Ballou Camp no. 3’s ceremony) with the intention of telling the story of the Sons in relation to our ancestors for a special on Rhode Island PBS. For the first time in many years, the Department “at large” participated in a Memorial Day parade.

One other Department project of significance is the ongoing partnership with the Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy and their campaign to restore the Rhode Island Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Providence. This monument was erected in 1871 and lists the name of every Rhode Island soldier and sailor who gave his life in the defense of the Union during the Civil War. The RISUVCW is taking an active role in helping to raise awareness about the restoration, and we are expected to serve as the primary architect of the rededication ceremony at the completion of the restoration. At this time, we are aware of at least two other monument projects brewing from within the Camps as well.

The remainder of the 2017-2018 term will be spent on some key initiatives that Commander McGuire has identified for the Department. An ongoing project is to locate the grave of each

Past Department Commander of the Rhode Island Grand Army of the Republic and have a device created that would signify each grave with identification as such. This project would ideally be completed by the end of 2018, as the 2018 calendar year represents the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Charter of the Department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic (March 24, 1868). It is hoped that we can make a splash with this sesquicentennial observance locally, with public appearances and ceremonies, a commemorative medal, a sesquicentennial gala and more. It is the least we can do to honor these men. Also, Commander McGuire is fiercely advocating for an all-in Department observance and public acknowledgment of the 150th anniversary of Memorial Day, which is fast approaching in 2018 as well.

As all can see, “Little Rhody” is continuing to do its part to honor the Boys in Blue and advance the Mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and will continue to do so proudly and with every bit of effort as can be mustered by our Members.

## **8.26 Department of the Southwest: David Swanson, DC**

### **Department of the Southwest’s First Annual Encampment**

The Department of the Southwest’s First Annual Encampment took place on Saturday, March 11, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Elks Lodge, 14424 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St, Phoenix. We had 32 Brothers, Sisters and guests present for this first Encampment and it was a great success!

Special guests present were: Tad Campbell SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief, Maura Mackowski, President of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 DUVCW, and Verna Maleski, President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary.

#### *Installation of Department Officers*

The Installation of the Department of the Southwest Officers for 2017-2018 as our last order of business was conducted by PCinC Tad Campbell.

#### *Elected Department Officers for 2017-2018*

Commander: David A. Swanson  
Senior Vice Commander: Robert D. McCord  
Junior Vice Commander: Gerald N. Bloom  
Secretary/Treasurer: Dale E. Enlow  
Council: Randy D. McNally, Allen Nash, David Palmateer

#### *Appointed Officers for 2017-2018*

Patriotic Instructor: Allen Nash  
Chaplain: Mark Haynes  
Graves Registration: David Jackson  
Historian: Dale E. Enlow  
Civil War Memorials: John R. Conrad PDC  
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Dennis W. Lamb  
Counselor: John R. Conrad PDC

Signals Officer: Jeffrey D. Burgess  
ROTC Coordinator: Robert E. Archibald Jr.  
Guide: James M. Heller  
Guard: Christopher Beisner  
Color Bearer: David T. Vessels

*Delegates elected to the National Encampment:*  
David Swanson and Gerald Bloom

### **Memorial Day observances:**

Brothers from all three Department Camps (Picacho Peak Camp No.1, General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2, and the Gen US Grant Camp No. 3) participated in Memorial Day observances in their areas.

### **Confederate monuments in Arizona**

On June 6, 2017, members of the NAACP met with Arizona Governor Doug Ducey regarding the removal of Confederate memorials in Arizona.

I was contacted by a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Arizona and was requested to send an email to the governor on behalf of the Department of the Southwest and the SUVCW outlining our position which follows:

June 15, 2017  
Dear Governor Ducey

Much has been said recently regarding the removal of Confederate monuments in the state of Arizona.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Congressionally Chartered successor organization to the Grand Army of the Republic (comprised of Union veterans—those who fought for the preservation of the United States during the Civil War) is opposed to the removal of any Confederate monuments.

During its annual national encampment (meeting) in 2000 the following proclamation regarding those monuments was passed:

“WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being "politically correct . . . .”

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that, as part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Department of the Southwest (which includes the states of Arizona and New Mexico) solidly stands by that proclamation.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

David A. Swanson, Commander  
Department of the Southwest  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Prior to this, several Brothers were contacted by members of the SCV regarding the removal of Confederate monuments and I distributed a General Order in that regard.

The issue in Arizona may very well increase in quantity and temperament in the near term but I am unaware of any such recent activities in New Mexico. The SCV apparently sees this as an assault on all monuments; however, it is plainly not. I anticipate very limited, if any, future involvement by the Department regarding this issue.

### **Renaming of streets in Phoenix with “offensive or derogatory titles”**

On June 27, 2017, the Phoenix City Council voted to amend its policy of allowing only property owners on streets to change the street name and under the new policy it can pursue street name changes it deems offensive. In the bull’s-eye is a street named Robert E. Lee.

The Department has not been contacted for comments regarding this issue.

### **New Mexico Camps**

The Department is attempting to organize a camp or camps in New Mexico (currently there are none).

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### **Union Army Memorial**

The Department organized a committee to obtain legislative and financial support for the erection of a memorial to the Union Army (California Column) which was organized to drive the confederates out of Arizona and helped protect Arizona and New Mexico from any future confederate invasions.

The memorial hopefully, will be placed in the Wesley Bolin Plaza, near the state capitol, where there is currently a memorial to the short-lived “Confederate Territory of Arizona.”

## **8.27 Department of Tennessee with Alabama and Mississippi: David McReynolds, DC**

Without question, the past year has been a busy one for the Department of Tennessee (with Mississippi and Alabama) and its Camps. And a lot of the accomplishments are the result of Past Commander’s Michael Downs’ leadership. Let’s start relatively recently, then work our way back and then forward. On March 4, 2017, the Department held its Annual Encampment hosted by the Army of the Tennessee Camp No. 64 in Murfreesboro, TN. The Encampment was very well attended and the program and amenities were well thought through. Kudos to Camp Commander David DuBrucq and the members of Camp 64. At the Encampment, officers were elected for 2017-2018:

Commander: David H. McReynolds, PCC  
Senior Vice Commander: Roger Tenney, CC  
Junior Vice Commander: Ben Block Jones II, PCC  
Secretary: Michael Downs, PDC  
Treasurer: Geoffrey Hintze, PDC  
Department Council: Carl E. Addison, Samuel Gant, PDC, Ben Block Jones II, PCC

In addition to the elected officers, Commander McReynolds appointed the following officers to complete his team:

Chaplain: Clyde Getman, PDC  
Assistant Chaplain: Gary M. Burke  
Patriotic Instructor: Carl E. Addison  
Civil War Memorials Officer: David DuBrucq, CC  
Graves Registration Officer: Richard Holmes  
ROTC/Eagle Scout Coordinator: Nick Norwood  
Signals Officer: George A. Huttick

Now let's head back in time and pick up some noteworthy events of the past year. The Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39's event, Readmission Day 2016, that celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the readmission of Tennessee back into the Union on July 24, 2016 received not only local publicity but also attracted national attention with an article in *Civil War News* as well as articles in a vast array of regional publications. And, in May 2017, the event received an Award of Distinction from the East Tennessee Historical Society. Huzzah Brothers!

In September 2016, the McTeer Camp was honored to initiate John Oliver, a Real Son, into Camp membership. Again, this event received not only local, but regional and national attention.

On the weekend of October 1, 2016, the Department hosted the 77<sup>th</sup> Central Region Association Meeting in Franklin, Tennessee. The event received a lot of praise for the facilities and for the great speakers that included Dr. Sam Gant, who spoke about the Franklin Battlefield, and David McReynolds, who spoke about revitalizing a Camp that had lost its zing. Both speakers, of course, are members of our Department. PDC Michael Downs almost singlehandedly put together this wonderful meeting and conference for the Central Region.

The Sultana Camp No. 1 in Memphis continued to publish its award-winning newsletter.

Brothers, putting on their private citizen hats, have attended meetings on the future of Fort Negley Park in Nashville. Fort Negley is the meeting place for the Fort Donelson Camp No. 62. With the move of the local baseball team to new quarters, it left an empty stadium and parking lot on the grounds of Fort Negley. Some support condos and concrete. Others support restoring it to a full park. Hopefully, those on the good side will win.

We congratulate George Michael Huttick, who has been a Junior Member in our Department for several years, on being awarded one of two SUVCW scholarships for 2017. He will attend

Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN and will study engineering. Well done Brother Huttick!

There were so many events in the Department this year:

- Decoration Day at Stones River National Battlefield
- Living History Day at the Lotz House in Franklin
- The 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fort Donelson
- The 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh
- The 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Franklin
- The 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Nashville
- And many more!

Graves Registration Officer Richard Holmes was honored with a Community History Award for his work over the past year to locate 83 (and counting) graves in need of repair, marking, and/or registration in the SUVCW's database. He is also deeply involved in identifying the last living Union veteran not yet identified in each East Tennessee county.

Charles Ogle, another McTeer Camp member, received a Teaching Excellence Award for his 30 years of excellence in teaching history in Sevier County, Tennessee and for his active participation in the ETHS Teaching American History Grant program, mentoring students and other teachers and leading the way to involve his school in the National History Day competition. This marks the second year in a row that the McTeer or its members have received three awards at the annual meeting of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

All the Camps participated in Memorial Day services in some way on both the holiday (May 29<sup>th</sup>) and also May 30<sup>th</sup>. The McTeer Camp jointly hosted services with the Lucinda Heatherly Detached Tent No. 3 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Polly Toole Auxiliary No. 17 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the Knoxville National Cemetery. Also participating were the 79<sup>th</sup> New York Highlander Re-enactors. Yours truly, Department Commander David McReynolds, was honored to have been extensively interviewed by the local TV station which ran several times on the local newscasts.

The Sultana Camp No. 1 in Memphis participated in Memorial Day services along the Memphis riverfront honoring those who perished in the great Sultana riverboat disaster, which remains the greatest Maritime disaster in U.S. history. In April of 2017, the McTeer Camp re-dedicated the monument to the Sultana at Mount Olive Cemetery in Maryville, TN for the third straight year.

At our Camp way down in south Alabama, the Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1, there were a variety of Memorial Day activities. Camp Chaplain Barry Spink and Past Camp Commander Bruce Pickette conducted the May 30<sup>th</sup> service at the Union Soldiers plot at Oakwood Cemetery in Montgomery. And, newly elected Camp Commander Dr. Jack Dwyer was privileged to attend and represent the SUVCW at the Memorial Day services at the Mobile National Cemetery in Mobile, AL.

I would be remiss without mentioning our list of Camp Commanders for 2017-2018. With their leadership, we could not achieve what we have in the past and present and we could not expect even greater things from our Camps in the future.

Sultana Camp No. 1: Darwin Concon  
Wilson Camp No. 1: Dr. Jack Dwyer  
McTeer Camp No. 39: Max Renfro  
Taylor Camp No. 53: Richard Blanton, Jr.  
Fort Donelson No. 62: Roger Tenney  
Missionary Ridge No. 63: John Sims  
Army of the Tennessee No. 64: David DuBrucq

We are already planning next year's Annual Department Encampment. It will be April 6-7, 2018 in Knoxville, TN hosted by the Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39. We look forward to another great encampment with fun, fellowship and a little learning about what our organization is all about.

## **8.28 Department of Texas and Louisiana: Beau Moore, DC**

Commander-in-Chief Martin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Day, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Shaw, National Secretary Davis, National Treasurer McReynolds, Council of Administration, and Brothers of the 136th National Encampment, I bring greetings from the Brothers of the Department of Texas, and the Sisters of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Department of Texas.

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. Our Camps are stable both financially and in membership growth. The past Fiscal Year saw an addition of 12 members to our Brotherhood, a net increase of 7.75% from the previous year. The Department finances are also in very good condition with approximately \$11,697.49 in our treasury, an 18.9% increase over last year.

Upon assuming command of the Department this past June, the current Department Commander made appointments to every Department office and began to look into social media to promote the Department's online presence. Looking to the future, the Department is continuing to examine options for the addition of a fourth Camp to the Department which began under the past department commander. Emphasis is being placed upon urging group of brothers in southern Louisiana 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 expectation 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 and participation in civic activities as we move away from 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.

Some of the highlights of Camp activities for the past Fiscal Year are as follows:

- General J. J. Byrne Camp # 1—Fort Worth Area
  - o Participation in Memorial Day Ceremonies in Fort Worth, Texas
  - o Held an annual commemoration at GEN Byrne’s grave in Pioneer’s Rest, Fort Worth
  - o 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
  - o Bestowed JROTC Awards
- LCDR Edward Lea, USN, Camp # 2—Houston Area
  - o Participation in Memorial day Ceremonies in Houston, Texas
  - o Participation in Veterans Day activities in Houston, Texas
  - o Participated in the Liendo Plantation Civil War Days
  - o Participated in the Annual Hot Chocolate Brunch hosted by the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary at the DeBakey VA Hospital, Houston, Texas
  - o Participated in the Annual Battle of Galveston with a grave side ceremony to honor LCDR Lea
  - o Participated in the Jesse Jones Park Heritage Day
  - o Participated in the Annual President’s Tea hosted by the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary
  - o Bestowed a Department record of 112 ROTC/JROTC Awards
- E. E. Ellsworth Camp # 18—Dallas Area
  - o Participation in the Annual Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas
  - o Participation in Memorial Day Ceremonies in McKinney, Texas
  - o Cleaning of 86 Union Veteran grave markers in Greenwood Cemetery, Dallas, Texas
  - o Bestowed JROTC Awards

Each of our three Camps also remain in good health as they continue to discharge their sacred duties. Each of the Camp Commanders and their staffs are to be commended on their leadership of their respective Camps as each Camp executed their activities during the fiscal year.

### **8.29 Department of Vermont; James Proctor**

No report received.

### **8.30 Department of Wisconsin; Alan O. Petit, DC**

I attended last year's National Encampment in Springfield. Nine Wisconsin brothers were there. Our midwinter department meeting was held in February in Wauwatosa and attended by C-in-C Don Martin. I attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in April. We held the Annual Department Encampment in June and SVC-in-C Mark Day swore in the officers. I was reelected Wisconsin DC. All of our staff is filled except Eagle Scout Coordinator. At the encampment Wisconsin Department awarded the Dr. Mary Walker Award to Sister Margaret Berres of the WRC for her work on behalf of the Civil War veterans over the last seventeen years, registering 1400 graves and 87 new headstones. I attended all Camp #8 activities and some headstone dedications. I also visited five camps

for officer's installation and sent deputies to three more camps.

Camp #1, 44 brothers; Camp #2, 27 brothers; Camp #4, 26 brothers; Camp #5, 12 brothers; Camp #8, 37 brothers; Camp #15, 28 brothers; Camp #49, 31 brothers; Camp #56, 34 brothers.  
Total 249, up 12 from last year.

#### Camp Activities:

Camp #1: Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4 hosted the department midwinter meeting, thank you, and other local events.

Camp #2: Camp #2 participated in Wreaths Across America.

Camp #4: Camp #4 participated in Wreaths Across America and other local events.

Camp #5: Camp #5 hosted the department encampment. Thank you.

Camp #8: Camp #8 participated in Wreaths Across America and other local event.

Camp #15: Camp #15 is working with a local city to improve upkeep on a local cemetery where Civil War vets are buried. They also have new prototype of a marker for the last soldier project. It resembles the GAR flag holders with appropriate lettering

Camp #49: Camp #49 is still working on restoration of the last GAR hall in Wisconsin. Significant progress has been made.

Camp #56: Camp #56 has attended several local events.

All the camps attended one or more Memorial Day events. Several of the camps have also taken Veteran's Day and Independence Day ceremonies.

## **9 Appendix A - National Treasurer: David McReynolds, DC**

### **Addendum to the Annual Report of the National Treasurer**

### **Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2017 And Proposed Budget for the year to end June 30, 2018**

### **Comments on the Consolidated Balance Sheet**

**At June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016**

- The Balance Sheet is also known as the Statement of Financial Position. It is a snapshot in time on the day it is put together of how well the organization is doing in terms of its overall financial strength as well as a measurement of the kinds of assets and liabilities held. A reminder that the balance sheet presented at June 30, 2017 is before our final close of our own books and is pre-audit. Minor changes are likely to occur.
- Cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities and certificates of deposit (\$1,195,476) make up 95.1% of total assets (\$1,257,336). We had positive overall cash flow with cash and cash equivalents up \$26, 238.
- We had \$29,776 of unrealized gains in our marketable securities. I have reviewed these investments with our account manager in January 2017 and again in July 2017. A more intensive review is planned over the next 30-90 days.
- Accounts receivable (\$15,347) are made up almost entirely of per capita dues payments from departments received at the National Treasurer's Office in July but applicable to FYE 2017 plus dividends receivable on our mutual funds.
- Prepaid expenses are made up of national encampment expenses, commander-in-chief medals (we will be down to two in stock after this Encampment), Quartermaster postage, ROTC postage, domain names and web hosting and the Fidelity Bond that is amortized over a 3-year period.
- The inventory (\$30,564) is what is at the Quartermaster's store. I believe that we value this inventory very conservatively and in tracking down some of the items related to yearend inventory reconciliation, a project to review and refresh how inventory is set up in Quick Books is a good project for FYE 2018 and is recommended in the proposed Budget.
- Net fixed assets are only \$8,202 and the only addition to Fixed Assets during FYE 2017 was the addition of the new Quartermaster Store that we are amortizing over a three-year period of time.
- Accounts payable (\$1,149) are a few invoices received and paid in July that are applicable to June.
- Accrued expenses (\$9,895) include audit fees and sales taxes payable.
- Deferred revenue (\$135,408) is per capita revenue received but applicable to FYE 2018.
- Total assets are \$1,257,336 and total liabilities are \$146,452, a very strong financial position. This represents a ratio of assets to liabilities of \$8.59 of assets to \$1 of liabilities.
- Even with this strong financial position, we must remain diligent in protecting our assets and "living within our means." Only a small change in operating results could change our financial position negatively in a very short period of time.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
At June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017**

	<u>Pre-Audit 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Checking/Savings			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	462,472	436,234	26,238
Other Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable	15,347	537	14,810
Undeposited Funds	-	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	7,747	22,086	(14,339)
Inventory	30,564	29,631	933
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>53,658</u>	<u>52,254</u>	<u>1,404</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	516,130	488,488	27,642
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Furniture and Equipment	41,651	37,151	4,500
Accumulated Depreciation	(33,449)	(31,165)	(2,284)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>8,202</u>	<u>5,986</u>	<u>2,216</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>			
Other Assets			
Marketable Securities	547,933	518,157	29,776
Certificates of Deposit	185,071	180,613	4,458
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>733,004</u>	<u>698,770</u>	<u>34,234</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>1,257,336</u>	<u>1,193,244</u>	<u>64,092</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	1,149	3,561	(2,412)
Accrued Expenses	9,895	7,145	2,750
Due To Other Funds	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue	135,408	117,067	18,341
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>146,452</u>	<u>127,773</u>	<u>18,679</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	146,452	127,773	18,679
<b>Equity</b>			
Unrestricted Net Assets	554,918	530,920	23,998
Member Designated	82,271	77,016	5,255
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	293,423	285,578	7,845
Permanently Restricted	134,884	134,634	250
Net Income	45,388	37,323	8,065
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>1,110,884</u>	<u>1,065,471</u>	<u>45,413</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>1,257,336</u>	<u>1,193,244</u>	<u>64,092</u>

**Comments on the  
Comparative Income Statements  
for the periods ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017  
and the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018**

- On the 3 pages following these notes is a lot of information about the consolidated results of operation or income statements for the National Organization of the SUVCW. To simplify the comments, two columns have been colored a pale blue. These two columns should be where we put our focused attention. The other two columns provide other useful information: the approved FYE June 30, 2017 Budget (first column) and the consolidated results for FYE June 30, 2016 (third column).
- First, let's review the second column which contains the pre-audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.
  - Net income (or the excess of revenues over expenses) was \$45,388, up from \$37,323 last year.
  - The biggest change to income, year to year, was Investment Income (interest, dividends and unrealized gains) which were \$51,263 in FYE 2017, up from \$10,763 last year. This dramatic increase easily offset lost QM sales driven from making the ROTC program free. Total Program Income, which includes the per capita dues and life membership fees, was \$159,873 in FYE 2017, up from \$153,900 last year.
  - Offsetting much of the increases in revenue or income were increases in expenses. Scholarships and grants totaled \$24,150 in FYE 2017, up from \$5,781 last year. And, total contract services were \$28,106 in FYE 2017, up from \$13,150 last year. This increase was driven by the costs of the Labyrinth contract to clean up our charitable organization registrations from 2013 through 2017. There is also a modest increase in audit costs with other increases more than offset by a reduction in Accounting expenses driven by the fact that the National Treasurer has done all the accounting this year without hiring a Bookkeeper.
  - Please keep in mind that these results are pre-Audit and may change due to closing entries made after July 20, 2017 or any audit adjustments that might be proposed.
- Next, let's review the fourth column which contain the proposed budget for the fiscal year to end June 30, 2018.
  - Because of our newly acquired 501(c)3 tax status for the National Organization, I have budgeted for some very modest pilot programs to solicit donations from individuals and businesses as well as to begin other pilot programs for memorial planning. These items only add \$20,000 in revenue to our budget.
  - Interest and dividends have been budgeted looking at actual FYE 2017 and FYE 2016 levels. No unrealized gains have been budgeted.

- We have budgeted the QM sales and costs of goods sold close to the FYE 2017 experience. I think a review of how we have the inventory and sales and costs set up in Quick Books may show significant improvement.
- Program Income has been budgeted at FYE 2017 levels.
- The costs of the ROTC program did not materially change in FYE 2017 despite making participation free. I have budgeted a fairly substantial increase in costs for FYE 2018 thinking that the learning curve that it is free may hit this program in FYE 2018.
- Administrative expenses were budgeted closer to historical levels. They were significantly lower in FYE 2017 versus prior years.
- I have budgeted contract services to cover several continuing needs in FYE 2018:
  - Audit fees (including filing Form 990) of \$10,000.
  - \$5,000 to cover continuing tax issues related to our 501(c)3 tax status approval and how it impacts our subordinate units.
  - \$10,000 to cover the costs of keeping us current with state registrations through our contract with Labyrinth.
  - \$2,500 to cover a project to review and refresh our accounting for Inventory and QM store transactions through our Quick Books software. I believe that this would be a cost that would pay for itself in multiples.
- Facilities and equipment costs have been budgeted at a modest increase over the actual expenditures of the past two years but in line with the FYE 2017 budget.
- Insurance costs have been budgeted in accordance with the policies received to date.
- Operations costs have been budgeted more in line with actual expenditures over the past two fiscal years. However, on top of this, advertising costs of \$5,000 and a contingency of \$4,000 have been budgeted.
- Program expenses have been budgeted with a line by line review with previous year's spending plus an eye on what was included in the FYE 2017 Budget.
  - Working with the committee, I have budgeted \$16,000 for grants (\$12,000 planned spending in FYE 2018 plus the two \$2,000 grants that were approved and paid after June 30, 2017 and charged to FYE 2018).
  - I have also budgeted \$5,000 for scholarships, which I believe is back in line with our plan. No scholarship expense was charged for FYE 2016 while \$10,000 was charged to FYE 2017 (another timing issue).
  - I have continued the practice to budget \$5,000 for Special Projects.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 6/30/2018 COMPARED TO ACTUAL FYE 6/30/2017 (PRE-AUDIT)**

	FYE 2017 Consolidated BUDGET	Pre-Audit FYE 2017 Consolidated ACTUAL	FYE 2016 Consolidated ACTUAL	Proposed FYE 2018 Consolidated BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Donations</b>				
Individual, Business Contributions	350.00	319.81	359.17	15,000.00
In Memory Donations	500.00	-	500.00	5,000.00
MOLLUS	1,100.00	2,200.00	-	1,100.00
Fundraising - Challenge Coins	350.00	1,139.50	771.50	750.00
Fundraising - T-Shirts	-	-	753.86	-
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>	<b>3,659.31</b>	<b>2,384.53</b>	<b>21,850.00</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2,250.00	4,534.78	1,799.40	4,000.00
Dividends	18,042.00	16,951.44	20,256.73	20,000.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	2,250.00	29,776.52	(11,293.10)	-
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>22,542.00</b>	<b>51,262.74</b>	<b>10,763.03</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>
<b>Sales</b>				
QM Sales	35,000.00	40,233.55	43,244.16	40,000.00
QM Shipping & handling	5,000.00	4,861.08	4,164.45	5,000.00
ROTC Sales	-	-	836.00	-
ROTC Shipping & Handling	-	-	1,643.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	69.50	227.55	100.00
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>40,100.00</b>	<b>45,164.13</b>	<b>50,115.16</b>	<b>45,100.00</b>
<b>Program Income</b>				
Banner Subscriptions	50.00	171.00	48.00	144.00
National Encampment Reg. Fees	2,000.00	2,535.00	2,460.00	2,500.00
Per Capita Dues	139,000.00	141,717.07	138,727.25	142,000.00
Life Membership Fees	9,485.00	10,500.00	7,110.00	10,000.00
Honor Roll	100.00	-	250.00	100.00
New Member Fees	2,510.00	2,525.33	2,695.00	2,500.00
Charter Application Fees	200.00	200.00	200.00	240.00
Luncheon	1,500.00	750.00	1,363.00	1,000.00
Fund Reserve	6,400.00	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	200.00	242.00	556.83	250.00
Hyde Bequest	5,000.00	-	-	-
Reinstatement Fees	500.00	1,232.50	490.00	660.00
Rememberance Day	-	-	-	-
Web Site Income	150.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<b>167,095.00</b>	<b>159,872.90</b>	<b>153,900.08</b>	<b>159,394.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>232,037.00</b>	<b>259,959.08</b>	<b>217,162.80</b>	<b>250,344.00</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
<b>Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales</b>				
Cost Of Sales - QM sales	27,500.00	24,339.25	26,733.78	26,000.00
QM Shipping & Handling	3,250.00	5,564.29	3,095.62	5,000.00
Paypal Fees	800.00	933.81	743.27	900.00
Cash Shortage and Overage	(300.00)	(403.90)	(266.80)	(250.00)
<b>Total Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales</b>	<b>31,250.00</b>	<b>30,433.45</b>	<b>30,305.87</b>	<b>31,650.00</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>31,250.00</b>	<b>30,433.45</b>	<b>30,305.87</b>	<b>31,650.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>200,787.00</b>	<b>229,525.63</b>	<b>186,856.93</b>	<b>218,694.00</b>

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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 6/30/2018 COMPARED TO ACTUAL FYE 6/30/2017 (PRE-AUDIT)**

Expense	FYE 2017 Consolidated BUDGET	Pre-Audit FYE 2017 Consolidated ACTUAL	FYE 2016 Consolidated ACTUAL	Proposed FYE 2018 Consolidated BUDGET
Bad Debt Expense	100.00	-	20.00	-
<b>ROTC PROGRAM</b>				
ROTC Medals	8,000.00	3,116.28	3,642.62	5,000.00
ROTC Shipping and Handling	2,500.00	2,202.70	1,847.99	2,250.00
Paypal Fees	-	-	30.98	-
ROTC Shipping Supplies	1,000.00	1,010.58	794.15	850.00
<b>Total ROTC Program Expenses</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>	<b>6,329.56</b>	<b>6,315.74</b>	<b>8,100.00</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>				
CinC expenses	12,000.00	9,357.49	12,000.00	12,000.00
Nat. Sec. Expenses	3,000.00	859.96	2,752.34	3,000.00
Nat. Treasurer Exp.	3,000.00	3,006.19	3,000.92	3,000.00
Nat. QM Expenses	3,000.00	2,996.72	3,000.00	3,000.00
CinC Repr. Expenses	6,000.00	5,773.17	5,788.86	6,000.00
Executive Director	20,500.00	19,040.00	19,550.00	19,040.00
Jr. Vice Expenses	400.00	150.87	255.30	400.00
Banner Editor Expenses	5,000.00	2,425.66	2,319.88	5,000.00
Misc. Expenses	750.00	(237.26)	-	500.00
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>53,650.00</b>	<b>43,372.80</b>	<b>48,667.30</b>	<b>51,940.00</b>
<b>Contract Services</b>				
Accounting Fees - Inventory Cleanup	7,000.00	1,405.80	6,023.79	2,500.00
Audit Fees	7,000.00	9,750.00	7,125.97	10,000.00
501c3 conversion & other tax issues	5,500.00	4,243.75	-	5,000.00
State certifications - Labyrinth contract	8,000.00	12,706.14	-	10,000.00
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>27,500.00</b>	<b>28,105.69</b>	<b>13,149.76</b>	<b>27,500.00</b>
<b>Facilities and Equipment</b>				
Facilities Expense	500.00	-	-	500.00
Rent	10,000.00	9,270.00	9,270.00	9,270.00
Property Insurance	-	677.00	-	700.00
Depr and Amort - Allowable	3,100.00	2,283.49	2,994.03	3,000.00
<b>Total Facilities and Equipment</b>	<b>13,600.00</b>	<b>12,230.49</b>	<b>12,264.03</b>	<b>13,470.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>				
Liability Insurance	4,000.00	2,631.42	3,878.74	1,632.00
Directors & Officers	1,200.00	1,379.58	-	1,505.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>	<b>4,011.00</b>	<b>3,878.74</b>	<b>3,137.00</b>
<b>Operations</b>				
Advertising	5,500.00	-	4,200.00	5,000.00
Bank Fees	260.00	-	156.94	-
Credit Card Fees	50.00	-	36.17	-
Office Expenses	1,250.00	1,290.47	1,237.88	1,250.00
Software	50.00	29.14	73.20	100.00
Proceedings Transcription	1,500.00	1,404.00	1,232.00	1,500.00
Proceedings Printing	300.00	-	245.40	300.00
Dies	-	16.95	-	-
Miscellaneous	100.00	727.18	-	250.00
Quartermaster Supplies	-	936.91	178.22	500.00
Past CinC Jewel	100.00	-	-	-

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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET FYE 6/30/2018 COMPARED TO ACTUAL FYE 6/30/2017 (PRE-AUDIT)**

	FYE 2017 Consolidated BUDGET	Pre-Audit FYE 2017 Consolidated ACTUAL	FYE 2016 Consolidated ACTUAL	Proposed FYE 2018 Consolidated BUDGET
Postage	1,950.00	1,301.39	994.69	1,400.00
Printing & Photocopying	2,000.00	440.58	1,469.89	1,000.00
Supplies	500.00	381.01	450.71	500.00
Telephone & Internet	2,800.00	2,690.19	2,332.32	2,750.00
Web Hosting	500.00	697.32	414.45	500.00
Contingency	4,000.00	-	-	4,000.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>20,860.00</b>	<b>9,915.14</b>	<b>13,021.87</b>	<b>19,050.00</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
National Encamp. Host Comm.	1,000.00	1,924.27	1,000.00	1,500.00
National Encamp. Site Comm.	500.00	1,218.74	252.81	1,000.00
Awards	750.00	931.11	361.09	1,000.00
Scholarships	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	5,000.00
Grants	19,750.00	14,150.00	5,323.00	16,000.00
Life Member Reimbursements	986.00	494.00	458.00	500.00
Life Member Per Capita	4,485.00	-	-	-
Luncheon + Speaker	1,750.00	-	-	-
Equipment Rental	625.00	-	225.00	-
Printing	250.00	-	-	-
Digitize Past Proceedings	2,500.00	-	-	-
Travel	75.00	-	37.14	-
Grave Registrations	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00
Miscellaneous	859.00	725.00	-	750.00
Wreath	175.00	-	-	-
Musicians	750.00	-	-	-
Programs	350.00	-	-	-
Photographs	350.00	-	-	-
Lincoln Memorial	125.00	90.95	90.95	100.00
Lincoln Tomb	1,500.00	3,871.82	3,142.29	3,500.00
Remembrance Day	2,500.00	1,822.90	2,001.53	2,000.00
Cathedral of the Pines	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Grants Tomb	175.00	342.99	-	350.00
Woolson's Monument	-	42.00	-	50.00
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier	200.00	162.95	173.90	200.00
GAR Campfire	500.00	-	-	500.00
Lincoln Birthday Committee	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins	-	-	278.77	-
National Photographer	1,500.00	1,662.35	-	1,650.00
Natl Encamp. Photographer	-	-	1,520.00	-
Natl. Photographer Expenses	150.00	-	138.72	150.00
National Encamp. Printing	1,500.00	1,146.19	1,001.32	1,250.00
Challenge Coins	-	-	-	-
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	300.00	-	112.17	300.00
Memorial University	150.00	670.76	-	250.00
National Genealogical Conference	500.00	-	310.00	500.00
Special Projects	5,000.00	1,985.00	3,500.00	5,000.00
Banner	40,000.00	38,832.04	32,190.05	40,000.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>103,855.00</b>	<b>80,173.07</b>	<b>52,216.74</b>	<b>86,150.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>267,515.00</b>	<b>214,571.20</b>	<b>179,840.05</b>	<b>240,997.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(35,478.00)</b>	<b>45,387.88</b>	<b>37,322.75</b>	<b>9,347.00</b>

**Appendix 4**

**General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Office of the Commander-in-Chief**

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**General Order #1  
SERIES 2016-2017  
17 August 2016**

1. To all of the Brothers in attendance of the 135th National Encampment in Springfield, IL, I thank you for your continued support and faith in me. I thank the Brothers of the Department of Illinois and our hard working Brother Jim Crane and the National Host Committee for an excellent encampment.

2. The Commander-in-Chief Headquarters is hereby transferred from East Berlin, PA to 6025 State Route 772, Chillicothe, OH, 45601. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and are available at CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications are for urgent matters ONLY at 740-663-4961.

3. While we must continue our mission of education and preserving the history and legacy of the boys in Blue, we need to also promote OUR ORDER.

4. We need to promote the SUVCW and educate the public to OUR works and projects

5. WE MUST complete OUR PROJECTS and not just create new ones

6. ANNOUNCE, ADVERTISE, PROMOTE everything you do.

7. There has been very little progress shown by the Camps or the Departments to complete their histories and the Last Soldier Project that was ordered by PCinC Darby's General Order in 1995. All Camps or the Departments MUST complete a history of their Camps. They must also place a marker on the grave of the Last Union Soldier of each county stating this fact. Brothers, COMPLETE these projects. They are close to my heart as I wrote my Camps history and as Camp Commander, started the process in which graves of 4 counties in our area were marked.

8. Memorial University needs to get back on track. The committee to redesign it and the National Patriotic Instructor should finish their work this year. Watch for these developments and ENROLL in the Memorial University Program.

9. Our historical records on microfiche needed to be converted to a DIGITAL format to stay current with technology. Therefore, I have created an ACTION Committee with the purpose of seeing this project through to completion before the end of my term. As such I have established the Committee for the Preservations of Records (CPR). This committee consists of PCinC Don Darby, Chairman; PCinC Jim Pahl, PCinC Leo Kennedy, PDC David Demmy and PDC Loren Bures. This committee has a time line established.

10. Patriotic Instructors, provide instruction at each Camp meeting. There are over 100 Patriotic instructions on the SUVCW website alone. CPI's are welcome to use their own as well.

11. Our National Webpage contains instructions concerning these things and much more, visit it and become familiar with all that is available, the SOLUTION is probably there.

12. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of you a productive year and success in our continued endeavors to perpetuate the memory of our noble ancestors.

13. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000.

14. Direct financial correspondences for the Order to National Treasurer, David McReynolds 4323 Near Shore Dr Louisville TN 37777-5231 (865) 981-2854 mcreyscope@aol.com.

15. Direct all other correspondences for the Order to National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162; (614) 745-6079; secretary@suvchw.org.

16. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule will be coordinated by National Chief of Staff Edward J. Norris, PDC; norris.ed@comcast.net ; 91 Kelly Dr., Lancaster, MA 01523-1959; (978) 365-7628.

17. National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski, paptom@msn.com; 206 E. Grantley Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126, should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's rank and unit.

18. Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be sent to Brian C. Pierson, PDC, PO Box 3394, Shawnee, OK 74802-3394; (703) 989-9296; CofA2@suvchw.org.

19. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), George Shadman, 99 Elizabeth Dr., Barboursville, VA, 22923; (434) 985-8540

20. All Camps and Departments should submit articles for the BANNER to Banner Editor James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St, Mason, MI 48854-1519; (517) 676-1471; Banner@suvchw.org

21. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting and a final report for the 133rd National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.

22. The following National Special Committees will remain in place to serve the Order. -  
National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials (2017) -National Special Committee on  
Memorial University Redesign (2017) -National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters  
-National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021)

23. Per the 2016 National Encampment I have established a special committee to examine the SUVCW policy on the Confederate flag. This committee consists of PCinC D. Brad Schall, Chairman; PCinC Don Darby, PCinC Leo Kennedy, PCinC Edward J. Krieser, and PDC Samuel Gant.

24. Per the 2016 National Encampment I have established a special committee on Decoration Day. This committee consists of PCinC Eugene Mortorff, Chair, PCC Daniel R. Earl, PCC Legislation Officer and Jeffrey French National Patriotic Instructor.

Ordered this 17th Day of August, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 2  
SERIES 2016-2017  
18 August 2016**

1. Requests for a visit by a National Officer must to be submitted **no later than 1 November 2016**.

Contact National Chief of Staff Edward Norris, PDC with Department Encampment or ceremony date, location, time, and other pertinent information as soon as possible.

norris.ed@comcast.net  
91 Kelly Dr.  
Lancaster, MA 01523-1959  
978-365-7628.

2. All award submissions must be submitted **electronically no later than 1 May 2017**. The reward must be accompanied by a written citation TO BE CONSIDERED.

3. The new SUVCW Recruiting Brochures Form 70 was developed to give Brothers a professional looking tool to present to the public. Therefore, Form 70 may in no way be reproduced.

Ordered this 18th Day of August, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
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**General Order # 3  
SERIES 2016-2017  
24 August 2016**

Brothers are reminded of Constitution and Regulation Chapter V, Art. IV, Section 12. Brothers “while performing other duties of the Order ... shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order on the left breast.” An embroidered badge is not a badge. This also applies to any Brother attending Council of Administration meetings.

“Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire.” This particularly applies to officers at their stations and those seated adjacent to and in front of the Altar during business meetings of National Encampments. This means jacket, tie, long pants and medal. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. The Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard may wear uniforms.

Ordered this 24th Day of August, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 4  
SERIES 2016-2017  
5 Sep 2016**

I hereby, with a 2/3rd majority vote of the Council of Administration, issue General Order #4 (as per the Constitution and Regulations Article V, Section 2b) delaying the following actions of the 2016 National Encampment which:

1. established that the SUVCW will officially observe the weekend as that proscribed by the federal government as Memorial Day, in lieu of May 30th .

2. Created the National Special Committee on Decoration Day.

This delay will be in effect until the assigned Memorial Committee files its report with the 2017 National Encampment.

This General Order is based on the following reasons both individually and combined. I am of the opinion that the preceding motions passed by the 2016 National Encampment are in violation of Chapter VI Article I of the National SUVCW Regulations individually and on several counts.

They are also in conflict with our charge as the heirs of the G.A.R., insomuch as it violates several GAR Rules and Regulations. While the Opinions and Rulings of the Grand Army of the Republic are not binding on the SUVCW, but as we are to "remember the boys in blue", we strive to adhere to their edicts as much as possible. These ideals of the GAR are presented as a "history lesson" concerning the GAR's views and what they voted on.

I believe the motions passed strongly defeat the intent of the PCinC Mortorff's now rescinded General Order 20 in word and deed which seemed to merely wish to allow more flexibility in our Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Violations of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations are as follows:

**Whereas:** The SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Article XII, states concerning the Ritual:  
**"The Ritual of the Order is hereby made a part of the Regulations of the Order and all matters not inconsistent herewith."**

**Whereas:** The SUVCW Rituals and Ceremonials Initiation, Short Form, Chaplin section states:

**"I, | pledge myself... | to always observe the day | set aside | by the Grand Army of the Republic | as Memorial Day, | sacred to the memory | of the Union Soldiers and Sailors | of 1861 to 1865 | and do all in my power | to persuade others | to do the same;**

**Whereas:** The SUVCW Rituals and Ceremonials Initiation (To be used for Juniors only) states.

**"I, | pledge myself... | to always observe the day | set aside | by the Grand Army of the Republic | as Memorial Day, | sacred to the memory | of the Union Soldiers and Sailors | of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power | to persuade others | to do the same;**

**Whereas:** The SUVCW Rituals and Ceremonials Long Form Initiation Patriotic Instructor States:  
**"You should ..., properly observe all National holidays, and especially Memorial Day on the 30th of May. ..."**

**Whereas:** The SUVCW Rituals and Ceremonials Long Form Initiation, Chaplain States:

**I... solemnly | pledge myself |... | to always observe the day | set aside | by the Grand Army of the Republic | as Memorial Day, | sacred to the memory | of the Union Soldiers and Sailors | of 1861 to 1865 | and to do all in my power | to persuade others | to do the same; ...“**

**Whereas:** The SUVCW Rituals and Ceremonials Long Form Initiation Camp Organizer states:  
**“I ... voluntarily and solemnly | pledge myself |...| to always observe the day | set aside | by the Grand Army of the Republic | as Memorial Day, | sacred to the memory | of the Union Soldiers and Sailors | of 1861 to 1865 | and do all in my power | to persuade others | to do the same;...”**

**Whereas:** The SUVCW Rituals and Ceremonials MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE MAY 30TH states:  
**It is obligatory upon every Camp to participate in Memorial Day ceremonies, either with other patriotic organizations, or as Camps, in memory of the honored dead of our country. Each member has a special obligation on and to Memorial Day. He shall use his influence in every possible manner for the proper and general observance of this day, that Memorial Day, instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic, shall ever be held sacred by the people of our country.”**

**Whereas:** The SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Chapter VI, Article I, Repealing Clause and Amendments states:

**Section 2 (a). All proposed amendments to these Regulations must be submitted in writing or electronically to the Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and the National Counselor and received by the aforementioned National Officers and Committee Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Encampment at which they are to be considered. Any proposed amendments received less than thirty (30) days prior to a National Encampment cannot be considered until the next succeeding National Encampment.** The motion came from the floor of the 2016 National Encampment rather than in written form. The former C-in-C General published General Order cannot be considered as meeting this requirement as said General Order was rescinded by the Commander in Chief on the floor prior to the motion being made.

**Section 2 (b). Amendments originated by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations shall not be subject to subsection (A).**

The motion did not originate from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations at the 2016 National Encampment.

**Section 3. The Commander-in-Chief may waive the time constraint in Section 2, if a change in law or the Constitution requires the Regulations to be amended.**

The Commander-in-Chief did not waive the time constraint at the 2016 National Encampment.

**Section 4. The National Encampment may waive the time constraint in Section 2 by a two- thirds majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at the National Encampment.**

No such motion was made at the 2016 National Encampment.

**Section 5. The within and foregoing Regulations may be altered or amended at any regular National Encampment by a two-thirds vote of all Brothers present as reported on the roll of the Encampment.**

The motion to officially observe Memorial Day as that proscribed by the federal government, which is in direct conflict was not passed by a two-third majority but rather by a very slim simple majority at the 2016 National Encampment.

## **Grand Army of the Republic rulings on Memorial Day May 30**

**Whereas:** The Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan's General Order #11 States: "The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion ..."

**Whereas:** At the National Encampment held in Washington, D.C., May 11, 1870, Chapter 5, Article 14, Memorial Day, in accordance with the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Logan, was incorporated into the Grand Army of the Republic National Rules and Regulations. Chapter 5, Article 14 states: **"The National Encampment hereby establishes a Memorial Day, to be observed by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, on the thirtieth day of May, annually, in commemoration of the deeds of our fallen comrades."**

**Whereas:** The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic National Encampment at Baltimore, 1882: **"Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief be requested to issue a General Order calling the attention of the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the people at large, to the fact that the proper designation of May 30 is MEMORIAL DAY not Decoration Day and to request that it may be always so called."**

**Whereas:** The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic National Encampment in Providence, 1877: **"Inasmuch as there have been some differences of opinion as to the intent and meaning of Memorial Day, this Encampment hereby calls attention to the language of Chapter 5, Article 14, of the Rules and Regulations, and therefore, Resolved, that the Grand Army of the Republic seeks thus to preserve the memory of those ONLY who fought in defense of the National Unity."** It appears that the intent of the GAR was to make Memorial Day JUST a GAR Holiday. With the word ONLY in *Italic* it further supports that the GAR wanted May 30th as theirs.

**Whereas:** WWE, 1902 Blue Book for the GAR, Opinion #48 of WWD who was Adjutant General W.W. Douglas of Rhode Island who was elected to that position in 1871 and published opinions 3 through 73, dated April 17, 1873, page 49, indicates: **Memorial Day - Observance of Memorial Day is obligatory. Private circumstances may excuse a comrade from the observance, but a Post that fails or refused should be subject to discipline.**

Ordered this 5th Day of September, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 5  
SERIES 2016-2017  
26 September 2016**

**Appointment of Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve**

1. The National Military Affairs Committee has recommended that Major General Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, be appointed as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for a term of three years.

2. I concur with their recommendation and hereby appoint Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, at the rank of Major General, commencing on 14 November 2016 and ending on 16 November 2019.

Ordered this 26th Day of September, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order #6  
SERIES 2016-2017  
12 September 2016**

Brothers, stay abreast of your local and state lawmaker activity. Each of us has a duty to watch for proposed legislation in Congress, Executive Orders or elsewhere that may impact the SUVCW, the Constitution or the United States of America.

Many legislative matters concerning the SUVCW are local in manner, not widely publicized and/or not available online for easy research. Assistance from Camps and Departments is essential to the thorough examination of possible legislation that may affect the welfare of the Order.

If such potential legislation is discovered, contact the National Legislation Officer or Assistant National Legislation Officer for further review and/or advice on how to address the issue consistent with the position of the SUVCW.

Ordered this 12th Day of September, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order #7  
SERIES 2016-2017  
12 October 2016**

Brothers,

With sadness I report the passing of Real Son and Brother Ernest John Pool on September 24, 2016, he was 97 years old.

Brother John was born on November 10, 1918 in Fayetteville, 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 John was recruited along with his brothers, Garland, and William into Col. John C. Bryner Camp 67, Department of Illinois and initiated in January, 2004.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 12th Day of October, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order #8  
SERIES 2016-2017  
13 October 2016**

1. The 2016 National Encampment passed the following in regards to the extra postage required to mail the Banner to our Brothers in International Camps.

*From Committee on Constitution and Regulations- “ Page 30 Section 11: 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. [ACTION: Executive Director]***

2. In compliance with the National Encampment the Council of Administration passed the following after much debate, compromise and over some dissension. A means to save our Brothers from paying the high amount of additional postage was provided.

*The Council of Administration establishes the following additional fees to cover the costs of mailing a hard copy edition of the Banner that apply only to brothers in International Camps: \$25 for Camps in Europe, \$21 for Camps in Asia, and \$12 for Camps in Canada. **In lieu of paying the additional fee for delivery of a hard copy edition of the Banner, on top of the full National Per Capita, members of International Camps may elect in writing, including electronic communications, to only receive access to an electronic version of the Banner. In no way does this action affect the cost or manner of receipt of the Banner for brothers who reside in the United States or who are in the Military overseas.***

3. After passage the argument was still maintained that the CofA could not authorize the sending of an electronic version of the Banner, so I asked an Opinion from the National Counselor. His following Opinion #2 reads as follows:

*I was asked by the Commander-in-Chief on 6 October 2016 to offer an Opinion regarding the vote of the CofA on emailing the BANNER to the members of the UK Camp. In that vote the CofA stated that the members of the UK Camp could receive the BANNER via email if they made a request in writing. Those members, save one who is blind, have to a man made such a request. One question that has arisen is that the BANNER cannot be sent via email based on a vote of the National Encampment. I have gone back to each of the PROCEEDING from each of the Encampments beginning from 2000 (The word BANNER/banner is mentioned roughly 35 times per issue).*

*In the 2007 PROCEEDINGS, (Brother Pahl's administration Page 127 as numbered or 146 as the computer has it) PCinC Steve Michaels reporting as the BANNER editor reports that "last year the CofA requested advance copies of the BANNER be emailed saving money. He, PCinC Michaels, further reported that "Beginning with the Spring BANNER advance copies would be emailed to all but 3 CofA members. Three PCinC without email capability continue to receive their advance copy issued by 1st class mail.*

*In the 2010 PROCEEDINGS (PCinC Kennedy's administration page 212) Brother Mabie from the Department of California and Pacific made a motion to place the BANNER and all SUVCW Forms on the web site so that members could down load them. After a long discussion Brother Mabie withdrew the BANNER portion of the motion and moved that the Forms be made available electronically. There was also an increase of \$5.00 to the per capita dues at that Encampment. But the motion did not state that the money was to go toward the publication of the BANNER. Later in that same 2010 PROCEEDINGS (Page 277) after MUCH Discussion a motion was made "The BANNER be available on line. Any Brother wishing to have a printed copy of the BANNER will be paying for it with costs." This motion failed BECAUSE it would require the members to pay for their BANNER, IF they wished to have a hard copy rather than read it on the website.*

*I further checked the BANNER Policy written 20 March 2009 and approved by the CoA 4/18/2009 and NOWHERE is the any mention that the BANNER cannot be sent electronically.*

*Furthermore I went over both the Constitution and Regulations 4 times, checking not only BANNER/Banner/banner but anything linking that word to per capita. There is no mention that the BANNER could NOT be sent electronically. As the C&R is updated every year, if there was a vote stating the prohibition it would have appeared in a footnote.*

*Finally I also reviewed and searched BANNER/Banner/banner is the "Digest of the Order" (August 2004). There is no mention of the BANNER in this Digest so there is also no prohibition. For those of you that haven't read the Digest, it is full of a ton of historical information, and worth the read.*

*So I have given all the historical and legal votes of the Encampments as written in the approved PROCEEDS, It is my opinion that 1. The C&R is mute on the subject of electronically transmitting the BANNER.*

*2. There has not been a vote since 2000 at a National Encampment prohibiting electronically transmitting the BANNER.*

3. *There was report on the 2007 Encampment permitting the electronic transmission of the BANNER to certain members as a way to save money, thus setting a precedent for such action that I will also state continues to happen to this day.*

4. *The BANNER Policy of 2009, approved by the CofA does not forbid the electronic transmission of the BANNER. Thus it is my Opinion as National Counselor that the vote of the CofA regarding this matter is correct and is NOT in conflict with the C&R, The BANNER Policy, the vote of any Encampment in this century, and has been set by precedent.*

*Thus it is my Opinion as National Counselor that the vote of the CofA regarding this matter is correct and is NOT in conflict with the C&R, The BANNER Policy, the vote of any Encampment in this century, and has been set by precedent.*

*In F.C. & L*

*Donald E. Darby,*

*PCinC National Counselor*

4. There remains opinion and concern in disagreement with the National Counselor's ruling on the legality of the CofA's authorization to send an electronic version of the Banner instead of a hard copy. I have examined the points of disagreement and have found no new definitive information presented that forbids sending the Banner electronically or overrides the National Counselor's Opinion #2.

I am in total agreement with the National Counselor's Opinion #2. Furthermore, as the "the CofA requested advance copies of the BANNER be emailed saving money" It seems hypocritical to allow the CofA to request an electronic copy to save money but not allow our Brothers in overseas Camps the same option.

The motion passed by the CofA does not mandate that Brothers WILL receive the Banner electronically. It allows a Brother to CHOOSE his preferred way to receive the Banner and not have to pay additional postage for it. We are after all, a bottom up organization and Brothers should be able to make this choice.

The Constitution and Regulations are not clear on the subject of sending an electronic version of the Banner but they do give the Commander in Chief the ability to make rulings when he deems the C&R is not clear.

5. I hereby rule in agreement with the National Counselor that the vote of the CofA is NOT in conflict with the C&R and that the CofA is correct in stating "*In lieu of paying the additional fee for delivery of a hard copy edition of the Banner, on top of the full National Per Capita, members of International Camps may elect in writing, including electronic communications, to only receive an electronic version of the Banner.*"

The Banner Editor shall email Brothers in International Camps an electronic version of the Banner once a Brother has made his request as per the CofA requirements.

Ordered this 13th Day of October, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

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Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 9  
SERIES 2016-2017  
8 November 2016**

Brother Kenneth S. Tuma of the General George Wright Camp #1865, Department of Columbia, is hereby suspended from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War per Chapter IV, Article 17A of the Constitution and Regulations and with the unanimous vote of the Council of Administration. The suspension shall remain in effect pending the verdict of the Hearing Council appointed by the Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

Brother Tuma has been charged with the following offenses per the Constitution and Regulations Chapter IV Article 1.

Second- Disobedience of policies or lawful Orders of the SUVCW, emanating from proper authority, four counts.

Fourth: Conduct unbecoming a Brother in his relation to the Order, one count.

Fifth: Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, three counts.

Ordered this 8th Day of November, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

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Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 10  
SERIES 2016-2017  
16 December 2016**

Brothers,

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Past Commander in Chief Charles E. Kuhn early this morning. PCinC Kuhn has been a member of the SUVCW for over 23 years and served as Commander in Chief 2007- 2008. He was chosen Outstanding Brother of the Year in 2002 and served as a Co-Chair on the Remembrance Day Committee for many years.

PCinC Kuhn, himself an Eagle Scout, was very active in the Boys Scouts and in his Church for many years. He also was a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge #336, Free and Accepted Masons.

Charlie was known for his wit, laughter, a fantastic beard and keeping us on our toes at the National Encampments. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for Charlie's family during these upcoming days.

I hereby order that the SUVCW National Website and the Charters of all Departments and Camps be draped and that all Brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges. This shall remain so for a period of 30 days.

Ordered this 16th Day of December, 2016.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

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Secretary, National Order

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**General Order #11  
SERIES 2016-2017  
2 January 2017**

Over the past few months I have been receiving Department By-laws that have been revised. None of these by-laws revisions have mentioned restrictions established for the monitoring of Brothers under 18 while interacting within the SUVCW Camps/Departments. PCinC Freshley's General Order #22 should be incorporated within these revisions.

No Department/Camp by-law revisions will be approved without established restrictions concerning Brothers under the age of 18 to include Members, Associates, Juniors and Junior Associates. If the Department/Camp does not provide for Junior/Junior Associates, restrictions still need to be applied to Members and Associates under age 18.

Ordered this 2nd Day of January 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

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Secretary, National Order

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**General Order #12  
SERIES 2016-2017  
8 January 2017**

Several issues have arisen concerning appropriate names of new Camps. First, I have been asked to make a ruling concerning Chapter I, Article I, Section 1, that states “Camps may be named ...”.

- I. The question concerns the definition of the word “may” in this context. Having discussed this issue with members of the CofA and examining both legal and military definitions of the word may, I have arrived at the following conclusion.

1. In this part of the Constitution and Regulations the word may is used in the conditional sense and considering the context, it takes on a similar definition as the words will or shall.

2. Thus, new Camp will be named *for an honorably discharged Union Civil War veteran, or some other person making substantial contributions to the cause of preserving the Union during the years 1861 to 1865, a Camp previously in the community, a GAR Post previously in the community, a battle of the Civil War or the name of the community in which the Camp is based.* (Chapter I, Article I, Section 1)

Several discrepancies have been found relating to Form 50 Instructions For Forming A Camp. The following are changes to correct these discrepancies found in the new Camp filing procedures.

II. A problem exists in that nowhere in this process have any non-members yet been admitted to the Order. While the camp organizer has the authority to recruit and hold elections for temporary camp officers, the petitioning group can meet as a forming camp, obtain an EIN, etc. No one in this process has the authority to invest a new member. So unless all petitioning members are transfers, the camp is a petitioning group and not a true camp until the charter is issued.

1. FORM 50 Page 1, paragraph 2, line 10 (add items in red)  
and may recommend and request a specific number. No two Camps within a Department may have the same number. **It is the responsibility of the recruiting officer, with the help of his home camp to vet the potential new members of a potential new Camp and initiate them into the Order.** Starting a new Camp is a big step, which should not be taken lightly. However, succeeding at this task will be very rewarding

III. A problem exists in when to file the IRS Form SS-4 for an EIN.

1. FORM 50 Page 2. Paragraph 2 (add items in red, delete those crossed out)  
An additional form that will be required is IRS Form SS-4. **Note that this will not be completed until the Commander-in-Chief approves the Charter and assigns a Date of Rank, as the Camp does not exist until it receives a Date of Rank.** This is the application used to request an Employer Identification Number (EIN). Each Camp and Department needs its own EIN in order to open a bank account. The Social Security Number of the Camp Organizer or any  
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individual Brother should not be used for this purpose. The IRS Form SS-4 can be found on the IRS website (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fss4.pdf>) The form ~~should~~ **can** be downloaded and **returned electronically**, either mailed or faxed to the IRS. When applying, make sure to indicate that the new Camp's EIN should be subordinate to the National Organization's number: 0429. ~~Note: Submission of the IRS Form SS-4 via the online option does not allow for recording the National Organization's number, thus the need to submit the form via mail or fax~~

2. FORM 50 Page 3 Paragraph 5 (add items in red)  
The Camp is now an official Camp within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and should **install its officers**, report its membership to the Department in the correct manner depending on the time of year. **At this time the Camp should complete the IRS Form SS-4 request an (EIN) for the Camp.** If the Camp's Date of Rank is during the first quarter of the year, then the Camp should complete and submit a Camp Annual Report (Form 27) to the Department no later than April 30. ...

3. FORM 50 Page 4  
Forms Utilized in Forming a New Camp of the SUVCW (add items in red, delete those crossed out) IRS Form SS-4: This form is used to apply to the IRS for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). This number will be needed to open a bank account. Make sure to indicate that the Camp's EIN should be subordinate to the National number: 0429. The form may be downloaded from the IRS website (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fss4.pdf>) and ~~should~~ **can** be submitted **electronically** or via mail or fax. **Note that this will not be completed until the Commander-in-Chief approves the Charter and assigns a Date of Rank, as the Camp does not exist until it receives a Date of Rank.**

**New Camp Data Sheet (Form 54):** This form is used to report the Camp's temporary elected and appointed Camp Officers, as well as other information including meeting day, time and location. ~~and Employer Identification Number (EIN).~~ This form must be submitted along with the Application for Camp Charter (Form 55).

Ordered this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2017

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 13  
SERIES 2016-2017  
27 January 2017**

The work of our Camps is the back bone of the Order. Unfortunately, these ideas, events, and deeds often go unnoticed and are not shared with the Department or National. It is important for National to see what the Camps are doing so National knows what areas we are strong in. This information also helps National to see what things need removed, adjusted or revived. As such the Patriotic Handbook and Patriotic Instructor Reports have been revised and the NEW versions are available on the website.

The requirement that Patriotic Instructors file a report has been a requirement for many years and is nothing new. Unfortunately it has been the tendency of the Order to overlook the failure to complete these reports. There is now a strong emphasis being placed on ensuring these reports are completed and they must be filed just like those the secretaries and treasurers file. Like all reports, it is the responsibility of the Camp and Department Commanders to ensure they are filed on time.

Camp Patriotic Instructors must submit Form 40 to the Department Patriotic Instructors by 1 April. Department Patriotic Instructors must submit Form 41 to the National Patriotic Instructor by 1 June. Ordered this 27th Day of January, 2017 .

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 14  
SERIES 2016-2017  
1 February 2017**

Brothers,

The National Counselor was asked to make a ruling concerning the establishment of “Virtual Camps” in the Order. I support his ruling that a “Virtual Camp” is in essence the same as the notorious “Paper Camp” that the Order has spent decades attempting to eliminate. I hereby rule that Camps in the Order will be those as outlaid in the Constitution and Regulations and will not be on-line or “Virtual Camps”. Ordered this 1st Day of February 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order #15  
SERIES 2016-2017  
15 February 2017**

The Charter of General James B. McPherson Camp No. 1 of the Department of Missouri has been lost. In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 2, and Footnote 11 to the same section, and Chapter II, Article VI, Section 2, a request for a replacement Charter has been made to the Commander-in-Chief and a replacement fee paid.

I hereby authorize the issuance of a replacement Charter with the date of rank April 12, 2010.

Ordered this 15th Day of February, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 16  
SERIES 2016-2017  
5 March 2017**

Brothers,

A discrepancy has been found between the Constitution and Regulations and PCinC Kennedy's General Order #11 concerning voting members of a Department Encampment.

***Chapter 3 Article II Section 1 Membership** The membership of the National Encampment shall be constituted as follows: All Past Commanders-in- Chief, and Past Department Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, and present Department Commanders. National members-at- large attending the National Encampment may elect from their membership, one delegate to represent them and further delegates shall be based on the same ratio provided representation of Departments. All Honorary Members as non-voting members. **Its own elective officers.** ...*

***Chapter 2, Article II, Section 1(a). The membership of the Department Encampment** shall be constituted as follows: all Past Commanders-in- Chief, Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, the sitting Department Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders. One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one additional delegate for every ten Brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment; and **its own elective officers** (except Aides). ...*

***32 Neither elected nor appointed officers are considered voting members of a Department Encampment,** except for the Department Commander. NC Grim, Op X, 129 th , 431. Approved, CinC Kennedy, General Order 11, 129 th , (not printed in proceedings).*

I hereby issue this General Order nullifying PCinC Kennedy's General Order #11 and placing the C&R in agreement with National and Department definitions of "members of the Encampments."

Ordered this 5th Day of March 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 17  
SERIES 2016-2017  
8 March 2017**

Brothers,

With sadness I report the passing of Real Daughter Rachel Perine of Parkersburg, W.Va. on Friday, September 9, 2016 at the age of 100. She is survived by her son Edwin Sheila, husband Benjamin H. and son Benjamin D. having preceded her. Rachel was born on March 8, 1916 to Harvey and Virginia Elliott Smith and grew up in Doddridge County, W.Va. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Parkersburg, W.Va.

Rachael was 13 in 1929 when her father died at the age of 83. Harvey enlisted in Company A of the 14 th (West) Virginia Volunteer Infantry at the age of 17 in August 1862. The regiment defended the Baltimore and Ohio railroad line and took part in the skirmishes at New Creek and Burlington. He was captured at Cloyd's Mountain, VA on May 9, 1864, when he refused to leave his wounded cousin. He spent 6 months as a POW, including 20 days in Andersonville, and lost his eye site in his right eye after it became infected with sand.

Following the War, Harvey returned to Doddridge County where he ran a large farm that included gas and oil tracts and helped raise 14 children.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 8 th day of March 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 18  
SERIES 2016-2017  
12 March 2017**

Brothers,

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson. Born on July 4, 1924, he resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania all his life. In 1938, he joined the Anna M. Ross Camp #1, SUVCW in Philadelphia and served as Commander-in-Chief from 1993-1994.

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Bud enlisted in the Army, served for four years in an armored unit in the European theatre and remained in the Active Army Reserves for 20 additional years before retiring with the rank of Sergeant Major. In the early 1980's Bud founded the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and eventually rose to the rank of Colonel commanding the SVR 2nd Military District. He retired from this post in 1997 and began service as Inspector General of the SVR.

Employed as a professional firefighter by the city of Philadelphia, Bud retired after 24 years to become the Manager of an air conditioning company. He subsequently worked as the Assistant Building Supervisor for a large insurance company. His final retirement was in 1986.

He assumed the presidency of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Civil War Museum and Library in Philadelphia in 1982, under his guidance; the Board was eventually able to open the museum to the public for tours and lectures. He served for ten years on the Board of Directors of the Frankford Historical Society in Philadelphia; was a Life member of the Disabled American Veterans; Life member of the National Rifle Association; and a member of the American Legion; Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor and Pennsylvania Hunter Safety Instructor.

I hereby order that the SUVCW National Website and the Charters of all Departments and Camps be draped and that all Brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges. This shall remain so for a period of 30 days.

Ordered this 12th Day of March 2017,

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order #19**  
**SERIES 2016-2017**  
**26 March 2017**

Brothers,

At least twice this year, Brothers have presented very controversial personal opinions under the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War name, emblem and included SUVCW Camp names. This is detrimental to the Order and punishable under our constitution and regulations.

We all enjoy the right of freedom of expression and may present personal opinions and views counter to SUVCW regulation and policy.

It is NOT permitted to express personal opinions and views counter to SUVCW regulation and policy in conjunction with any SUVCW trade-marked emblem, Camp or Department name, SUVCW title or anything that implies connection or affiliation with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

This includes correspondence between Brothers. It is not applicable to Resolutions passed by a Camp or Department to be forwarded to National regarding changes to policy or the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. See the Constitution and Regulations concerning these issues.

Ordered this 26th Day of March, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order #20  
SERIES 2016-2017  
25 May 2017**

A mere 13 miles from my home is an Ohio State park where my Grandfather worked while serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps. The park contains a single head stone.

The stone is for a Union Soldier who while on his way home in autumn of 1864, was found staggering with a delirious fever. A local woman who had lost her son and brother in law earlier tried to nurse the soldier back to health but he died without ever telling his name or his story.

This Memorial Day, as we remember our ancestors and their comrades and/or gather at monuments, memorials, cemeteries, and parades throughout our Nation, let us not forget those soldiers in graves North and South, marked and unmarked: Unknown.

Ordered this 25th Day of May, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

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**General Order # 21  
SERIES 2016-2017  
31 May 2017**

It has come to the attention of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) of the events taking place regarding the Nash Farm Battlefield Museum in Georgia. We, the actual descendants of the Union Soldiers that fought to protect the Union of this great country, find the action portrayed in several news reports to be troubling to say the least.

Over the past decades the SUVCW has been called upon to explain our position regarding the flying of the flags of the confederacy as well as the destruction of various monuments and the renaming of battlefields to parks. We have taken the position that history must be preserved in complete truthfulness. If you change or revise history you change the meaning and quite possibly the credibility of the truth of that history. If you do away with the Confederacy and the soldiers that fought on that side, you also lessen the contribution of the soldiers and statesmen that fought to preserve the United States. The revision of history can also change the credibility of the reasons for which battles were fought and if they were in fact even fought.

The SUVCW website contains two policies that have and are currently the standing of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War regarding not only the flying of flags of the Civil War era, but the Interpretation of Civil War Battlefields for the National Park Service. We further believe that our policy on the NPS interpretation also applies to State and local parks and their position on the Civil War.

### **Policy on the National Park Service Interpretation Program of the Civil War Battlefields.**

A statement made by Dr. John Latschar, when Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, best describes the mission of the National Park Service and their interpretive policy on the Civil War battlefields. According to Dr. Latschar, an Act of Congress in 1990 directed the Gettysburg NMP to “interpret the Battle of Gettysburg in the larger context of the Civil War and American history, including the causes and consequences of the Civil War and including the effects of the war on all the American people.” He further states that in 1999, a Congressional report added that Civil War Battlefields such as Gettysburg should “recognize and include the unique role that the institution of slavery played in the Civil War.”

The Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) clearly defines the mission or purpose of the SUVCW. Our Primary mission is “To Perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.....to teach.... the true history of our country...to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union ...to culcate and broadly sustain the American principles of ....equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

In conformity to our Constitution and Congressional Charter the SUVCW maintains the most important goal of the National Park Service relative to Civil War battlefields should be (1) The physical preservation of the battlefields, and (2) The NPS interpretative program, which is designed to inform the public about what happened on the battlefield should focus on the story of the battle that took place on the battlefield. At the Gettysburg battlefield the interpretative program, has traditionally included such things according to Dr. Latschar as, “tactical movements, the decisions of generals, the engagements of opposing units, and the heroism and valor of individual soldiers, both Union and Confederate.” This seems to have also been the prevalent policy at other Civil War battlefields. Based on the aforementioned Congressional mandates the interpretative program now includes the slavery issue.

The SUVCW has no quarrel with the inclusion of this issue in the NPS interpretative program as long as it does not negatively impact the two goals previously mentioned, and as long as it is presented in a historically accurate manner. Under no circumstances do we support what has come to be referred to as “revisionist” history – “altering” historical facts to fit modern social philosophy.

*Approved February 27, 2003 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

There were numerous issues that culminated in the American Civil War. But, regardless of whether we make a short list, or a long list of the causes for the Civil War, they all invariably emanate from the issue of slavery. Thus it seems only reasonable that the National Park Service should mention this issue in their interpretative program. We view the inclusion of the slave issue as an expansion of the existing program. The slave issue should not be used by the NPS as a substitute for their traditional interpretative program.

Ordered this 31st Day of May 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 22  
SERIES 2016-2017  
8 June 2017**

Brothers,

Please note that by Council of Administration vote the following awards have had their name changed.

1. The B.F. Stephenson Award for recruitment is now the David R. Medert Award.
2. The Lifetime Achievement Award is now the Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 3. Nominations for the following awards must be submitted to the Commander in Chief no later than 27 June 2017. All nominations should be in an official format suitable for reading at presentation.**

The Meritorious Service Award –The award consists of a certificate awarded at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief to a Brother of the Order for exceptional service to the Order or to society.

The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star – The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief, with the concurrence of the Council of Administration, to a Brother who has served the Order for an extended period in an outstanding and exemplary manner or for an extraordinary action by a Brother. Recommendations for this award must be accompanied by an appropriate Citation utilizing SUVCW Form 17, which is on the National Website.

Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award– This award is to recognize Brothers of the Order who have a minimum of thirty (30) years with the Order and have provided significant and continuous support over that entire timeframe as either a full member or an associate.

The Joseph S. Rippey Award – Is presented to a new Camp, which was chartered within the last calendar year and determined to be active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War graves registration, and Civil War memorials assessment.

The National Aide Award – This award may be presented, by the Commander-in-Chief to any Brother who recruits five or more members during his term of office. Recipients of this award are recognized in General Orders and may wear the National Ribbon behind their respective membership badge for a period of twelve (12) months. Recommendations for this award has been extended to 27 June this year.

**4. Nominations for the Founder’s Award should be made to the National Secretary no later than 27 June 2017. All nominations should be in an official format suitable for reading in award presentation.**

The Founder’s Award – This award is presented a maximum of once per calendar year to a non-member group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War Soldiers. The award consists of a walnut plaque with the name of the recipient and the year of presentation engraved in wood. A permanent plaque with the names of the recipients is maintained in the National Headquarters of the SUVCW. No member of the SUVCW or any organization which is part of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for this award. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Council of Administration which is under no obligation to make such an award.

Ordered this 8th Day of June, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

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Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 23  
SERIES 2016-2017  
8 June 2017**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1: Commander Peter J. Hritsko of the Department of Ohio has requested the revocation of the following Charter: General Henry B. Banning Camp #207.

SECTION 2: The camp has failed to comply with reporting requirements for camp monies and is delinquent in filing mandatory annual reports. The Department of Ohio Secretary/Treasurer has indicated that the Camp Commander indicated that the camp no longer wanted to exist. Further attempts to correspond to the Camp have been non-responsive to correspondence, telephone and email.

SECTION 3: In accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, Commander Hritsko's request is therefore approved and the Charter of General Henry B. Banning Camp #207, Department of Ohio, is hereby revoked.

SECTION 4: a. Camp physical property, including Camp records, correspondence, archives, etc. should be collected and delivered to the Ohio Department Commander. Camp funds shall be inventoried and delivered to the Ohio Department Commander and financial accounts shall be closed.

b. Any members in good standing, not just life members, can become members-at-large in the nearest Department or National MAL. 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 of Ohio Commander.

Ordered this 8th Day of June, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 24  
SERIES 2016-2017  
15 June 2017**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the lifting of the 2016 suspension on the Department of Vermont. They have successfully met all items required and are hereby reinstated effective this date.

Ordered this 15th Day of June, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order # 25  
SERIES 2016-2017**

**18 June 2017**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1: Commander Garry W. Brewer of the Department of CO/WY has requested the revocation of the following Charter: Thomas E. Bowman Camp #12.

SECTION 2: The camp was suspended by DC L.E. Cheney per Department Order #2, 18 Feb. 2016 to allow the Camp to be reorganized. Sufficient time has elapsed and attempts at reorganization have failed.

SECTION 3: In accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, Commander Brewer's request is therefore approved and the Charter of Thomas E. Bowman Camp #12, Department of Colorado/Wyoming, is hereby revoked.

SECTION 4:

- a. The Camp's Charter, funds and property have been properly turned over to the Department.
- b. All members in good standing have been issued transfer cards.

Ordered this 18th Day of June, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order 26**

**SERIES 2016-2017**  
**12 August 2017**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to

**Dexter A Bishop**

Brother Bishop helped organize and has been President for 25 years of the Gen Lander CWRT. He was a charter member of Camp 5. He went to Lynn English H.S. officials to enlist the aid of students to help flag graves at Pine Grove Cemetery. They continue to do so and to attend Memorial Day Ceremonies.

He was instrumental in the 5/10/10 rededication of Lincoln Foyer at Lynn English H.S. Starting in 2011 and continuing to the present, each year during the week of Mem. Day both Lynn English and Lynn Classical H.S. allow Civil War reenactors to present programs in class to the students. There is also an assembly with a speaker. Amateur Civil War historians present a Sat. in-service to teachers at both schools on Civil War history in conjunction with the weeklong events. The Wednesday after Memorial Day there is a History Bee among the schools with a \$500 prize to the winning schools History Dept.

From 2012-2016 he organized a living history on Lynn Common following school presentations. In 2012-2013 he organized bus tours in conjunction with the living history. Dexter was the driving force to get more Civil War history taught in the Lynn school system. In 2010 Dexter talked to the Superintendent of the Chelsea Soldiers Home to allow monthly programs on the Civil War to be presented to the residents.

In 2013 he was allowed to establish a Camp at the Soldiers Home. This year the Superintendent allowed him to start a CWRT at the Home. In 2016 he has also worked with Project New Hope, Assoc. of Baptist Churches, and the Dept. to sponsor a dinner and raised \$3000 for Project New Hope which assists veterans and their families with PTSD, TBI, Military Sexual Trauma etc.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

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**General Order 27  
SERIES 2016-2017  
12 August 2017**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to

**Terry Ray Dyer, PDC**

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 2005 until the present. Brother Terry Ray Dyer, PDC, of the Department of Illinois began forming a Camp in Rockford, Ill. in October 2005, planning and recruiting for one year. The first meeting of the John A. Logan Camp #26 was held in October 2006, and the Charter presented at the 126th National Encampment. He held the rank of Camp Commander from then until 2009. In 2009, he organized the Rockford Zouaves SVR unit, which is an important face of our Order in the Rockford area.

As Department Commander, he re-energized a sleepy Department, cutting costs where possible, and encouraging, and getting, participation from all Camps and Brothers. Under his leadership, the Department Eagle Scout program went from failing to awarding over 500 per year.

He is an active lecturer, having given over 140 lectures on the Civil War; he is a former docent and current tour guide at Rockford Memorial Hall, where he recorded the names and of 4,678 veterans from the Civil and Spanish American Wars from bronze tablets.

He heads the effort to build a Memorial Plaza for G.A.R. Founder Benjamin F. Stephenson at his grave in Petersburg, Ill. Br. Dyer was also instrumental in the formation of Mary Logan Aux. #20, and the founding of General E. F. Dutton Camp #49 in Sycamore, Ill. In 2016, Brother Dyer was diagnosed with Stage 3 pancreatic cancer, while battling this beast his passion and energy for our Order has never waned. He still stands as an active advocate for the Order, and a Brother of the highest regard.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Terry Ray Dyer reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
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**12 August 2017**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to

**Nick Kaup**

Brother Kaup joined the Order in 1989 and was one of the men who re-organized the Department of Illinois when it had dropped out of existence several decades ago. He was instrumental in starting Custer Camp 1, Sheridan Camp 2 and is working on the formation of a new camp on the North side of Chicago (#6165). When that is finished, he has everything in place to begin a new Camp on the South side of Chicago. He was instrumental in the last two National Encampments held in Springfield, IL.

Brother Kaup chaired the placement of 228 headstones and restoration of the Rock of Chickamauga Memorial at Rosehill Cemetery. He received the Abraham Lincoln Award for doing it. He was Eagle Scout Advisor at the GAR Woods and has attended numerous Eagle Courts of Award. He served two terms as Department Commander, six terms as Camp Commander of Custer Camp 1.

He was the Central Region President of the Allied Orders, National Graves Registrar and National Color Bearer. He Chaired the Vicksburg Commemorative Weekend when the Illinois Monument was rededicated, is an active member of Illinois Light Artillery Battery L, and has received the SUV Silver Star.

When the National Chaplin was unable to drive due to a vehicle accident, Brother Kaup contacted him and provided a ride to the Department of Illinois encampment. He is a quiet man who accomplishes tremendous things.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Kaup reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
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12 August 2017**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to

**David McReynolds, PDC**

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 1 June 2014 until 15 May 2017, Brother David McReynolds of the Department of Tennessee has shown what it means to live the ideals of fraternity, charity and loyalty. Working unselfishly to instill a new spirit within his home camp, he has worked to lead the Camp by example, doing more not less as Commander, to not only grow membership but also grow the Camp's contribution back to the principles of the SUVCW.

As a result, the Camp was recognized with the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award. Believing in the value of communication as a tool to engage members, he personally took on the roles of both Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. He made the newsletter a monthly publication. And, he turned a single web page into a fully functional web site that was recognized at the National level with the Horace Greeley Award. At the same time, he completed the Memorial University courses, became a Life Member and an Abraham Lincoln Fellow.

In 2015, he was elected Junior Vice Commander of the Department. He helped the Department to continue to grow by performing the duties of JVC in an exceptional manner, rapidly distributing applications received from National. This work helped the Department to achieve sustained high percentage growth which led the Department to win the Grant Cup on multiple occasions. His peers recently elected him Department Commander.

At the National Encampment in August 2016, he was elected National Treasurer. His perseverance as National Treasurer has brought forth the fruit to the labors of prior Treasurers in the Order obtaining the long awaited 501c3 tax exempt status. His knowledge in the accounting profession has again provided the much needed insight for the Council of Administration to be the successful stewards of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother David McReynolds reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
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**General Order**  
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The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to

**Donald Palmer, PCinC**

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 2013 until 2017, Brother Donald Palmer, PCinC of the Department of Missouri, having visited Vicksburg National Military Park in 2013 and noticing the state of disrepair of the Missouri Monument dedicated to Missouri soldiers from both sides of the battle who fought there, did return to the Department of Missouri and propose forming a committee to fix this historical monument.

PCinC Palmer was appointed chairman of the Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee, and by his vision and leadership, began a campaign that lobbied the state legislature for funding, in the process bringing continuous positive media attention to the SUVCW. Through diligence, funding was allocated by the National Park Service, the project having been made a priority due in no small part to the attention brought by PCinC's committee.

Brother Don then set his committee to work planning a spectacular rededication ceremony, commemorating in part the 100th anniversary of the original dedication of the monument. This event was coordinated with the National Park Service and the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War, included participation by a U.S. congresswoman, state legislators, and retired Brigadier General Parker Hills. PCinC Palmer's committee prepared special ribbons for the occasion and commemorative challenge coins.

The May 27, 2017, rededication of the Missouri Monument at Vicksburg National Military Park was a significant event made possible by the idea formulated by PCinC Donald Palmer and his action on that idea through the selection and guidance of a committee of brothers from the Department of Missouri. The event was a high-profile success which reflects great credit upon our Order and the quality of its leaders.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Donald Palmer, PCinC, reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2017.

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12 August 2017**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to

**Henry E. Shaw Jr., PCC**

Henry Shaw has continuously made significant contributions to the Order during his twenty years as a member. At the department level he has served on numerous committees helping to re-write department By-Laws, plan mid-winter meetings and department encampments, and rarely missed a department encampment. At the national level he has served on several committees and has attended almost every national encampment during the past twenty years.

Currently he is chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and a member of the Lincoln Tomb Committee. As deputy SVR commander he serves as chairman of the SVR awards board, but performs outstanding work in making preparations for the annual SVR Remembrance Day observance in Gettysburg, PA. In July 2010 The Remembrance Day Parade was in jeopardy of not occurring due to issues surrounding the Borough of Gettysburg and the SUVCW. As the leadership of the Order needed a Brother to take care of the situation, Brother Shaw volunteered. He drove to Gettysburg from Ohio, met with city officials, and within 30 days the problems had been resolved. He did this because he saw there was a need. It should be noted that Brother Shaw did this on his own dime and asked for nothing, except to serve. He still performs these duties which include the Woolson Monument GAR ceremony, SVR military parade, and annual Military Ball. Each event requires an astonishing amount of work and preparation.

The Woolson GAR ceremony requires a permit, ordering wreaths for the various organizational presentations, contracting a public address system, obtaining a band, printing programs for the event and numerous behind the scenes duties. The parade requires coordination with the Gettysburg police and government officials to obtain permits, canvassing local merchants for an annual donation of \$1,000 to help pay for the parade permit, working with local school officials to use school grounds as a parade staging area, obtaining port-a-pots, work with the Boy Scouts to place refuse containers along the parade route, and dealing with inquiries from parade participants.

The Military Ball is organized by Henry. This entails obtaining a dance band, finding a dance instructor, printing dance cards, working with hotel officials and volunteers to set up the dance hall, selling all the dance tickets and maintaining the dance financial records. He generally makes a least one or two extra trips to Gettysburg each year relating to Remembrance Day. Henry travels to all of these events at his own expense.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Shaw reflect great credit upon himself, the Department of Ohio, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2017.

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**The following Awards were presented at the 136th National Encampment in Lansing Michigan,  
10-13 August 2017.**

**The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star-**

-Dexter Bishop, Department MA                      -David McReynolds Department TN  
-Terry Dyer, Department IL                         -Nick Kaup, Department IL  
-Don Palmer, Department MO                       -Henry Shaw, Department OH

**Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award –**

-Bob Wolz, Department Ohio                       -Ed Krieser, Department Missouri  
-Lee Stone, Department. Chesapeake           -Danny Wheeler, Department New York  
-Rich Orr, Department Pennsylvania

**Abraham Lincoln CinC's Award –**                      - Camp Custer Camp #17, Department NJ

**The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award –**

-Eugene G. Mortorff, Garfield Camp #1, Department Chesapeake  
-Danny L. Wheeler, Sydney Camp #41, Department NY

**The Meritorious Service Award-**

-Michael P. Downs, Department TN               -Dave Daley, Department WI  
-Daniel F. Rittel, Department Iowa               -Jeff Graf, Department WI  
-Tom Gaard, Department Iowa

**The David R. Medert Award –**

-David A. Rish, Dept. OH 13 new members

**The National Aide Award –**

-Doug Fidler, McTeer Camp #39, Dept. TN

- Eric Richhart, Smith Camp #1, Dept CO/WO           -Jeff Graf Col. Hans C. Heg Camp # 15, Dept. WI

-James P. McGuire, Gov. Dryer Camp #7, RI  
-David Rish, Parrott Camp #33, Dept. OH

-Steve Flickinger Sherman Camp #93, Dept. OH  
-James Johnson, Ruger Camp #1, Dept NC

**The Augustus P. Davis/ Conrad Linder Award-**

-Department of Ohio with 54

**The Under Forty Award-**

-Department of New Jersey with 10

**Marshall Hope Award for Best Newsletter –**

-“The Sharpshooter” Robert Finch Camp # 14 Dept. MI

-“The March”, Department GA/SC

**The U.S. Grant Award –**

-Department Georgia 60% increase in membership

**The Horace Greeley Award- outstanding website -**

-Department of Iowa

**The Founder’s Award –**

- The American Veterans Heritage Center, Dayton, Ohio

**The Certificate of Recognition –**

-Garrard County Public Library, Department of Kentucky

-Brother Bruce Austin, Major James H. Bridgewater Camp #7, Department of Kentucky

**Presented 22 April 2017 in Massachusetts Dr. Mary Walker Award –**

-PNP Diane Mellor

Ordered this 12th Day of August, 2017.

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Commander-In-Chief

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12 Aug 2017**

Brothers,

The Department of CO/WY submitted a Resolution to the 136th National Encampment, held in Lansing Michigan, 10-13 August 2017. The Resolution contended that the removal of Idaho from the Department was in violation of the C&R.

It further requested that the National Encampment return the State of Idaho to the Colorado / Wyoming Department and all Brethren be reassigned back to Captain Lot Smith Camp No. 1 for accounting and further efforts to form 2 Camps in Idaho.

The Encampment voted in favor of the Resolution. This vote returns the State of Idaho to the Department of CO/WY.

Ordered this 12th Day of June, 2017.

Donald L. Martin  
Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis  
Secretary, National Order

**APPENDIX 5**  
**Attendees of the 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
136<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment  
Attendees by Department**

**Department of California and Pacific**

Frank C. Avila	Tad D. Campbell	Kurtis Dunphy	Dean A. Enderlin
Jamin Gjerman	Mace M. Gjerman	Linn Malaznik	Joe Marti
James T. Monteton	D. Brad Schall	Owen R. Stiles	Rudy E. Valasco III

**Department of Columbia**

Jay W. Second

**Department of Chesapeake**

D. Michael Beard	Mark R. Day	Jeffrey French	Steve S. Hammond
Robert E. Heath	Andrew M. Johnson	Kevin L. Martin	Timothy S. McCoy
Eugene G. Mortorff	Charles Odell	Michael A. Paquette	Lee D. Stone
W. Faron Taylor			

**Department of Colorado & Wyoming**

James M. Baker	Walter Weart	L.E. "Gene" Cheney	
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**Department of Florida**

Daniel W. Hans	James G. Ward		
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**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

David Beam	Thomas Biederman	Mark A. Hale	William H. Miller
Brian C. Pierson	Noah Pierson	Bradley J. Quinlin	

**Department of Iowa**

Thomas Gaard	Danny Krock	Ken Lindblom	Don R. McGuire
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**Department of Illinois**

John M. Bigwood	Terry R. Dyer	Leonard C. Cassaro, Sr.	Robert Hauff
Thomas Hauff	Herb Holderman	Richard Hoovler	Nicholas H. Kaup
Jerome W. Kowalski	David Loomis	James L. Lyon	Harry W. Reineke IV
Steven J. Westlake	David Wildermuth		

**Department of Indiana**

William R. Adams	Michael W. Beck	Timothy J. Beckman	John M. Bower
John K. Eger	James M. Floyd, Jr.	Dennis Hutchinson	Bruce R. Kolb
Dennis H. Rigsby	Thomas L. Schmitt	J. Alan Teller	Rick A. Wiegmann

**Department of Kansas**

Mark A. Britton	Conrad M. Fisher	Roy A. Lafferty	Kent M. Melcher
Mike Todd	Ryan Todd		

**Department of Kentucky**

Robert A. Jones

**Department of Massachusetts**

Dexter A. Bishop	Stuart H. Chambers	Charles W. Lewis	Daniel W. Murray
Edward Norris	Albert M. Smith	Kevin P. Tucker	

**Department of Michigan**

Paul "Dave" D. Arnold	Dale L. Aurand	David Bankhead	Daniel Benfield
Robert J. Boquette	David A. Brant	William A. Brennan	Charles Buckhahn
Michael Culp	Chris Czopek	Richard E. Danes	Paul Davis
Richard W. Denney	Dennis C. Derr	Dennis C. Derr II	Jack E. Frost
Joe L. Frost	Gary L. Gibson	Russell Gordon	Bruce S. Gosling
Gary Granger	Robert D. Griggs	David Grimes	William Haines
Keith G. Harrison	Donald Hinckley	Harold E. Holcomb	Davis C. Ingall
James N. Jackson	J. Michael Joslin	John R. Keith	David W. Kimble
Kris D. Kuhlman	L. Ray Lake	Steve M. Latchaw	Lloyd Dean Lamphere Jr.
Loyd D. Lamphere, Sr.	Howard B. Lloyd	Michael Maillard	Theodore A. Mattis
William B. McAfee	Len McInerney	Terrance McKinch	Bruce W. Miller
John H. Minor	Gary Naugle	James S. Nedela	Max L. Newman
James B. Pahl	Robert R. Payne	Duane H. Phillips	David Rehkopf
David Reid	Max J. Riekse	Kenneth Schmidt	Donald W. Shaw
Ronald G. Shull	Brian J. Shumway	Michael Schumway	David S. Smith
Nathan L. Smith	Gary L. Swain	Nathan Tingley	Blain C. Valentine
Michael E. Van Wasshnova	David F. Wallace	Neal N. Zabicki	Charles "Chuck" Worley
Dennis Zank			

**Department of Missouri**

John D. Avery	Walter E. Busch	Dale E. Crandell	Sumner G. Hunnewell
Donald D. Palmer, Jr.	John Palmer	Robert M. Petrovic	

**Department of Nebraska**

William Dean

**Department of New Hampshire**

Gary A. Ward

**Department of New Jersey**

David K. Hann	Charles J. Heagy	William Locke	Matthew Wilhelm
Robert Wilhelm			

**Department of New York**

Jerome L. Orton	Daryl Verstrete	Danny L. Wheeler
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**Department of Ohio**

John Black	Gordon R. Bury II	Larry W. Collins	Shawn A. Cox
James T. Crane	Donald E. Darby	Johnathan C. Davis	Kenneth L. Freshley
Thomas W. Graham	Tim Graham	Robert E. Grim	Frank R. Hillard
James H. Houston	John M. Huffman, Jr.	Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.	Kerry L. Langdon
Fred C. Lynch	Donald L. Martin	Dustin Martin	Shane L. Milburn
Jared D. Robinson	Henry E. Shaw, Jr.	Robert J. Wolz	Michael A. Spaulding

**Department of Oklahoma**

Kevin D. White

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Lowell Alcorn                      Richard D. Orr                      Thomas M. Ricks                      Wayne Todd

**Department of Rhode Island**

Stephen E. Hackett                      Joseph S. Hall, Jr.                      Alan W. Head                      Leo F. Kennedy

James P. MCGuire

**Department of Southwest**

David A. Swanson

**Department of Tennessee**

Carl E. Addison                      Darwin F. Concon                      Douglas K. Fidler                      David H. McReynolds

John S. Sims                      Roger A. Tenney

**Department of Texas**

Donald L. Gates                      Michael L. Lance

**Department of Wisconsin**

Skylar Brown                      Thomas J. Brown                      Brian Craig                      David D. Daley

Patrick L. Fallon                      Jeffrey M. Graf                      Kim J. Heltemes                      Robert Koenecke

Brian D. McManus                      Stephen A. Michaels                      Alan O. Petit

**National Membership-at-Large**

Adam Gaines

Total Attendees                      223

**APPENDIX 6**  
**Past Commanders-in-Chief of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan
2004	Stephen A. Michaels	Wisconsin
2005	Donald E. Darby	Ohio
2006	James B. Pahl	Michigan
2007	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Pennsylvania
2008	David V. Medert	Ohio
2009	Leo F. Kennedy	Rhode Island
2010	D. Brad Schall	California
2011	Donald E. Palmer	Missouri
2012	Perley E. Melor	Massachusetts
2013	Kenneth L. Freshley	Ohio
2014	Tad D. Campbell	California & Pacific
2015	Eugene G. Mortorff	Chesapeake
2016	Donald L. Martin	Ohio

### **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 7**  
**National Encampments of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6-7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27-30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17-18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1-2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17-19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15-17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10-13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26-29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24-29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8-12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15-18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20-23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16-18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8-10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9-11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10-14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7-9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11-13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17-18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7-9	Washington, D.C.
22th	1903	September 15-17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17-19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18-20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20-23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20-21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25-27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24-25	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20-22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20-25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27-29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16-18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1-3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28-30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30-31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22-23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20-21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9-11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22-23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26-28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4-6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
43rd	1924	August 12-14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1-3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21-23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18-20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10-12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26-28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14-17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19-22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19-23	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14-16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9-12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22-24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6-9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5-8	Des Moines, Iowa

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
58th	1939	August 29-30	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10-12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15-18	Columbus, Ohio
61th	1942	September 15-17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20-23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12-14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1-4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10-14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26-30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28-31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20-24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19-23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24-28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23-27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8-13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21-25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 9-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18-22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17-21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16-20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21-25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20-24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19-23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18-23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16-20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15-19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6-10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18-22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17-21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23-27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15-19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13-17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5-9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18-22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10-14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15-19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14-18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13-17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12-15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10-14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9-13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14-18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 13-19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12-16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10-15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10-13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9-12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14-17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13-16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12-15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11-14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13-16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13-15	Portland Maine
113th	1994	August 11-14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10-13	Columbus, Ohio

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115th	1996	August 8-11	Columbus, Ohio
116th	1997	August 7-10	Utica, New York
117th	1998	August 6-9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19-22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17-20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10-12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9-11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8-10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12-15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4-7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
126th	2007	August 9-12	St. Louis, Missouri
127th	2008	August 7-10	Boston, Massachusetts
128th	2009	August 13-15	Louisville, Kentucky
129th	2010	August 12-15	Overland Park, Kansas
130th	2011	August 12-15	Reston, Virginia
131st	2012	August 10-12	St. Louis, Missouri
132nd	2013	August 9-12	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
133 <sup>rd</sup>	2014	August 14-17	Marietta, Georgia
134 <sup>th</sup>	2015	August 19-23	Richmond, Virginia
135 <sup>th</sup>	2016	August 11-14	Springfield, Illinois
136 <sup>th</sup>	2017	August 10-13	Lansing, Michigan



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